

SPONSOR: William Emerson
4th District Councilman

ORDINANCE NO. 9359

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. 7685, 8200, 8564, 8630, 8645, 8718, 8754, 8755, 8854, 8930, 9017, 9061, 9194 AND 9252 ALSO KNOWN AS SECTION 36.005 (B) (4) OF THE HAMMOND MUNICIPAL CODE, AS IT PERTAINS TO APPROVED USES OF THE THIRTY PERCENT TO BE USED FOR NEIGHBORHOODS

WHEREAS, Ordinances 7685, 8200, 8564, 8630, 8645, 8718, 8754, 8755, 8854, 8930, 9017, 9061, 9194 and 9252 also known as Section 36.005(B)(4) of the Hammond Municipal Code pertains to the expenditure, use and distribution of Hammond's revenue from riverboat gambling; and

WHEREAS, Section 36.005 (B) (4) of the Hammond Municipal Code allows thirty percent (30%) of the gaming funds to be used for Neighborhoods, economic development, capital programs, matching funds, rainy day funds, park funds and bond retirement; and

WHEREAS, various construction, economic development, capital programs and State and Federal projects are in danger of displacing long term Hammond homeowners from their homes; and

WHEREAS, Projects such as the Linden Retention Pond project, Chicago Avenue Street reconstruction project and the West Lake Corridor project have resulted or will result in Hammond homeowners being displaced; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve the strength of Hammond neighborhoods, and retain a sense of community, Hammond homeowners who are displaced by these improvement projects should be encouraged to remain Hammond residents; and

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WHEREAS, it is the will of the Hammond City Council that each and every Hammond homeowner, as demonstrated by a current and valid homestead exemption, who is permanently displaced by a City of Hammond improvement project listed here, and wishes to remain a Hammond homeowner, should be encouraged to do so; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that Ordinances 7685, 8200, 8564, 8630, 8645, 8718, 8754, 8755, 8854, 8930, 9017, 9061, 9194 and 9252 also known as Section 36.005 (B) (4) of the Hammond Municipal Code, which pertain to the expenditure, use and distribution of Hammond's revenue from riverboat gambling is amended as follows:

Hammond is My Home Project: Any Hammond Homeowner, as verified by a current and valid Lake County Homestead Exemption, who is permanently displaced by a City of Hammond Redevelopment or Improvement Project, shall be granted Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be applied at closing, and paid by the City of Hammond at closing, on the purchase of an alternate residence, located in the City of Hammond, which shall be the citizens permanent residence.

NOW BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that herein ordinance shall have full force and effect from and after passage, approval by the Council, signing by the President thereof and approval and signing of the Mayor.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 28th day of November, 2016.

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Janet Venecz, President /s/
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 29th day of November, 2016.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Ordinance No. 9359 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 29th day of November, 2016.

Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 28th day of November, 2016, and approved by the Mayor on the 29th day of November, 2016.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
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