

EAST MAIN STREET SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SID)



The East Main Street SID launched in fall 2017 thanks to the commitment of the businesses and merchants along East Main Street, the Eastmoor Civic Association & Blockwatch, and the City of Bexley.

The SID focuses on the areas of East Main Street in Columbus, Ohio between the cities of Bexley and Whitehall. The initial focus of the SID is on safety through increased patrols and beautification. The SID is eager to leverage investments by the City of Columbus to make East Main Street an attractive gateway for customers and residents. The SID is a nonprofit entity and interested in partnership opportunities to improve the District!

Interested in contacting the SID Board of Trustees? Send your questions/comments via US Mail:

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WHAT IS A SID?

A Special Improvement District (SID) is an economic tool, which allows property owners and merchants within a defined geographical boundary to band together to use the City's assessment powers to assess themselves. This "self-assessment" is used by the property owners to maintain and improve their District. The assessment funds are collected by the County Auditor's Office along with property taxes, forwarded to the City and turned over to the SID. The funds are typically used to fund supplemental services including: security, maintenance, sanitation, marketing and promotion, etc. In some cases, capital improvements are funded, including: streetscape enhancements, landscaping, decorative lighting, brick pavers, etc. These services and capital improvements funded by the SID are in addition to those normally provided by the City.

HOW IS A SID CREATED?

Owners of real property within the proposed SID, or within an existing qualified nonprofit corporation, must petition the legislative authority in order to create a SID. Creation is initiated in one of two ways: (1) owners of at least 60 percent of the front footage (excluding church or government property) petition the appropriate legislative authority, or (2) owners of at least 75 percent of the land area within the proposed SID petition the appropriate legislative authority.

If a qualified nonprofit corporation does not already exist, one must be created. The corporation's articles of incorporation must be approved by resolution of each participating political subdivision. The owners of real property within the SID boundaries become members of the nonprofit corporation.

HOW DOES A SID WORK?

A board of trustees or directors directs the activities of the nonprofit corporation. In the case of a SID within a municipality, the mayor and an individual appointed by the legislative authority of the municipality serve as directors. Moreover, the SID membership elects at least three additional directors who own property within the SID. The directors guide the implementation of a plan for public services and improvements that benefit the SID. The improvements and public services described in the plan may range from lighting, signage, and parking lots, to holiday lighting, landscaping, and snow removal. They are financed via a special assessment (above and beyond existing property taxes) collected by participating municipalities and townships. Every property owner in the SID (excluding government and churches, unless they request in writing to participate) is assessed whether they signed the petition or not.

