

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 8 - 2017

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2017 Capital Fund and the 2017 General Fund to provide for a transfer in the amount of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Dollars (\$141,000) from the Capital Fund Project Blight Removal and Remediation to the Planning Program of the General Fund for the in-take and community outreach of the Upside Allentown Housing Rehabilitation Program.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a transfer from the 2017 Capital Fund in the following manner:

**Capital Fund
Blight Removal and Remediation**

001-09-2400-1412-46	Other Contract Services	\$141,000
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a transfer to the 2017 General Fund in the following manner:

**Department of Community and Economic Development
Bureau of Planning and Zoning**

000-09-0902-0001-46	Other Contract Services	\$141,000
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Department of Community and Economic Development, Bureau of Planning and Zoning

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The purpose of this ordinance is to move funds originally appropriated in the Capital Fund through the Water/Sewer Lease proceeds for blight removal and remediation to the General Fund to pay for the in-take and community outreach for the Upside Allentown program.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The goal for Upside Allentown is to improve the quality of housing within the programs geographic boundaries. One of the first steps to accomplish this is to hire a firm to assist with this in-take and community outreach. This type of professional service is not a capital expenditure therefore the funds need to be transferred from the Capital Fund where there were originally appropriated into the General Fund.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

Using these funds will assist in accomplishing the goal to improve the quality of housing within the Upside Allentown area.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The \$141,000 is part of the \$600,000 that was appropriated into Capital Program 2400 for Blight Removal and Remediation. The full amount of \$600,000 originated from the proceeds of the Water/Sewer Lease.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

The development of the rehabilitation guidelines, development of the required forms and marketing the program will not be able to begin until the funds needed for this professional service is in place.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

The Upside Allentown program is essential to improving the quality of housing in the City. Without the movement of these funds, this program will not be able to begin.

- **Committee Action**

- Public Comments
- Body/Text of the Bill
- Exhibits
- Vote