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A BILL

То	amend section 5709.40 of the Revised Code to	1
	require reimbursement of certain township fire	2
	and emergency medical service levy revenue	3
	forgone because of the creation of a municipal	4
	tax increment financing district.	5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5709.40 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	6 7
Sec. 5709.40. (A) As used in this section:	8
(1) "Blighted area" and "impacted city" have the same	9
meanings as in section 1728.01 of the Revised Code.	10
(2) "Business day" means a day of the week excluding	11
Saturday, Sunday, and a legal holiday as defined under section	12
1.14 of the Revised Code.	13
(3) "Housing renovation" means a project carried out for	14
residential purposes.	15

(4) "Improvement" means the increase in the assessed value
of any real property that would first appear on the tax list and
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duplicate of real and public utility property after the
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effective date of an ordinance adopted under this section were
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it not for the exemption granted by that ordinance.

(5) "Incentive district" means an area not more than three hundred acres in size enclosed by a continuous boundary in which a project is being, or will be, undertaken and having one or more of the following distress characteristics:

(a) At least fifty-one per cent of the residents of the
district have incomes of less than eighty per cent of the median
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income of residents of the political subdivision in which the
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district is located, as determined in the same manner specified
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under section 119(b) of the "Housing and Community Development
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Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 633, 42 U.S.C. 5318, as amended;

(b) The average rate of unemployment in the district
during the most recent twelve-month period for which data are
available is equal to at least one hundred fifty per cent of the
average rate of unemployment for this state for the same period.

(c) At least twenty per cent of the people residing in the
district live at or below the poverty level as defined in the
federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C.
5301, as amended, and regulations adopted pursuant to that act.

(d) The district is a blighted area.

(e) The district is in a situational distress area as
designated by the director of development services under
division (F) of section 122.23 of the Revised Code.

(f) As certified by the engineer for the political43subdivision, the public infrastructure serving the district is44

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inadequate to meet the development needs of the district as evidenced by a written economic development plan or urban renewal plan for the district that has been adopted by the legislative authority of the subdivision.

(g) The district is comprised entirely of unimproved land
that is located in a distressed area as defined in section
122.23 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Project" means development activities undertaken on
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one or more parcels, including, but not limited to,
construction, expansion, and alteration of buildings or
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structures, demolition, remediation, and site development, and
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any building or structure that results from those activities.

(7) "Public infrastructure improvement" includes, but is 57 not limited to, public roads and highways; water and sewer 58 lines; the continued maintenance of those public roads and 59 highways and water and sewer lines; environmental remediation; 60 land acquisition, including acquisition in aid of industry, 61 commerce, distribution, or research; demolition, including 62 demolition on private property when determined to be necessary 63 for economic development purposes; stormwater and flood 64 remediation projects, including such projects on private 65 property when determined to be necessary for public health, 66 safety, and welfare; the provision of gas, electric, and 67 communications service facilities, including the provision of 68 gas or electric service facilities owned by nongovernmental 69 70 entities when such improvements are determined to be necessary for economic development purposes; and the enhancement of public 71 waterways through improvements that allow for greater public 72 access. 73

(B) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation,

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by ordinance, may declare improvements to certain parcels of 75 real property located in the municipal corporation to be a 76 public purpose. Improvements with respect to a parcel that is 77 used or to be used for residential purposes may be declared a 78 public purpose under this division only if the parcel is located 79 in a blighted area of an impacted city. For this purpose, 80 "parcel that is used or to be used for residential purposes" 81 means a parcel that, as improved, is used or to be used for 82 purposes that would cause the tax commissioner to classify the 83 parcel as residential property in accordance with rules adopted 84 by the commissioner under section 5713.041 of the Revised Code. 85 Except with the approval under division (D) of this section of 86 the board of education of each city, local, or exempted village 87 school district within which the improvements are located, not 88 more than seventy-five per cent of an improvement thus declared 89 to be a public purpose may be exempted from real property 90 taxation for a period of not more than ten years. The ordinance 91 shall specify the percentage of the improvement to be exempted 92 from taxation and the life of the exemption. 93

An ordinance adopted or amended under this division shall 94 designate the specific public infrastructure improvements made, 95 to be made, or in the process of being made by the municipal 96 corporation that directly benefit, or that once made will 97 directly benefit, the parcels for which improvements are 98 declared to be a public purpose. The service payments provided 99 for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code shall be used to 100 finance the public infrastructure improvements designated in the 101 ordinance, for the purpose described in division (D)(1) of this 102 section or as provided in section 5709.43 of the Revised Code. 103

(C) (1) The legislative authority of a municipal104corporation may adopt an ordinance creating an incentive105

district and declaring improvements to parcels within the 106 district to be a public purpose and, except as provided in 107 division (F) of this section, exempt from taxation as provided 108 in this section, but no legislative authority of a municipal 109 corporation that has a population that exceeds twenty-five 110 thousand, as shown by the most recent federal decennial census, 111 shall adopt an ordinance that creates an incentive district if 112 the sum of the taxable value of real property in the proposed 113 district for the preceding tax year and the taxable value of all 114 real property in the municipal corporation that would have been 115 taxable in the preceding year were it not for the fact that the 116 property was in an existing incentive district and therefore 117 exempt from taxation exceeds twenty-five per cent of the taxable 118 value of real property in the municipal corporation for the 119 preceding tax year. The ordinance shall delineate the boundary 120 of the district and specifically identify each parcel within the 121 district. A district may not include any parcel that is or has 122 been exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section 123 or that is or has been within another district created under 124 this division. An ordinance may create more than one such 125 district, and more than one ordinance may be adopted under 126 division (C)(1) of this section. 127

(2) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting an 128 ordinance under division (C) (1) of this section, if the 129 municipal corporation intends to apply for exemptions from 130 taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised Code on behalf of 131 owners of real property located within the proposed incentive 132 district, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation 133 shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. Not 134 later than thirty days prior to the public hearing, the 135 legislative authority shall give notice of the public hearing 136

and the proposed ordinance by first class mail to every real137property owner whose property is located within the boundaries138of the proposed incentive district that is the subject of the139proposed ordinance.140

(3) (a) An ordinance adopted under division (C) (1) of this 141 section shall specify the life of the incentive district and the 142 percentage of the improvements to be exempted, shall designate 143 the public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in 144 the process of being made, that benefit or serve, or, once made, 145 will benefit or serve parcels in the district. The ordinance 146 also shall identify one or more specific projects being, or to 147 be, undertaken in the district that place additional demand on 148 the public infrastructure improvements designated in the 149 ordinance. The project identified may, but need not be, the 150 project under division (C)(3)(b) of this section that places 151 real property in use for commercial or industrial purposes. 1.52 Except as otherwise permitted under that division, the service 153 payments provided for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code 154 shall be used to finance the designated public infrastructure 155 improvements, for the purpose described in division (D)(1)-or-, 156 (E), or (F) of this section, or as provided in section 5709.43 157 of the Revised Code. 158

An ordinance adopted under division (C)(1) of this section on or after March 30, 2006, shall not designate police or fire equipment as public infrastructure improvements, and no service payment provided for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code and received by the municipal corporation under the ordinance shall be used for police or fire equipment.

(b) An ordinance adopted under division (C)(1) of this 165 section may authorize the use of service payments provided for 166

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in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code for the purpose of 167 housing renovations within the incentive district, provided that 168 the ordinance also designates public infrastructure improvements 169 that benefit or serve the district, and that a project within 170 the district places real property in use for commercial or 171 industrial purposes. Service payments may be used to finance or 172 support loans, deferred loans, and grants to persons for the 173 purpose of housing renovations within the district. The 174 ordinance shall designate the parcels within the district that 175 are eligible for housing renovation. The ordinance shall state 176 separately the amounts or the percentages of the expected 177 aggregate service payments that are designated for each public 178 infrastructure improvement and for the general purpose of 179 housing renovations. 180

(4) Except with the approval of the board of education of each city, local, or exempted village school district within the 182 territory of which the incentive district is or will be located, 183 and subject to division (E) of this section, the life of an 184 incentive district shall not exceed ten years, and the 185 percentage of improvements to be exempted shall not exceed 186 seventy-five per cent. With approval of the board of education, 187 the life of a district may be not more than thirty years, and 188 the percentage of improvements to be exempted may be not more 189 than one hundred per cent. The approval of a board of education shall be obtained in the manner provided in division (D) of this 191 section.

(D) (1) If the ordinance declaring improvements to a parcel 193 to be a public purpose or creating an incentive district 194 specifies that payments in lieu of taxes provided for in section 195 5709.42 of the Revised Code shall be paid to the city, local, or 196 exempted village, and joint vocational school district in which 197

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the parcel or incentive district is located in the amount of the 198 taxes that would have been payable to the school district if the 199 improvements had not been exempted from taxation, the percentage 200 of the improvement that may be exempted from taxation may exceed 201 seventy-five per cent, and the exemption may be granted for up 202 to thirty years, without the approval of the board of education 203 as otherwise required under division (D) (2) of this section. 204

(2) Improvements with respect to a parcel may be exempted 205 from taxation under division (B) of this section, and 206 207 improvements to parcels within an incentive district may be exempted from taxation under division (C) of this section, for 208 up to ten years or, with the approval under this paragraph of 209 the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village 210 school district within which the parcel or district is located, 211 for up to thirty years. The percentage of the improvement 212 exempted from taxation may, with such approval, exceed seventy-213 five per cent, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Not 214 later than forty-five business days prior to adopting an 215 ordinance under this section declaring improvements to be a 216 public purpose that is subject to approval by a board of 217 education under this division, the legislative authority shall 218 deliver to the board of education a notice stating its intent to 219 adopt an ordinance making that declaration. The notice regarding 220 improvements with respect to a parcel under division (B) of this 221 section shall identify the parcels for which improvements are to 222 be exempted from taxation, provide an estimate of the true value 223 in money of the improvements, specify the period for which the 224 improvements would be exempted from taxation and the percentage 225 of the improvement that would be exempted, and indicate the date 226 on which the legislative authority intends to adopt the 227 ordinance. The notice regarding improvements to parcels within 228

an incentive district under division (C) of this section shall 229 delineate the boundaries of the district, specifically identify 230 each parcel within the district, identify each anticipated 231 improvement in the district, provide an estimate of the true 232 value in money of each such improvement, specify the life of the 233 district and the percentage of improvements that would be 2.34 235 exempted, and indicate the date on which the legislative authority intends to adopt the ordinance. The board of 236 education, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may 237 approve the exemption for the period or for the exemption 238 percentage specified in the notice; may disapprove the exemption 239 for the number of years in excess of ten, may disapprove the 240 exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted 241 in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both; or may approve the 242 exemption on the condition that the legislative authority and 243 the board negotiate an agreement providing for compensation to 244 the school district equal in value to a percentage of the amount 245 of taxes exempted in the eleventh and subsequent years of the 246 exemption period or, in the case of exemption percentages in 247 excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to 248 a percentage of the taxes that would be payable on the portion 249 of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent were that 250 portion to be subject to taxation, or other mutually agreeable 251 compensation. If an agreement is negotiated between the 252 legislative authority and the board to compensate the school 253 district for all or part of the taxes exempted, including 254 agreements for payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.42 255 of the Revised Code, the legislative authority shall compensate 256 the joint vocational school district within which the parcel or 257 district is located at the same rate and under the same terms 258 received by the city, local, or exempted village school 259 260 district.

(3) The board of education shall certify its resolution to 261 the legislative authority not later than fourteen days prior to 262 the date the legislative authority intends to adopt the 263 ordinance as indicated in the notice. If the board of education 264 and the legislative authority negotiate a mutually acceptable 265 compensation agreement, the ordinance may declare the 266 improvements a public purpose for the number of years specified 267 in the ordinance or, in the case of exemption percentages in 268 excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage 269 specified in the ordinance. In either case, if the board and the 270 legislative authority fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable 271 compensation agreement, the ordinance may declare the 272 improvements a public purpose for not more than ten years, and 273 shall not exempt more than seventy-five per cent of the 274 improvements from taxation. If the board fails to certify a 275 resolution to the legislative authority within the time 276 prescribed by this division, the legislative authority thereupon 277 may adopt the ordinance and may declare the improvements a 278 public purpose for up to thirty years, or, in the case of 279 exemption percentages proposed in excess of seventy-five per 280 cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the ordinance. 281 The legislative authority may adopt the ordinance at any time 282 after the board of education certifies its resolution approving 283 the exemption to the legislative authority, or, if the board 284 approves the exemption on the condition that a mutually 285 acceptable compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time 286 after the compensation agreement is agreed to by the board and 287 the legislative authority. 288

(4) If a board of education has adopted a resolution
waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation under this
section and the resolution remains in effect, approval of
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exemptions by the board is not required under division (D) of 292 this section. If a board of education has adopted a resolution 293 allowing a legislative authority to deliver the notice required 294 under division (D) of this section fewer than forty-five 295 business days prior to the legislative authority's adoption of 296 the ordinance, the legislative authority shall deliver the 297 notice to the board not later than the number of days prior to 298 such adoption as prescribed by the board in its resolution. If a 299 board of education adopts a resolution waiving its right to 300 approve agreements or shortening the notification period, the 301 board shall certify a copy of the resolution to the legislative 302 authority. If the board of education rescinds such a resolution, 303 it shall certify notice of the rescission to the legislative 304 authority. 305

(5) If the legislative authority is not required by division (D) of this section to notify the board of education of the legislative authority's intent to declare improvements to be a public purpose, the legislative authority shall comply with the notice requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code, unless the board has adopted a resolution under that section waiving its right to receive such a notice.

313 (E) (1) If a proposed ordinance under division (C) (1) of this section exempts improvements with respect to a parcel 314 within an incentive district for more than ten years, or the 315 percentage of the improvement exempted from taxation exceeds 316 seventy-five per cent, not later than forty-five business days 317 prior to adopting the ordinance the legislative authority of the 318 municipal corporation shall deliver to the board of county 319 commissioners of the county within which the incentive district 320 will be located a notice that states its intent to adopt an 321 ordinance creating an incentive district. The notice shall 322

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include a copy of the proposed ordinance, identify the parcels 323 for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, provide 324 an estimate of the true value in money of the improvements, 325 specify the period of time for which the improvements would be 326 exempted from taxation, specify the percentage of the 327 improvements that would be exempted from taxation, and indicate 328 the date on which the legislative authority intends to adopt the 329 ordinance. 330

(2) The board of county commissioners, by resolution 331 adopted by a majority of the board, may object to the exemption 332 for the number of years in excess of ten, may object to the 333 exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted 334 in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both. If the board of 335 county commissioners objects, the board may negotiate a mutually 336 acceptable compensation agreement with the legislative 337 authority. In no case shall the compensation provided to the 338 board exceed the property taxes forgone due to the exemption. If 339 the board of county commissioners objects, and the board and 340 legislative authority fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable 341 compensation agreement, the ordinance adopted under division (C) 342 (1) of this section shall provide to the board compensation in 343 the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period equal 344 in value to not more than fifty per cent of the taxes that would 345 be payable to the county or, if the board's objection includes 346 an objection to an exemption percentage in excess of seventy-347 five per cent, compensation equal in value to not more than 348 fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county, 349 on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per 350 cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation. The board of 3.51 county commissioners shall certify its resolution to the 352 legislative authority not later than thirty days after receipt 353

(3) If the board of county commissioners does not object 355 or fails to certify its resolution objecting to an exemption 356 within thirty days after receipt of the notice, the legislative 357 authority may adopt the ordinance, and no compensation shall be 358 provided to the board of county commissioners. If the board 359 timely certifies its resolution objecting to the ordinance, the 360 legislative authority may adopt the ordinance at any time after 361 a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is agreed to by the 362 363 board and the legislative authority, or, if no compensation 364 agreement is negotiated, at any time after the legislative authority agrees in the proposed ordinance to provide 365 compensation to the board of fifty per cent of the taxes that 366 would be payable to the county in the eleventh and subsequent 367 years of the exemption period or on the portion of the 368 improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that 369 portion to be subject to taxation. 370

(F) Service payments in lieu of taxes that are 371 attributable to any amount by which the effective tax rate of 372 either a renewal levy with an increase or a replacement levy 373 exceeds the effective tax rate of the levy renewed or replaced, 374 375 or that are attributable to an additional levy, for a levy authorized by the voters for any of the following purposes on or 376 after January 1, 2006, and which are provided pursuant to an 377 ordinance creating an incentive district under division (C)(1) 378 of this section that is adopted on or after January 1, 2006 or a 379 later date as specified in this division, shall be distributed 380 to the appropriate taxing authority as required under division 381 (C) of section 5709.42 of the Revised Code in an amount equal to 382 the amount of taxes from that additional levy or from the 383 increase in the effective tax rate of such renewal or 384

replacement levy that would have been payable to that taxing 385 authority from the following levies were it not for the 386 exemption authorized under division (C) of this section: 387 (1) A tax levied under division (L) of section 5705.19 or 388 section 5705.191 or 5705.222 of the Revised Code for community 389 developmental disabilities programs and services pursuant to 390 Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code; 391 (2) A tax levied under division (Y) of section 5705.19 of 392 the Revised Code for providing or maintaining senior citizens 393 services or facilities; 394 (3) A tax levied under section 5705.22 of the Revised Code 395 for county hospitals; 396 (4) A tax levied by a joint-county district or by a county 397 under section 5705.19, 5705.191, or 5705.221 of the Revised Code 398 for alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services or 399 facilities: 400 (5) A tax levied under section 5705.23 of the Revised Code 401 for library purposes; 402 (6) A tax levied under section 5705.24 of the Revised Code 403 404 for the support of children services and the placement and care of children; 405 (7) A tax levied under division (Z) of section 5705.19 of 406 the Revised Code for the provision and maintenance of zoological 407 park services and facilities under section 307.76 of the Revised 408 Code; 409 (8) A tax levied under section 511.27 or division (H) of 410 section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the support of township 411 park districts; 412

(9) A tax levied under division (A), (F), or (H) of	413
section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for parks and recreational	414
purposes of a joint recreation district organized pursuant to	415
division (B) of section 755.14 of the Revised Code;	416
(10) A tax levied under section 1545.20 or 1545.21 of the	417
Revised Code for park district purposes;	418
(11) A tax levied under section 5705.191 of the Revised	419
Code for the purpose of making appropriations for public	420
assistance; human or social services; public relief; public	421
welfare; public health and hospitalization; and support of	422
general hospitals;	423
(12) A tax levied under section 3709.29 of the Revised	424
Code for a general health district program <u>;</u>	425
(13) A tax levied by a township under section 505.39,	426
division (I) of section 5705.19, or division (JJ) of section	427
5705.19 of the Revised Code to the extent the proceeds are used	428
for the purposes described in division (I) of that section, for	429
the purpose of funding fire, emergency medical, and ambulance	430
services as described in that section and those divisions.	431
Division (F)(13) of this section applies only if the township	432
levying the tax provides fire, emergency medical, or ambulance	433
services in the incentive district, and only to incentive	434
districts created by an ordinance adopted on or after the	435
effective date of the amendment of this section by H.B. 69 of	436
the 132 nd general assembly. The board of township trustees may,	437
by resolution, waive the application of this division or	438
negotiate with the municipal corporation that created the	
district for a lesser amount of payments in lieu of taxes.	440
(G) An exemption from taxation granted under this section	441

commences with the tax year specified in the ordinance so long 442 as the year specified in the ordinance commences after the 443 effective date of the ordinance. If the ordinance specifies a 444 year commencing before the effective date of the resolution or 445 specifies no year whatsoever, the exemption commences with the 446 tax year in which an exempted improvement first appears on the 447 tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property and 448 that commences after the effective date of the ordinance. In 449 lieu of stating a specific year, the ordinance may provide that 450 the exemption commences in the tax year in which the value of an 451 improvement exceeds a specified amount or in which the 452 construction of one or more improvements is completed, provided 453 that such tax year commences after the effective date of the 454 ordinance. With respect to the exemption of improvements to 455 parcels under division (B) of this section, the ordinance may 456 allow for the exemption to commence in different tax years on a 457 parcel-by-parcel basis, with a separate exemption term specified 458 for each parcel. 459

Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 460 exemption ends on the date specified in the ordinance as the 461 date the improvement ceases to be a public purpose or the 462 incentive district expires, or ends on the date on which the 463 public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations are 464 paid in full from the municipal public improvement tax increment 465 equivalent fund established under division (A) of section 466 5709.43 of the Revised Code, whichever occurs first. The 467 exemption of an improvement with respect to a parcel or within 468 an incentive district may end on a later date, as specified in 469 the ordinance, if the legislative authority and the board of 470 education of the city, local, or exempted village school 471 district within which the parcel or district is located have 472

entered into a compensation agreement under section 5709.82 of 473 the Revised Code with respect to the improvement, and the board 474 of education has approved the term of the exemption under 475 division (D)(2) of this section, but in no case shall the 476 improvement be exempted from taxation for more than thirty 477 years. Exemptions shall be claimed and allowed in the same 478 manner as in the case of other real property exemptions. If an 479 exemption status changes during a year, the procedure for the 480 apportionment of the taxes for that year is the same as in the 481 case of other changes in tax exemption status during the year. 482

483 (H) Additional municipal financing of public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations may be 484 provided by any methods that the municipal corporation may 485 otherwise use for financing such improvements or renovations. If 486 the municipal corporation issues bonds or notes to finance the 487 public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations and 488 pledges money from the municipal public improvement tax 489 increment equivalent fund to pay the interest on and principal 490 of the bonds or notes, the bonds or notes are not subject to 491 Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. 492

(I) The municipal corporation, not later than fifteen days 493 after the adoption of an ordinance under this section, shall 494 submit to the director of development services a copy of the 495 ordinance. On or before the thirty-first day of March of each 496 year, the municipal corporation shall submit a status report to 497 the director of development services. The report shall indicate, 498 in the manner prescribed by the director, the progress of the 499 project during each year that an exemption remains in effect, 500 including a summary of the receipts from service payments in 501 lieu of taxes; expenditures of money from the funds created 502 under section 5709.43 of the Revised Code; a description of the 503 public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations504financed with such expenditures; and a quantitative summary of505changes in employment and private investment resulting from each506project.507

(J) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit
 a legislative authority from declaring to be a public purpose
 improvements with respect to more than one parcel.
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(K) If a parcel is located in a new community district in
which the new community authority imposes a community
development charge on the basis of rentals received from leases
of real property as described in division (L) (2) of section
349.01 of the Revised Code, the parcel may not be exempted from
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taxation under this section.

Section 2. That existing section 5709.40 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Section 5709.40 of the Revised Code is 519 presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 520 by Sub. H.B. 158, Sub. H.B. 413, and Am. Sub. H.B. 483, all of 521 the 131st General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the 522 principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised 523 Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable 524 of simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the 525 resulting version of the section in effect prior to the 526 effective date of the section as presented in this act. 527

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