
Chapter 132. AN ACT AUTHORIZING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY DEBIT CARD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 9 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "credit", in line 11, the following words:- or debit.

Approved June 28, 2006.

Chapter 133. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC PARKING GARAGE AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The general court finds and declares that: (a) the private sector is prepared to invest \$470 million into downtown Worcester for the reconstruction of the former Worcester Center, also known as Worcester Common Outlets Mall property, in this act called "project property", by demolishing large portions of the existing buildings, reestablishing the locations of public ways and spaces on and through the project property, constructing 1.5 million square feet of new building space consisting of housing, commercial office, medical/clinical space, retail space and entertainment venues and renovating portions of the 2 existing office buildings and the remaining portions of the existing retail space and the existing parking garages, collectively and in this act called the "private project elements"; (b) the private project elements require public participation in the form of the construction of new public ways and spaces, the modification of Worcester Center Boulevard and the construction of an underground public parking garage, in this act called the "public project elements"; (c) the private and public project elements will significantly enhance the role of the city of Worcester as a transit-oriented urban center serving the economic development and the general welfare of the commonwealth and will stimulate employment and employment training, apprenticeship, health care and related opportunities for all residents of the city and the commonwealth; (d) the public project elements serve the public interest by correcting the public urban design errors of the past and connecting downtown Worcester and the project area with the intermodal transportation center at Union Station, the city's convention center and arena facilities and the Worcester Medical Center; (e) a substantial portion of the public project elements, consisting of the underground public parking garage, shall be constructed underneath substantial portions of the private project elements and shall require common footings, columns, certain building support systems and utility and conduit locations; (f) public convenience, safety and necessity require that the design and construction of the public project elements be accomplished by the same design and construction