

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

The Proposed 9th Street Market Area Business Improvement District

1. **What are the district (BID) boundaries?** The district will serve residents and businesses from 8th to 10th Streets, Fitzwater to Federal Streets (with some additional areas of Washington Avenue and Christian Street).
2. **Who pays into the district budget?** ONLY BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS pay for the district. **Homeowners will pay nothing.**
3. **Will the district do things that City Hall should be doing anyway?** **NO.** The majority of the district budget will be to **eliminate blight** by fixing stands, vacant storefronts, fences and boarded-up/graffiti-filled properties. *The district will be doing things that some business property owners should have been doing anyway.*
4. **Will residential areas get special services?** **YES.** Residential areas surrounding 9th Street will benefit from litter removal, safety, greening, lighting and other infrastructure and **beautification projects.**
5. **Is City Hall involved in this?** **NO.** District funds stay out of the hands of City Hall. The district board will be primarily comprised of shop owners and homeowners in the neighborhood. Local accountability.
6. **How can YOU HELP?**
 - a. Place a **BID MEANS BETTER** sign in your window. Show your support to make the neighborhood cleaner, brighter and better.
 - b. Log onto support9thstreet.com and sign the pledge to support the improvement district. We'll be tallying the number of pledges so the merchants and city know we are **SERIOUS** about **IMPROVEMENT** on the 9th Street Market.