

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-274

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3 SPONSORS Ms. Walters and Ms. Shapiro, Mrs. Prentice, Council of the Whole

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5 DATE August 19, 2019 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **An amended Resolution establishing the Summit County Environmental Sustainability**
8 **Task Force, declaring its purpose, and describing its members, for the County Council and**
9 **the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Summit County are the
12 responsibility of County government; and

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14 WHEREAS, to ensure and improve the ongoing health, safety and welfare of the
15 residents of Summit County, it is necessary to ensure that the County, its residents and
16 businesses undertake environmentally sustainable practices; and

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18 WHEREAS, the County is committed to taking the actions necessary to reduce its energy
19 consumption, decrease its dependence on fossil fuels, and enact legislation that preserves
20 environmentally sound practices in the areas of energy, air quality, water, waste, transportation,
21 facilities, and development; and

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23 WHEREAS, the County is also committed to ensuring that the world we hand to our
24 children, grandchildren and future generations is healthy, livable and vibrant, otherwise those
25 future generations face potentially catastrophic consequences; and

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27 WHEREAS, the County must act now to ensure it is doing what is possible for the future
28 sustainability of our planet; and

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30 WHEREAS, the County believes that it is appropriate to obtain input and participation
31 from several sectors that impact and are concerned about environmental sustainability, including
32 business, non-profit environmental groups, government, builders and real estate professionals;
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35 WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth above, this Council finds and determines, after
36 reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to
37 create an Environmental Sustainability Task Force with representatives from several different
38 sectors to pursue the actions set forth below.

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40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,
41 State of Ohio, that:

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43 SECTION 1

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45 This Council hereby establishes the Environmental Sustainability Task Force.

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47 SECTION 2

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49 The purpose of the Environmental Sustainability Task Force shall be as follows:
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4 SECTION 2 (Cont'd)

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6 1) Examine and recommend practices, policies and legislation that will ensure
7 environmentally sustainable and energy-efficient construction, improvement, repair,
8 management and operation of County-owned facilities.
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10 2) Examine and recommend practices, policies and legislation to ensure a more fuel-
11 efficient County vehicle fleet.
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13 3) Examine and recommend practices, policies and legislation that will ensure a more
14 sustainable and environmentally sustainable food system in Summit County, both for the
15 County's operational benefit and the benefit of the community at-large.
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17 4) Examine and recommend practices, policies and legislation whereby the County can take
18 reasonable measures for the purpose of environmental protection and environmental
19 sustainability in the interest of preserving and improving the health, safety and welfare of
20 the residents of Summit County, while preserving economic growth in Summit County.
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22 5) Examine and recommend practices and policies that promote and improve awareness,
23 participation and environmental literacy throughout Summit County.
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25 6) Examine and recommend plans for the County that would encourage the twin goals of
26 environmental protection and economic growth, meeting today's needs without
27 compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
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29 7) Examine and recommend any practices, policies and legislation that further the County's
30 commitment to environmental sustainability, energy-efficiency and environmental
31 protection.
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33 8) In examining these areas, the Task Force is encouraged to look at best practices of other
34 local governments in the State of Ohio and beyond.
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36 SECTION 3

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38 The membership of the Task Force shall consist of the following members which shall be
39 appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by this Council.
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- 41 1) Two Summit County Council members or designees
42 2) Director of the County Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services or designee
43 3) Director of the County Executive's Department of Administrative Services or designee
44 4) Summit County Engineer or designee
45 5) Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation dba Summit County Land Bank
46 6) Soil and Water Conservation District
47 7) Summit Akron Solid waste Authority dba Reworks
48 8) Summit County Metro Parks
49 9) Ohio EPA
50 10) A representative of the City of Akron
51 11) A Township Trustee of a Township within Summit County
52 12) A Mayor of a City of Village in the County other than the City of Akron

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4 SECTION 3 (Cont'd)

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6 13) Up to ~~five~~ seven representatives of local non-profit organizations and/or community
7 activists committed to environmental sustainability and/or environmental protection

8 14) Home Builders Association of Summit and Portage Counties

9 15) Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors

10 16) A representative of the Greater Akron Chamber

11 17) A representative of a local businesses

12 18) Summit County Public Health

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14 SECTION 4

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16 Following the appointment and confirmation of its members, the task Force will
17 deliberate for a six (6) month period and make a full written report to Council and the Executive
18 setting forth its recommendations at the end of the period.

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20 SECTION 5

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22 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
23 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further purpose to provide a task
24 force to address the improvements necessary to encourage environmentally sustainability in
25 Summit County.

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27 SECTION 6

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29 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
30 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
31 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by the law

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33 SECTION 7

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35 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
36 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
37 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
38 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
39 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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EXECUTIVE

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Voice Vote 11-0 - YES: Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton, Koehler, McKenney, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite