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SPONSO	R	Mr. P	гу			
DATE_	November 3	30,	2009	COMMITTEE	Rules	

An Ordinance amending Section 177.16 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Sale of County Real Property," to provide for the sale of parcels of land with a value of \$2,500.00 or less, as set forth on the tax duplicate by the Fiscal Officer, without an appraisal and advertisement, for the Executive's Department of Law, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the county is the owner of certain small parcels of land, which have been appraised by the Fiscal Officer to have minimum value; and

WHEREAS, the current version of Section 177.16 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Sale of County Real Property," provides that real property may only be sold (with an exception for non-profit and government entities) after appraisal and advertisement of the sale of the property in a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, often times, the cost of the required appraisal and advertisement can consume much of or exceed the value of the sums that the County could realize from the sale of these small parcels of land; and

WHEREAS, by allowing for the sale of parcels of land with a value of \$2,500.00 or less, as set determined on the tax duplicate by the Fiscal Officer, without an appraisal and advertisement, the County will be able to maximize the amount of money it will realize on the sale of these parcels; and

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned reason, this Council finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to amend Section 177.16 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Sale of County Real Property," to provide for the sale of parcels of land with a value of \$2,500.00 or less, as set forth on the tax duplicate by the Fiscal Officer, without an appraisal and advertisement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

#### SECTION 1

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50 51 Section 177.16 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Sale of County Real Property," is hereby amended as follows:

# "177.16 SALE OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY.

(a) Upon determination by the Executive that the sale of real property or any interest therein is in the best interest of the County, the Executive shall obtain an appraisal of the real property to be sold and submit to Council a proposed resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise the sale of said real property or any part thereof and solicit sealed bids for the purchase of the same. Said proposed resolution may set forth the minimum bid, if any, and any necessary terms or conditions of the sale.

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- (b) Upon passage of the resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise the sale of the real property and solicit sealed bids for the purchase of the real property, the Executive shall advertise, in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least once a week for two weeks, the sale of the real property, a description of the real property to be sold and an address and contact name for the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of the property. The Executive shall submit a copy of the advertisement to the Clerk of Council prior to publication.
- (c) Following the receipt and review of sealed bids, the Executive shall present a proposed real estate sales agreement, in writing, signed by the highest bidder, to the Board of Control, together with a copy of the appraisal and copies of all other bids received by the Executive. The Board of Control may approve the execution of the proposed sales agreement by the Executive or may reject the proposed sales agreement.
- (d) Upon approval by the Board of Control, as set forth above, the Council may authorize the Executive, by resolution, to execute the proposed sales agreement. The Executive shall also submit to Council a copy of the appraisal and copies of the proposed sales agreement and all bids received by the Executive. No agreement for the sale of County-owned real property, or any part thereof, shall be executed by the Executive without the authorization of Council.
- (e) County-owned real property, or any part thereof, that is not necessary for County operations, may be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of by the Executive, only after authorization of Council, to any non-profit corporation for hospital, charitable, scientific, educational, recreational, or low to moderate-income housing purposes or to the United States, the State of Ohio or any of its agencies or political subdivisions, municipal corporations, townships, or any other governmental subdivision, without complying with the provisions of subsections (a) through (d) of this Section.
- (f) The Executive may sell any real property owned by the County with a value of \$2,500.00 or less, as appraised on the tax duplicate by the Fiscal Officer, without complying with subsections (a) through (e), above. In the case of such property, the Executive may solicit bids from the adjacent property owners for the purchase of the property, with the minimum bid being the appraised value on the tax duplicate, and the winning bid being the maximum amount bid. The method of soliciting said bids shall be through written notice, by certified and regular mail to all adjacent property owners at their tax mailing address, of the County's intent to sell said property, the adjacent property owner's right to submit a bid for the property, the minimum allowable bid, the method and location for submission of a bid and the date by which the adjacent property owners must submit a bid, being no sooner than thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing of the notice. Following submission and review of the bids, the Executive shall obtain the approval of the Board of Control and the County Council to complete the sale of said real property to the highest bidder.

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#### **SECTION 2**

This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further purpose of immediately amending Section 177.16 of the Codified Ordinances to allow the sale of said properties in the manner provided.

### **SECTION 3**

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

## **SECTION 4**

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

INTRODUCED	Nove	November 16, 2009		
ADOPTED	November	30.	2009	

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED November 30, 2009

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 30, 2009

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Crossland, Feeman, Kostandaras Poda, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro, Smith