

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-051

First Reading Passage Requested

Mr. Smith

SPONSOR Mr. Smith & Mr. Crawford & Council of the Whole

DATE March 2, 2009

COMMITTEE Personnel

A Resolution amending Resolution 2008-417 expanding the authority of the Summit County Abandoned and Vacant Property Task Force to include the prevention of properties from becoming abandoned and vacant, for the County Council and the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2008, this Council adopted Resolution 2008-417 establishing the Summit County Abandoned and Vacant Property Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2008-417 was amended on November 17, 2008 by Resolution 2008-469; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to further amend Resolution 2008-417 to expand the authority of the Summit County Abandoned and Vacant Property Task Force; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to amend Resolution 2008-417 to reflect these changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that Resolution 2008-417 shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1

Resolution 2008-417 shall be amended to include the following whereas clause:

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent properties from becoming abandoned and vacant; and

SECTION 2

Section 2 of Resolution 2008-417 is further amended as follows:

The purpose of the Abandoned and Vacant Property Task Force shall be to examine and recommend plans for the County of Summit that will:

- 1) Support the goals of property protection and economic growth.
- 2) Promote civic responsibility and engagement in maintaining local neighborhoods and participating in governmental and community-wide efforts to reduce the number of abandoned and vacant properties, thereby encouraging economic stability.
- 3) Expand public appreciation and support for policies that safeguard the visual environment, and actively encouraging participation by the private business sector, public schools, home-owners' associations and other non-profit organizations in such endeavors.

- 4) Develop methods of decreasing the detrimental effects of neighborhood blight and decay by making recommendations to Summit County Health District and Summit County Building Department regarding code enforcement.
- 5) Encourage public support of and collaboration with government agencies to aid in the consistent enforcement of the building codes and reporting of abandoned and vacant properties.
- 6) Explore ways to improve neighborhood vistas by maximizing use of abandoned or vacant lots and estates, while reducing the incidences of blight, trespassing, and other illegal activity.
- 7) Promote awareness, participation, and literacy regarding the effects of neighborhood blight and decay, throughout the community.
- 8) **Prevent properties from becoming abandoned and vacant by addressing the needs of homeowners who may experience the loss of properties through foreclosure or other actions.**

SECTION 3

This Resolution 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 to provide a task force to address the improvements necessary to encourage environmentally sustainable growth and economic development.

SECTION 4

Provided this Resolution 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 5

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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.

SECTION 6

The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to affix a notation on Resolution No. 2008-417 of the amendments.

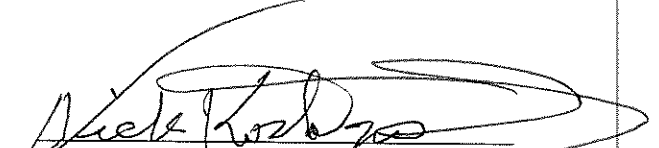
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CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT

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EXECUTIVE

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Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Crossland, Schmidt, Comunale, Poda, Smith
Crawford, Feeman, Rodgers, Shapiro, Kostandaras ABSENT: Prentice