

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-191

First Reading Passage Requested
(J. Dodson)

2 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

3 DATE May 15, 2017

4 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution supporting the proposed amendment to the biennium budget now before the**
8 **132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, that would create the Abandoned Property**
9 **Cleanup and Residential Structure Renovation Program within the Ohio Development**
10 **Services Agency, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the challenges associated with abandoned and blighted residential,
13 commercial and industrial properties in Ohio are significant; and

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15 WHEREAS, abandoned and blighted residential, commercial, and industrial properties,
16 when left unattended, present a risk to the health and safety of the residents of Summit County;
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19 WHEREAS, abandoned and blighted residential, commercial, and industrial properties
20 negatively affect surrounding property values, deter investment, prevent development, and
21 increase the risk of foreclosure; and

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23 WHEREAS, Summit County is not financially prepared to address the unique challenges
24 associated with abandoned and blighted residential, commercial, and industrial properties,
25 particularly where those challenges have been exacerbated by the reduction of available funding
26 to address the environmental issues that often accompany commercial and industrial properties;
27 and

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29 WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has, in recent years, secured significant funding for the
30 demolition of abandoned and blighted residential properties and, now, has an opportunity to
31 assist communities by providing grants to assist in the assessment, demolition, and remediation
32 of abandoned and blighted commercial and industrial properties, and for the rehabilitation of
33 abandoned and blighted residential properties; and

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35 WHEREAS, the County of Summit fully supports the proposed amendment to the
36 biennium budget now before the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio that would create
37 the Abandoned Property Cleanup and Residential Structure Renovation Program within the Ohio
38 Development Services Agency, a \$50 million fund aimed at addressing property conditions that
39 may be harmful to the environment or deleterious to public health, encouraging the safe and
40 productive reuse of abandoned commercial and industrial property, abandoned school property,
41 abandoned multiple unit residential property, and abandoned mixed-use property, and facilitating
42 the renovation of conventional residential property; and

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44 WHEREAS, the budget amendment, if passed, would allow for grants through land banks
45 or other entities up to a maximum amount of \$1 million, with grants in excess of \$75,000.00
46 requiring matching funds from the community; and

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48 WHEREAS this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
49 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to support the proposed
50 amendment to the biennium budget now before the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio
51 that would create the Abandoned Property Cleanup and Residential Structure Renovation
52 Program within the Ohio Development Services Agency; and

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

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7 SECTION 1

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9 This Council fully and actively supports, and endorses, the creation and funding of the
10 Abandoned Property Cleanup and Residential Structure Renovation Program within the Ohio
11 Development Services Agency, as set forth in the proposed amendment to the biennium budget
12 now before the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, attached to this Resolution as
13 Exhibit A and incorporated herein as if fully restated.

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15 SECTION 2

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17 The Clerk of Council shall, without undue delay, present a signed copy of this Resolution
18 to the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation for its use and distribution in advocating
19 for the same.

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21 SECTION 3

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23 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
24 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it necessary to
25 immediately support the creation and funding of the Abandoned Property Cleanup and
26 Residential Structure Renovation Program, as set forth in the proposed amendment to the
27 biennium budget now before the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, and urge its
28 timely passage by the Ohio General Assembly and Governor.

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30 SECTION 4

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

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36 SECTION 5

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38 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
39 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
40 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
41 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
42 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
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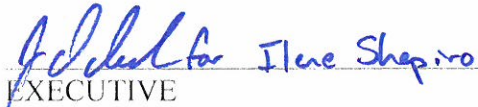


CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED May 16, 2017



EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 16, 2017

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