

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-117

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Ms. Sims

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5 DATE April 25, 2022 COMMITTEE: Planning

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7 **A Resolution designating the entirety of Copley Township as the Copley Urban Jobs and**
8 **Enterprise Zone and authorizing the Executive to petition the Director of the State of Ohio**
9 **Department of Development for the creation of the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise**
10 **Zone, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and**
11 **declaring an emergency.**

12 WHEREAS, Sections 5709.61 through 5709.69 of the Ohio Revised Code (the "Act") has
13 authorized counties, with the consent and agreement of affected municipalities and townships
14 therein, to designate areas as Enterprise Zones and to execute agreements with certain enterprises
15 for the purpose of establishing, expanding, renovating or occupying facilities and hiring new
16 employees and preserving jobs within said zones in exchange for specified local tax incentives
17 granted by the County; and

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19 WHEREAS, this Council, upon the due consideration, desires to implement said Act and
20 to designate an Enterprise Zone within the boundaries of Summit County, being the entirety of
21 Copley Township, and known as the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone, to promote the
22 economic welfare of the County and Copley Township, pursuant to Section 5709.632 of the Ohio
23 Revised Code; and

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25 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Board of Trustees of Copley Township have
26 authorized the County to designate the entirety of Copley Township as the Copley Urban Jobs
27 and Enterprise Zone and to petition the Director of the State of Ohio Department of
28 Development to certify the area described as the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone; and

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30 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
31 that designation of the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone pursuant to Section 5709.632 of
32 the Ohio Revised Code will promote the economic welfare of the residents of Summit County
33 and Copley Township by creating new jobs and retaining and preserving existing jobs and
34 employment opportunities within such area and is in the best interest of the County and Copley
35 Township; and

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

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40 SECTION 1

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42 Based upon the factual data, reports and conditions, this Council hereby designates the
43 area shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, being the entirety of the
44 unincorporated area of Copley Township, as the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone, and
45 hereby finds and determines that the proposed Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone area
46 meets the requirements of the Act for designation.

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48 SECTION 2

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50 Based upon the factual data, reports and conditions of the area designated as the Copley Urban
51 Jobs and Enterprise Zone, this Council finds and determines that the Zone has a population

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4 SECTION 2 (Continued)

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6 of at least 4,000 persons, according to the best and most recent data available to the County, and
7 the County has more than 300,000 in population according to the best and most recent data
8 available to the County; the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone meets the characteristics
9 outlined in Section 5709.632 of the Ohio Revised Code; and the development of the area
10 proposed as the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone would create and preserve employment
11 opportunities in the zone and would improve the economic climate of Copley Township.

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13 SECTION 3

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15 This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to petition the Director of the State of Ohio
16 Department of Development to designate the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone as an
17 Enterprise Zone under Section 5709.632 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Executive is hereby
18 authorized to execute said petition and any other documents necessary to implement this
19 Resolution.

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21 SECTION 4

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23 This Council finds and determines that the County, through the Department of
24 Community and Economic Development, shall have primary responsibility for negotiating and
25 administering Enterprise Zone Agreements within the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone.
26 It is the intention of the County to involve Copley Township in the negotiation process and to
27 receive the consent and approval of the Board of Trustees of Copley Township prior to formal
28 approval of any Enterprise Zone Agreement by this Council.

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30 SECTION 5

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32 In order to administer the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone and Enterprise Zone
33 Agreements within that Zone, this Council hereby designates the Executive, or his or her further
34 designee, to be responsible for (i) the establishment and operation of the Tax Incentive Review
35 Council as specified in Section 5709.85 of the Ohio Revised Code), (ii) ensuring that the
36 Enterprise Zone Agreements contain the information required in Section 5709.631 of the Ohio
37 Revised Code, including, but not limited to, a description of the project, the amount to be
38 invested, the number of jobs created and/or retained, the annual new payroll associated with
39 these jobs, and the specific percentage and term of the tax exemptions being granted on real
40 and/or personal property, (iii) forwarding copies of all Enterprise Zone Agreements to both the
41 Ohio Department of Development and the Ohio Department of Taxation within fifteen days after
42 the agreement is entered into, as specified in the Ohio Revised Code, (iv) notifying affected
43 school boards of proposed projects a minimum of fourteen days prior to formal local legislative
44 consideration and including comments by the school boards as part of the review process, as
45 required by Section 5709.83 of the Ohio Revised Code, (v) maintaining a centralized record of
46 all aspects of the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone, including copies of all agreements, a
47 list of the members of the Tax Incentive Review Council, and a summary of the Tax Incentive
48 Review Council's annual review of each agreement, and (vi) submitting a comprehensive annual
49 report of the status of all Enterprise Zone activities on or before March 31st of each year pursuant
50 to Section 5709.68 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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4 SECTION 6

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6 This Council hereby creates a Tax Incentive Review Council having the characteristics
7 and membership set forth in Section 5709.85 of the Ohio Revise Code and this Tax Incentive
8 Review Council shall be formed within sixty (60) days of the certification of the Copley Urban
9 Jobs and Enterprise Zone by the Director of the State's Department of Development.

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11 SECTION 7

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13 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this
14 Resolution to the Director of the State of Ohio Department of Development. The Executive is
15 hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement this Resolution.

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17 SECTION 8

18 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
19 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to timely authorize
20 the creation of the Copley Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone so that the County may proceed with
21 entering into such agreements as are necessary to create and retain businesses in jobs in the
22 County and Copley Township as soon as possible.

23 SECTION 9

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

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32 INTRODUCED April 11, 2022

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34 ADOPTED April 25, 2022

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38 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

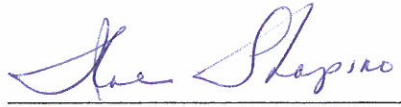
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41 APPROVED April 26, 2022

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45 EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote - YES: 11-0:
Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney,
Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims,
Walters, Wilhite

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47 April 28, 2022

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