

1 ORDINANCE NO. 2022-121

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Ms. Sims & Council as a Whole

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5 DATE April 25, 2022 COMMITTEE Rules

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7 **An Ordinance amending Section 521.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of**
8 **Summit, entitled “Noxious Weeds and Rank Vegetation,” to change the definition of**
9 **noxious weeds in order to support the habitats of pollinating insects, for the Executive’s**
10 **Department of Law and Risk Management, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, Section 521.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit,
13 entitled “Noxious Weeds and Rank Vegetation,” sets forth the prohibition against noxious weeds
14 and rank vegetation on improved property in municipalities and townships served by the County
15 Building Department; and

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17 WHEREAS, there is a national effort to protect pollinating insects, such as bees and
18 monarch butterflies, whose survival is critical to the food supply and a healthy ecosystem; and

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20 WHEREAS, the loss of milkweed plants, loss of habitat and climate change, particularly
21 along annual migratory paths, pose the greatest threat to the monarch butterfly population; and

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23 WHEREAS, Northeast Ohio is in the annual migratory flight path of the monarch
24 butterfly and local efforts to conserve the habitat and nectar sources of monarch butterflies will
25 directly benefit the monarch butterflies that pass through Summit County; and

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27 WHEREAS, in order to protect the habitat of pollinating insects, the Executive proposes
28 that the County amend Section 521.10 to align to the State of Ohio’s definition of “noxious
29 weeds”; and

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31 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
32 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to amend Section 521.10 of
33 Codified Ordinances for the reasons set forth above;

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

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38 SECTION 1

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40 Section 521.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Noxious
41 Weeds and Rank Vegetation,” is hereby amended as set forth on Exhibit A, attached hereto and
42 incorporated herein by reference.

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44 SECTION 2

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46 This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety
47 and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and to immediately benefit the habitats of
48 pollinating insects in the County.
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4 SECTION 3

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

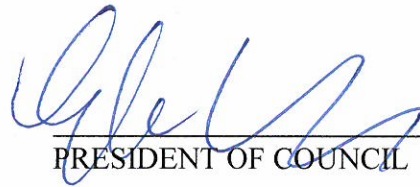
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10 SECTION 4

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
13 to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

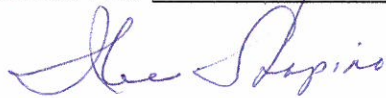
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19 INTRODUCED April 11, 2022

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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27 APPROVED April 26, 2022

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31 EXECUTIVE

32 ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 28, 2022

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