

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-139

LATE FILING
First Reading Passage Requested
(G. Johnson)

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4 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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6 DATE May 11, 2020

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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8 **A Resolution opposing provisions of Substitute Ohio House Bill 444 that would**
9 **disproportionately impact the makeup of the board of trustees of the Akron Metropolitan**
10 **Housing Authority, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority was established in 1938 as a
13 political subdivision and operates the public housing and voucher program in Summit County
14 through a contract with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority operates 45 housing
17 developments, with 5064 units throughout Summit County, with one housing development
18 consisting of 125 housing units located in Twinsburg Township; and

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20 WHEREAS, the housing development in Twinsburg Township most recently received
21 the “highest destination” awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
22 Development; and

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24 WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.27, the Akron Metropolitan
25 Housing Authority is governed by a five-person board of trustees with appointments from the
26 County Executive, the County Probate Judge, the County Common Pleas Court, and the City of
27 Akron; and

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29 WHEREAS, lines 1069-1107 of Substitute Ohio House Bill 444 would alter Ohio
30 Revised Code Section 3735.27 and structurally change the composition of metropolitan housing
31 authorities state-wide, but would, in fact only impact the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority;
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34 WHEREAS, this change would allow for Twinsburg Township to appoint a trustee to
35 Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority’s board, creating a policy making role for a subdivision
36 that has approximately 2% of the housing units in Summit County; and

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38 WHEREAS, the City of Barberton has 753 units and the City of Cuyahoga Falls has 581
39 units and do not have appointments to the board of trustees; and

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41 WHEREAS, this appointment would establish an even number of board members,
42 creating the potential for tie votes; and

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44 WHEREAS, neither the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority nor any of the appointing
45 authorities were notified of this proposed change prior to the introduction of the bill or nor have
46 any been contacted since, and

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48 WHEREAS, the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority stands in opposition to Ohio
49 House Bill 444 and has requested the removal of the pertinent section of the bill; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
5 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to oppose the proposed changes to Ohio
6 Revised Code Section 3735.27 as contained in lines 1069-1107 of Substitute Ohio House Bill
7 444.

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

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12 SECTION 1

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14 This Council opposes proposed changes to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.27 as
15 contained in lines 1069-1107 of Substitute Ohio House Bill 444 and supports the position of the
16 Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority's request that the State Legislature remove the
17 provisions contained in lines 1069-1107 from the existing bill.

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19 SECTION 2

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21 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
22 Resolution to the Ohio Speaker of the House, the Ohio Senate President, and the Summit County
23 delegation of the Ohio General Assembly.

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25 SECTION 3

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27 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
28 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
29 authorize any of the aforementioned settlements to occur in a timely fashion and in accordance
30 with applicable laws and rules governing such settlements.

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32 SECTION 4

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

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38 SECTION 5

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40 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
41 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
42 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
43 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
44 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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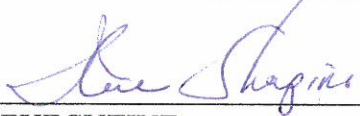


CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED May 12, 2020



EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 12, 2020

Roll Call VOTE: YES: 8-2-1 Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman,
Prentice, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite
NO: Koehler, Rodgers
ABSTAIN: McKenney