

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-439 *Late Filing*

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Council of the Whole

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5 DATE September 30, 2013 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution supporting the passage of Issue 3 for the Akron Zoological Park's renewal**
8 **levy, to appear on the ballot at the general election on November 5, 2013, and urging the**
9 **residents of Summit County to vote in favor of Issue 3, for the Executive, and declaring an**
10 **emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2013-175, which declared it
13 necessary to renew a 0.8 mill tax levy, for the purpose of operating and capital expenses for the
14 provision and maintenance of zoological park services at the Akron Zoological Park ("Akron
15 Zoo"), and Resolution 2013-208 determining to proceed to submit the question of such levy on
16 the ballot at the general election on November 5, 2013; and

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18 WHEREAS, the aforementioned Akron Zoo levy will appear as Issue 3 on the ballot for
19 the general election on November 5, 2013; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Akron Zoo has been an exemplary steward of public funds, using the
22 levy in the past to build and operate several capital improvements and exhibits; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Akron Zoo has grown significantly since passing its first levy – from 33
25 to 55 exhibits – and the number of animals has grown from 595 in 2000 to 3,500 animals today;
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28 WHEREAS, the Akron Zoo attracts more than 330,000 visitors annually and enhances
29 the quality of life for the residents of Summit County by providing a fun and educational
30 environment for children and families; and

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32 WHEREAS, the renewal levy will allow the Akron Zoo to continue providing the same
33 exceptional care for its animals and to keep adding new exhibits, animals, educational programs
34 and services; and

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36 WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is
37 necessary and in the best interest of the County for this Council to express the County's support
38 for the passage of Issue 3, and urge all residents of Summit County to vote in favor of Issue 3 on
39 November 5, 2013;

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

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44 SECTION 1

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46 This Council hereby expresses its support of Issue 3 to renew a 0.8 mill tax levy, for the
47 Akron Zoological Park, to appear on the ballot at the general election on November 5, 2013, for
48 the purpose of operating and capital expenses for the provision and maintenance of zoological
49 park services and facilities at the Akron Zoological Park.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 The residents of Summit County are respectfully urged to support Issue 3 so that the
7 Akron Zoo will be able to continue to provide programs and services to families in Summit
8 County.

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10 SECTION 3

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12 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
13 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
14 express the support of Issue 3 prior to the November 5, 2013 election.

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16 SECTION 4

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

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22 SECTION 5

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

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30 INTRODUCED September 30, 2013

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 3, 2013

Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Comunale, Feeman, Kostandaras
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro
Absent: Crawford