

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2012

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT'S CREATION OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AND THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT'S APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOVING OHIO FORWARD GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Ohio General Assembly enacted legislation authorizing any county with a population of over 60,000 persons to create a County Land Reutilization Corporation ("CLRC"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CLRC is to acquire, renovate, rehab, demolish and otherwise acquire real property that is abandoned, vacant or blighted and to put the same back into productive use and tax status; and

WHEREAS, CLRCs were created by the Ohio General Assembly and given the aforementioned powers in order to address, in part, the recent foreclosure crisis, real estate market crisis and declining property values, all of which are exacerbated by the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in a community; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of the legislation creating CLRCs, all urban counties in Ohio have proceeded with the formation of a CLRC; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit has recently enacted legislation creating the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation ("Summit CLRC") in order to perform those functions with Summit County, and is currently working on additional legislation to finalize the creation of the Summit CLRC; and

WHEREAS, the Summit CLRC will be primarily funded through a portion of delinquent real property tax payments and accompanying penalty and interest; and

WHEREAS, recently, the Ohio Attorney General committed a portion of settlement proceeds from litigation against certain financial institutions to the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program, and has allocated \$3,780,560 of those funds to Summit County communities to use for demolition of abandoned, vacant and blighted residential structures; and

WHEREAS, \$3,280,560 of the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funds require a local match, and by creating the Summit CLRC, up to \$2,000,000 in local match funds will be generated by the Summit CLRC from the period of July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit intends to apply for the full \$3,780,560 of Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program Funds and to commit up to \$2,000,000 that will be raised by the Summit CLRC over the aforementioned period of time as a local match to those grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit has stated that both the Moving Ohio Program Funds and the matching funds generated by the Summit CLRC will be distributed to all Summit County communities, including the Village of Richfield, to address the abandoned, vacant and blighted properties within each Summit County community; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in our community can have negative effects on the property values of residents that faithfully pay their property taxes and maintain their homes; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in our community can have serious negative effects on the real property tax base that supports the operations of this Council and the other taxing jurisdictions in and around the Village of Richfield; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to express its support for both the creation of the Summit CLRC and the County of Summit's application for \$3,780,560 in Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funds.

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

- SECTION 1. The Council hereby expresses its support for the County of Summit's actions to create the Summit CLRC and to provide it with the powers and funding to acquire, renovate, rehab, demolish and otherwise acquire real property that is abandoned, vacant or blighted and to put the same back into productive use and tax status. Furthermore, this Council hereby supports the application of the County of Summit for \$3,780,560 in Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funds that will be submitted to the Ohio Attorney General's Office no later than July 2, 2012.
- SECTION 2. Furthermore, this Council hereby ratifies a support letter that has been sent by the Mayor to the Ohio Attorney General, through the County of Summit, expressing support for the creation of the Summit CLRC and Summit County's application for \$3,780,560 in Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funds.
- SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Richfield, County of Summit, State of Ohio and for the further purpose of immediately expressing the aforementioned support in order for this Resolution to

be included with the County of Summit's Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program application; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

PASSED: 7/3/12

Mark Uheck
President of Council

Bolton Bashara
Mayor

Dated: 7/3/12

ATTEST:

Lawson E. Sullivan
Clerk of Council