

REQUESTED BY:
RUCKER - SAFFOLD

LAW DEPARTMENT
DRAFT NO.3524

TITLE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO ESTABLISH AN URBAN SETTING DESIGNATION IN THE CITY OF WARREN UNDER THE VOLUNTARY ACTION PROGRAM OF THE OHIO EPA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 4592/15

WHEREAS, the Ohio's Voluntary Action Program (VAP) was created in September, 1994 with the passage of Senate Bill 221, to give companies and municipalities a way to investigate possible environmental contamination, clean it up if necessary, and receive a promise from the State of Ohio that no more cleanup is needed; and

WHEREAS, prior to the creation of the Voluntary Action Program, cleanup standards were unclear. Valuable land sat idle because fears of immense liability and cleanup costs scared off potential developers, businesses, and banks; and

WHEREAS, in creating the program, Ohio recognized the need to remove the environmental and legal barriers that stalled redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio Brownfield's initiative which establishes Urban Setting Designations, has been developed to stimulate the redevelopment of Brownfield properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Warren has received notice of application for a City-Wide Urban Setting Designation request from a Certified Professional; and

WHEREAS, the City of Warren is an ideal candidate for and would benefit from an Urban Setting Designation under this program; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That this Council hereby authorizes and supports the submission of an application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to establish an Urban Setting Designation in the City of Warren, more fully described in the Map attached as to an incorporated into this Resolution by Exhibit "A", under the Voluntary Action Program of the Ohio EPA.

Section 2: That the Mayor, Director of Public Service and Safety, the Director of Community Development, and other City Officials as appropriate, be and hereby are authorized to execute, certify, and or furnish other such documents and do all other actions necessary to further the designation application referred to in Section 1 of this Resolution.

Section 3: That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare, and safety, and for the further reason that Brownfield Properties may be redeveloped at the earliest possible time and without undue delay. WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall go into immediate effect.

Passed in Council this 8TH day of
JULY, 2015.

SIGNED:  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 7-8-15

DATE APPROVED: 7-8-15


MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO

