

**RESOLUTION NO. 110-2012**

**TITLE: SUMMIT COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION  
AND  
MOVING OHIO FORWARD GRANT PROGRAM**

**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 foreclose 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 within 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, 2013; 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 the 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 Grant Program Funds and the matching funds generated by the Summit CLRC will be distributed to ALL Summit County communities, including the City of Barberton, to address the abandoned, vacant and blighted properties within each Summit County community; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council of the City of Barberton hereby finds and determines that the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in our community has serious negative effects on the property values of residents that faithfully pay their property taxes and maintain their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council hereby finds and determines that the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in our community has serious negative effects on the real property tax base that supports the operations of this Council and the other taxing jurisdictions in and around City of Barberton; 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 City of Barberton, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

#### **SECTION 1**

The Council of the City of Barberton 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 June 30, 2012.

#### **SECTION 2**

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Barberton 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 due no later than June 30, 2012.

#### **SECTION 3**

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of this body, 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 possible time provided by law.

#### **SECTION 4**

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.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ 2012

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2012

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Mayor