

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2012

**TITLE: MOVING OHIO FORWARD GRANT PROGRAM
COMMITMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COMMITMENT OF LOCAL MATCH FUNDS TOWARD THE MOVING OHIO FORWARD GRANT PROGRAM TO DEMOLISH ABANDONED, VACANT AND BLIGHTED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on behalf of Ohio taxpayers, the Ohio Attorney General has received settlement funds through litigation against certain financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General has used a portion of those settlement funds to create the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program to assist communities with demolishing abandoned, vacant and blighted residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program is intended to help stabilize the real estate market and declining property values by removing abandoned, vacant and blighted residential structures from our community; and

WHEREAS, under the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program, the sum of \$3,780,560 has been allocated for use by communities in Summit County; and

WHEREAS, of the \$3,780,560 allocated to Summit County, \$3,280,560 requires a 1-to-1 match from local funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit intends to apply for the full \$3,780,560 in funds that have been allocated for Summit County and further intends to create the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation, which will generate approximately \$2,000,000 in local match funds during the period of July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013, the initial period of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit has requested that local Summit County communities provide additional match monies in order to fully secure the 1-to-1 match necessary for the award of the balance of the allocation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit has advised local Summit County communities, that any local match funds contributed by a specific community will receive a corresponding match of Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funds that will be earmarked specifically for that 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 City of Barberton, the school districts serving and surrounding this City of Barberton, adjacent communities and other taxing districts; and

WHEREAS, this Council hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents of the City of Barberton to authorize a commitment of local match funds in the amount of **\$180,000.00** toward the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program.

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

SECTION 1

This Council of the City of Barberton hereby approves a commitment of local match funds in the amount of **\$180,000.00** toward the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program. Furthermore, this Council hereby authorizes/ratifies a commitment letter to be sent to the County of Summit by the City of Barberton pledging said commitment of funds.

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 providing said commitment in order to comply with the guidelines and deadlines provided by the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

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

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2012

Mayor