Presented by: Mrs. Thompson / Mr. Heitic

ORDINANCE NO. 112 - 2023

TITLE: EBERHARDT LANDSCAPING AND LAWN SERVICES INC. CRA ABATEMENT

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, VIA THE PLANNING DIRECTOR, TO SUBMIT TO THE STATE OF OHIO A BUSINESS APPLICATION FOR TAX INCENTIVES ON BEHALF OF EBERHARDT LANDSCAPING AND LAWN SERVICES INC. FOR A 100%, 15-YEAR TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE BUSINESS EXPANSION/IMPROVEMENTS TO 5205 NEW HAVEN CIRCLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Bill Eberhardt, business owner of Eberhardt Landscaping and Lawn Services Inc., currently employs 31 individuals, 15 full-time employees and 16 seasonal employees. The proposed business expansion would allow Mr. Eberhardt to potentially hire up to three more full time employees and up to 15 seasonal employees within the next three years to Barberton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor, via the Planning Director, is hereby authorized and directed to submit to the State of Ohio a Business Application for Tax Incentives on behalf of Eberhardt Landscaping and Lawn Services Inc. for a 100%, 15-year tax abatement for the business expansion/improvements to 5202 New Haven Circle.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken 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 meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, to allow the contracts to be signed and building expansion to start in a timely manner, and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed <u>SEPTEMBER 11, 2023</u>	
Clerk of Council	President of Council
Approved	2023
	Mayor