

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2022

TITLE: COMMENDATION – MR. LARRY “CHARLIE” RIES

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON HONORING AND GIVING PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO MR. LARRY “CHARLIE” RIES FOR HIS 35+ YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BARBERTON.

WHEREAS, Charlie Ries is a lifetime resident of Barberton, graduating from Barberton High School in 1986, where he was an All-State Wide Receiver in football and made it to state playoffs his senior year in baseball; and

WHEREAS, Charlie has been married to Kozy (Kozette Rector) since September of 1992 and they have a daughter, Riley, and a son, Zane; and

WHEREAS, Charlie started with the City of Barberton part-time with the Street Department on July 14, 1986 and was hired full-time on May 15, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Charlie was promoted to Inspector-Property Maintenance in the Building Department on July 26, 2004 and then Inspector-Property Maintenance/Technician on June 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Charlie was administered the Oath of Office as a Volunteer Police Office on July, 6, 1998 for the city, retiring from the Police Department on June 21, 2018 after 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Charlie went from the Cherry Street, to patrolling the streets, to making sure the streets were clean and safe. He’s taken care of Barberton his whole life; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Charlie has become the liaison between the city and numerous contractors and was named Employee of the Year in both 2017 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, Charlie has spent countless hours coaching the youth of Barberton and is currently an active committee member of the Barberton Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, folklore has it that “The Magic Man” was molded after Charlie; and

WHEREAS, the City Building will seem empty without our friend and colleague, Larry “Charlie” Ries. He will be missed by all; and

WHEREAS, Charlie is most proud of his family and kids and looks forward to continuing to support them in retirement!

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby honors and gives public recognition to Charlie Ries for his 35+ years of dedicated service to the City of Barberton.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law

Passed FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2022

Mayor