

ORDINANCE NO. 146-2023

**TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT
REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY’S (RITA) LEGAL PROGRAM**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY’S (RITA) LEGAL PROGRAM FOR COLLECTION PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, RITA has informed me there are 216 accounts with outstanding balances totaling \$289,983.67, and they have exhausted all of their normal collection actions for these accounts; and

WHEREAS, this program is being used by other municipalities with RITA in the Barberton Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, with other municipalities participating in this program with Barberton Municipal Courts, it will help reduce the legal fees being charged to the City for this program; and

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

SECTION 1. That the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Regional Income Tax Agency’s (RITA) Legal Program for collection purposes.

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 City to participate as soon as possible, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, 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 November 13, 2023

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2023

Mayor