

RESOLUTION NO. 165-2013

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE BARBERTON CITY COUNCIL
FOR CITIZENS FOR OUR ZOO’S FUTURE**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO
SUPPORT THE AKRON ZOO’S RENEWAL LEVY WHICH WILL BE ON THE
NOVEMBER 5, 2013 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, The Citizens for Our Zoo’s Future will ask Summit County voters to renew support of a countywide property ballot issue on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 to support zoo operations and capital expenses; and

WHEREAS, The Akron Zoo is a first class wildlife center where more than 2,700 animals reside, including lions, tigers, red pandas, snow leopards, Komodo dragons, and more; and

WHEREAS, The Akron Zoo has hosted nearly 25,000 children who visited the Akron Zoo with their schools; and

WHEREAS, Facilitates more than 900 education programs each year, the Akron Zoo is a leader in science and math education for our community’s children; and

WHEREAS, Passage of the ballot issue will allow the Akron Zoo to continue and increase education and outreach programs like Zoomobile, Summer Zoo Camps, Senior Safari, and programs for home schooling families; and

WHEREAS, If approved, this plan will allow the zoo to continue the same exceptional care for its animals and to keep adding new exhibits, animals, education programs and services; and

WHEREAS, The Barberton City Council has reviewed the Akron Zoo’s information and based on our review, believe that it is in the best interest of the City of Barberton residents to support approval of the property tax levy; and

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

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Barberton provides its support to the Citizens for Our Zoo’s Future for the November 5, 2013 countywide property tax levy.

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, for the reason that it is necessary go into effect immediately to confirm support, 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 _____ 2013

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2013

Mayor