02/24/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 30 -2025

Presented by: Mrs. Thompson

TITLE: SUPPORT FOR STATE ISSUE 2 RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO SUPPORT STATE ISSUE 2, A RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ON THE MAY 6, 2025 STATEWIDE BALLOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Project (SCIP) is a state-local government partnership program that funds local infrastructure projects in communities across Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the program has, for nearly 40 years, provided over \$7 billion dollars for improvements to keep Ohio's roads and bridges safe and in good condition for residents, first responders, and all motorists traveling on Ohio roadways, and to improve local wastewater treatment, water supply, and stormwater infrastructure in all 88 Ohio counties; and

WHEREAS, the SCIP provides essential grants, loans, and loan assistance to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the renewal of the SCIP will not raises taxes for Ohioans and the renewal is critical to prevent a gap in infrastructure investment, as the current authorizations is set to sunset July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, funding for the State Capital Improvement Program relies on an amendment to Ohio's Constitution about every ten years, and has been overwhelmingly approved by voters three times since its creation in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the City of Barberton, like many communities throughout the State the Ohio, has benefited greatly from this program through its grants, loans, and loan assistance; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure investment encourages economic development, creates and maintains business, contributes to public health and safety, creates construction jobs and helps keep Ohio competitive; 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 hereby supports and urges our residents on a YES vote on Issue 2 on May 6, 2025.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and 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 resolution 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 the resolution can be presented to the State of Ohio in a timely manner 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 March 10, 2025		
Clerk of Council	President of Council	
Approved		_2025
	Mayor	