

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-21**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO CREATE A JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN UNION TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Union Township (Licking County, Ohio) (the "Township") and the Village of Hebron, Ohio (the "Village") desire to facilitate new and expanded growth for commercial and economic development in the State and in the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) for their mutual benefit and for the benefit of their residents and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Township is located in Licking County, Ohio and the Village is located in Licking County, Ohio, and both are political subdivisions of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Village desire to enter into the proposed JEDD Contract to share in the costs of improvements within the JEDD for the purpose of facilitating new and expanded growth for commercial and economic development in the State of Ohio, and to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and to improve the economic welfare of the people located in the Township and the Village all in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 715.72; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Village wish to provide a mechanism whereby income tax revenue can be generated from the economic activities conducted within the JEDD to be used for the purposes of the JEDD and for the purposes of the Township and the Village, all of which the Township and the Village hereto acknowledge will operate to facilitate new or expanded growth for commercial and economic development in the State of Ohio, to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities, to improve the economic welfare of the people of the State of Ohio, the Township and the Village, and to preserve and promote the general public welfare of the Township's and the Village's residents either directly or indirectly; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 715.72, the Township and the Village are authorized to negotiate a Joint Economic Development District Contract (the "JEDD Contract") creating the Hebron-Union Township Joint Economic Development District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed JEDD must contain (i) JEDD Contract, (ii) a description of the area or areas to be included in the JEDD, including a map in sufficient detail to denote the specific boundaries of the area or areas of the JEDD, and (iii) an economic development plan for the JEDD that includes a schedule for the provision of any new, expanded, or additional services, facilities, or improvements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, WITH AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The creation of the JEDD pursuant to the JEDD Contract will facilitate new and expanded growth for commercial and economic development in the State of Ohio and within the JEDD.

Section 2. The Mayor, the Village Administrator, the Village Solicitor, and Village Fiscal Officer are authorized to execute actions as are necessary to affect the creation of the JEDD.

Section 3. All formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance, and all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in formal actions, occurred in meetings open to the public in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and financial needs of the Village, wherefore this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and the Mayor's signature.

(on file)

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Mayor James Layton

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Deborah Morgan, Fiscal Officer

Approved as to form: Wesley K. Untied, Solicitor.