

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 10-24*

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. 11-24

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO DEED APPROXIMATELY 21.746 +/- ACRES OWNED BY THE CITY OF LANCASTER, AND FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO PARCEL NO. 0531800450 FOR ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) TO THE LANCASTER PORT AUTHORITY AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE TRANSFER THEREOF AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster owns approximately 21.746 acres at 0 Ety Road, more specifically identified as Fairfield County Auditor Parcel No. 0531800450, as the result of an acquisition made in 2008 for the installation of a sanitary sewer force main; and

WHEREAS, since the installation of the required sanitary sewer force main, the City has not utilized the remaining acreage and has no use or need of this property in its current condition, which is complicated by utility issues and its boundaries which include floodplain and floodway on one side and railroad tracks on the other, which diminishes its marketability for sale by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Lancaster Port Authority has more flexibility in the marketing and sale of property to provide an opportunity for economic development on this parcel which is currently zoned Commercial Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lancaster Port Authority regarding conditions of the land transfer as the parties deem appropriate; and

~~WHEREAS, the City desires for the Port Authority to retain a 5% seller's fee for Port Authority Projects with 95% of sale price being deposited to the Port Authority City Fund;~~
now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO,

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to deed approximately 21.746 acres of Parcel No. 0531800450, 0 Ety Road, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio to the Lancaster Port Authority and is further authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for the transfer of the property to the Lancaster Port Authority.

SECTION 2. That the City no longer needs the property and created the Lancaster Port Authority to help facilitate economic development, and the Lancaster Port Authority has the ability to market and sell the property to ensure economic development **and to promote housing.**

~~SECTION 3. The City directs the Port Authority to charge a five percent (5%) seller fee retained by the Port Authority and ninety-five percent (95%) of the sale goes to the Port Authority City Fund.~~

SECTION 34. This ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Municipality and its inhabitants and for the further reason that this ordinance is necessary to further economic development and remediate the City's acute housing shortage; wherefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: February 26, 2024 after 3rd reading. Vote: Yeas 7 Nays 2

Approved: February 26, 2024

Clerk: Kristina M. Crites

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President of Council

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Mayor

Offered by: Mayra Hoop

Second by: Cory Schomann

Requested by Economic Development Committee

I, Kristina Crites, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on _____, 2024 the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this ordinance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

Clerk of Council