

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 65-24

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND PERMANENT RESOLUTION 55-24 AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ONGOING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LANCASTER-FAIRFIELD PUBLIC TRANSIT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Temporary Resolution 48-24, the City of Lancaster ("City") is working with Fairfield County to transfer the assets and operations of Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit ("LFPT") to the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners ("Commissioners") to enhance the services provided to Fairfield County residents and take advantage of additional grant funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, as a part of that, City Council approved Permanent Resolution 51-24 which will obligate the City to provide ongoing financial support for LFPT during City Council's current term of 2024 & 2025; and

WHEREAS, Permanent Resolution 55-24 was passed to address multiple issues with an MOU, including the Commissioners' desire that that the City commit to financially supporting LFPT for a minimum of five (5) years at the current rate of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) per year for the years 2026, 2027, and 2028; and

WHEREAS, now, for financial planning purposes, the Commissioners would prefer that the City contribute Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in 2025 to cover years 2025 and 2026, instead of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) per year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Section 1 of Permanent Resolution 55-24 be amended to read as follows:

"That the Service Safety Director is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners regarding the City's on-going financial support for Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit, including Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in 2025 for the years 2025 and 2026, and One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) annually for the years 2027 and 2028, in addition to Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) authorized in Permanent Resolution 51-24 for the remainder of 2024."

SECTION 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the City and for the further reason that this resolution must be enacted prior to the transfer of LFPT from the City to the County; wherefore, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

Clerk: _____

President of Council

Offered by: _____

Mayor

Second by: _____

Requested by Public Works Committee