

## ORDINANCE NO. 20-2023

### **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 60-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL APPLICATIONS AND ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS FOR ANY TYPE OF ZONING WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Minerva Park has spent the past 16 months engaged in a wholesale review of the Village Zoning Code based on a recognition of outdated, inconsistent, and unnecessary language within the Code; and

WHEREAS, Village staff, legal counsel, engineer, and the Planning and Zoning Commission have collaborated on significant draft revisions that have now been presented to Village Council for review and final revision; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council seeks to impose a 60-day moratorium on the acceptance of any applications or issuance of any zoning permit certificates to allow proper time for consideration of the proposed zoning amendments; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Village to establish the requested 60-day moratorium to allow ample time for Council review and revision of newly proposed districts, uses, and related items.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

**Section 1.** The Village Council hereby adopts and approves a 60-day moratorium on the acceptance of any applications or issuance of any zoning permit certificates for all zoning districts within the Village.

**Section 2.** This moratorium suspends and tolls the time periods prescribed by law within which the Planning and Zoning Commission, or any other public official or body within the Village is required to take action upon an application. No such action shall be deemed approval by the failure of the Planning and Zoning Commission or any other public official or public body to approve or deny an application during the time when this moratorium is in effect.

**Section 3.** Village Council believes the moratorium will allow for the proper time to consider the proposed Zoning Code rewrites currently pending before Village Council

**Section 4.** That it is found that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in this formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code

**Section 5.** That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Minerva Park to wit: allowing time for final review, consideration, and revisions to the proposed zoning Code rewrite pending before Village Council such that any future development coincides with the vision of Council determined by the updated zoning code.

First Reading: September 14, 2023  
Second Reading: Waived  
Third Reading: Waived  
Passed: September 14, 2023

/S/: Tiffany Southard

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Tiffany Southard, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/S/: Jeffrey Wilcheck

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Jeffrey Wilcheck, Fiscal Officer

/S/: Jesse Shamp

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Jesse Shamp, Solicitor