

BEREA CITY COUNCIL

City of Berea, Ohio

ORDINANCE NO. 2023- __

By: _____

Sponsor: Mayor Cyril M. Kleem

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 27 HENRY STREET (PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 363-15-062), A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUTURE REDEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE FIRE STATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Berea Fire Station is located at 2 Prospect Street, in the City of Berea, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the property known as the Berea Fire Station, the City also owns the property directly to the north of the Fire Station, located at 21 Henry Street; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Station, which was completed in 1970 prior to the enactment of the Americans With Disabilities Act, is totally inadequate to house a modern mixed-gender workforce, and lacks sufficient office and training space. In addition, there is not enough physical space to store and safely maintain vehicles and equipment necessary to the mission of the Berea Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City has the opportunity to purchase the property located at 27 Henry Street, which is adjacent to the Fire Station and other neighboring property located at 21 Henry Street, owned by the City of Berea, for the purpose of redevelopment and expansion of the Fire Station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor of the City of Berea be, and is hereby authorized and directed to, enter into a purchase agreement on behalf of the City with the recorded owner of the property known as 27 Henry Street, (Permanent Parcel No. 363-15-062) for the purchase price of One Hundred-Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), in substantial conformance with the terms and conditions contained in the Purchase Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Finance be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to pay out such agreement sum(s) and charge the same to, and the funds therefor are hereby appropriated from Fund No. 400 – General Improvements, for the purposes set forth in Section 1.

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SECTION 3. That it is found and determined 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 and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to engage in efforts to purchase this property in order to begin planning for the Fire Station expansion. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

President of Council

ATTEST: _____

Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mayor

Director of Law