

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FOR A LAKE ERIE WATERSHED CANOPY RESTORATION GRANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, funds supplied by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service are intended to aid local jurisdictions in their response and recovery of urban forests from the Emerald Ash Borer’s destruction of trees and such funding requires a fifty percent (50%) match from the local government; and

WHEREAS, the planting of trees along public rights-of-way or on other public lands are the only eligible reimbursement costs from the funding source and cities located entirely or partially within the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern or watersheds that drain into the Area of Concern are eligible to submit proposals for consideration, such as the City of Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the funds are administered through a grant program of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, known as the Lake Erie Watershed Canopy Restoration Grant and the City of Hudson has a plan to replace 230 ash trees in the public rights-of-way by May 2017, at a cost of \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Erie Watershed Canopy Restoration Grant would cover fifty percent (50%) of this cost and funds from the Street Tree Appropriations would be utilized for the remaining fifty percent (50%).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Council of the City of Hudson authorizes the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, for a Lake Erie Watershed Canopy Restoration Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purposes set forth in the recitals of this Resolution.

Section 2: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and general welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to submit the application for the grant by July 31, 2015; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council elected thereto or six (6) affirmative votes if all members of Council are present at the meeting at which it is passed; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

William A. Currin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality
on _____, 2015.

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council