

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 220.03(d) OF CHAPTER 220,
“COUNCIL,” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, it has been determined by this Council that an inordinate amount of the Clerk of Council’s time is spent preparing minutes of Council meetings (regular, special, and workshop meetings) with sufficient detail to reflect this Council’s discussions and actions at those meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Supreme Court has held that a video recording of a public meeting can be a sufficient medium to serve as the minutes of a public meeting pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 and it is determined that a video recording can serve as a permanent record of the detailed discussions of this Council and all actions taken during public meetings; and

WHEREAS, this Council has further determined that a written record of the subject matter of Council’s discussions and formal actions needs to continue to be made and that the City’s Codified Ordinances governing the minutes of City Council meetings should be amended to accommodate both a written record and an audio and video record to serve as the minutes of Council meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: Section 220.03, “Rules,” of the Codified Ordinances is amended at Subsection (d) only to hereinafter read as follows:

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(d) Minutes. The official minutes of any meeting of the Council shall consist of a written summary of the topics of discussion by the Council and its actions during the meeting, as well as a record of those Council members and City officials in attendance and the starting and ending times of the meeting and any executive sessions held thereat. The official minutes of any meeting of Council shall also consist of a permanent audio and video recording of the meeting, excluding executive sessions, which permanent audio and video recording shall be referred to in the written summary of the minutes. Unless a reading of the written summary of the minutes of a Council meeting is requested by a member of Council, such minutes may be approved without reading if the Clerk of Council has previously furnished each member with a copy thereof of a written summary of such minutes. The Clerk of Council, or the clerk pro tempore appointed by Council in the Clerk’s absence, shall be responsible for providing for the audio and video recording of the Council meetings and in the event of a failure to audio and video record any such meeting, for producing written minutes of the meeting in sufficient detail to summarize the discussions and actions taken at the meeting. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of Council to furnish an accurate ~~record~~ written summary of all items considered and action taken on the items considered at the proceedings of regular or special meetings of Council to each member as soon as

possible and to provide access to the audio and video recorded minutes to each member upon request.

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Section 2: Subsection 220.03(d) of Chapter 220, "Council" of the Codified Ordinances as it existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 3: This Ordinance 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 ORDINANCE was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2013.

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council