

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER TO ENTER INTO
A QUIET ZONE ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK
SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE E. BARLOW TRAIL
QUIET ZONE IMPROVEMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the E. Barlow Road Trail Project will include the design and coordination with Norfolk Southern Railroad Corporation and construction of a new Quiet Zone at Terex Road near the E. Barlow Road Trail Project; and

WHEREAS, a railroad “Quiet Zone” is an officially designated section of track where train horn usage is reduced when crossing a public road; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this status, communities must implement enhanced safety measures at the crossings, such as improved warning systems (gates, lights, bells) and crossing designs, allowing nearby property owners to experience reduced noise pollution while still maintaining a high level of safety; and

WHEREAS, for the crossing on Barlow Road, the new Quiet Zone improvements are anticipated to be gate arms that would extend across the center of the road, since gate arm improvements are already a part of the ongoing trail project design; and

WHEREAS, Norfolk Southern Railway Company requires a Quiet Zone Administrative Agreement be executed prior to review and administration of the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Southern Railway Quiet Zone Administrative Agreement outlines the collaboration between Norfolk Southern and the City in connection with the feasibility and method of establishing a Quiet Zone at the Barlow Road crossing; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also establishes the legal requirements for the City to reimburse Norfolk Southern for the costs associated with conducting initial administrative work related to the Quiet Zone; and,

WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City of Hudson to enter into said Amendment.

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

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Quiet Zone Administrative Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company, subject to the approval as to form by the City Solicitor.

Section 2. That aforesaid Amendment is in the City and its residents’ best interest.

Section 3. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 4. That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in a duly noticed, open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-16 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2025.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council