

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN ETNA TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Etna Township (the "Township") and the City of Reynoldsburg (the "City") desire to facilitate new and expanded growth for commercial and economic development in the State and in the Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ) for their mutual benefit and for the benefit of their residents and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Township is located in Licking County, Ohio and the City is located in Franklin, Licking, and Fairfield Counties, Ohio, and both are political subdivisions of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the City desire to enter into the proposed JEDZ Contract to share in the costs of improvements for the JEDZ for the purpose of facilitating new and expanded growth for commercial and economic development in the State of Ohio, and to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and to improve the economic welfare of the people located in the Township and the City all in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 715.691; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the City wish to provide a mechanism whereby income tax revenue can be generated from the economic activities conducted within the JEDZ to be used for the purposes of the JEDZ and for the purposes of the Township and the City, all of which the Township and the City hereto acknowledge will operate to facilitate new or expanded growth for commercial and economic development in the State of Ohio, to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities, to improve the economic welfare of the people of the State of Ohio, the Township and the City, and to preserve and promote the general public welfare of the Township's and the City's residents either directly or indirectly; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 715.691, the Township and the City are authorized to negotiate a Joint Economic Development Zone Contract (the "JEDZ Contract") creating the Etna-Reynoldsburg Joint Economic Development Zone encompassing the real property described and depicted in Exhibit A and B to the JEDZ Contract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 715.691, the Township and the City each have published a notice of the time and place of a public hearing regarding the JEDZ Contract to be held by the Township and the City respectively; and

WHEREAS, since the publication of those notices, there has been on file with the Township's Fiscal Officer and the City's Clerk of Council available for public inspection: (i) a copy of the proposed JEDZ Contract, (ii) a description of the area or areas to be included in the JEDZ, including a map in sufficient detail to denote the specific boundaries of the area or areas of the JEDZ, and (iii) an economic development plan for the JEDZ that includes a schedule for the provision of any new, expanded, or additional services, facilities, or improvements; and

WHEREAS, this day this Council held the City's public hearing regarding the proposed JEDZ Contract that allowed public comment and recommendations regarding the JEDZ Contract; and

WHEREAS, in order for this proposed JEDZ Contract to become effective, it must be approved by a majority of the voters in the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, COUNTIES OF FRANKLIN, LICKING, and FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO that:

Section 1. The creation of the JEDZ pursuant to the JEDZ Contract, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, will facilitate new and expanded growth for commercial and economic development in the State of Ohio and in the JEDZ.


Section 2. The JEDZ Contract attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, is approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and deliver that JEDZ Contract to the Township Fiscal Officer.

Section 3. The economic development plan for the JEDZ now on file with the Clerk of Council is hereby approved.

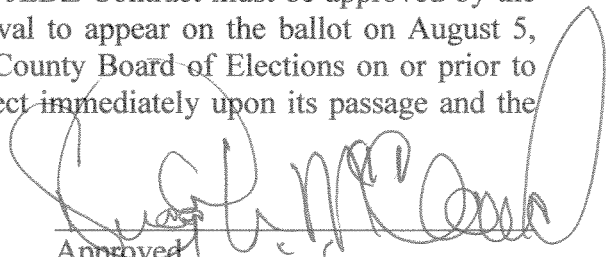
Section 4. The Mayor, the City Auditor, the City Attorney, and Clerk of Council are authorized to execute and deliver such instruments and certificates, and to take such actions as are necessary to effect the creation of the JEDZ or to effect the provisions of the JEDZ Contract.

Section 5. All formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance, and all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in formal actions, occurred in meetings open to the public in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code.

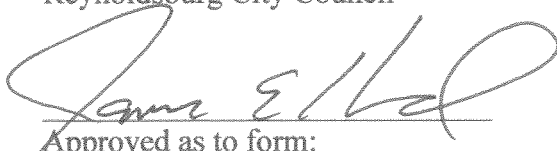
Section 6. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and financial needs of the City, and for the further reason that the Township's approval of the JEDZ Contract must be approved by the electors of the Township and, in order for that approval to appear on the ballot on August 5, 2014, the question must be submitted to the Licking County Board of Elections on or prior to May 6, 2014; wherefore this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and the Mayor's signature.



Doug Joseph, President
Reynoldsburg City Council



Approved
Bradley L. McCloud, Mayor



Approved as to form:
James E. Hood, City Attorney



Attest:
April Beggerow, City Council Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council, City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 29-14 as passed by Council of said City on the 5th day of May, 2014, and as recorded in the Record of Proceedings of said Council.


April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council

Filed with Mayor: 5/5/14

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