City of Oberlin, Ohio

ORDINANCE No. 12-82 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (D.B.A. LORAIN COUNTY TRANSIT) TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSIT-RELATED SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Lorain County budget suffered revenue losses that resulted in the elimination of transit services for the citizens of Oberlin and many others in Lorain County in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin in collaboration with Oberlin Community Services, Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority and others after evaluating options, including alternative providers for local transit service, concluded that contracting with Lorain County Transit (LCT) for the pilot "Oberlin Connector" transit service was the most cost effective way to meet the needs of Oberlin residents; and

WHEREAS, the "Oberlin Connector" service has been very successful and a study in 2010 found that the "Oberlin Connector" is critically important in helping residents with limited mobility maintain their independence; and

WHEREAS, numerous community private and non-profit partners have seen the value in providing the "Oberlin Connector" service and have pledged nearly \$20,000 to support the operating cost for 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Oberlin and the Lorain County Board of Commissioners (d.b.a. Lorain County Transit ("LCT")) to provide for transit-related services, a copy being attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved, and the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the City.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or 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 action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit:

"to enter into an agreement to continue local public transit service, without interruption, in 2013"

and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED:

1st Reading – December 17, 2012 (E) 2nd Reading – 3rd Reading –

ATTEST:

BELINDA B. ANDERSON, CMC

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 12/18/2012 EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/17/2012