

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

ORDINANCE No. 21-56 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE TO RATIFY THE ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DEVELOPMENT OUTLINE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITY OF OBERLIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ITS MEETINGS MAY BE HELD AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2020, this Council adopted the City of Oberlin's 2020 – 2021 Comprehensive Plan Development Outline and established a Comprehensive Plan Committee by motion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin has the technology to enable the members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to take part in their meetings by video conference or other similar electronic technology whereby the participating members of such Committee may be seen and heard and to broadcast their meetings to the public in real time; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Oberlin believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Oberlin and in the best interest of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to authorize its members to conduct and participate in their meetings by video conference for safety and convenience and to enable better access to its meetings by the public; and

WHEREAS, Section II of the Oberlin City Charter provides that the powers of local self-government and those powers possessed by municipalities under the Constitution and laws of Ohio may be exercised in the manner prescribed in the Charter, or by ordinances of Council created thereby; and

WHEREAS, the manner in which the meetings of Committees established by City Council are conducted is a matter of local self-government; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to ratify the establishment of the Comprehensive Plan Committee and to provide for the manner in which the meetings of the Committee may be held, by ordinance.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the adoption of the City of Oberlin's 2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan Development Outline and the establishment of a Comprehensive Plan Committee, inclusive of the appointments made to said Committee, as approved by motion of City Council on July 6, 2020, together with subsequent appointments made by Council be and is hereby and ratified.

SECTION 2: That in addition to the authority of the members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to establish the dates and times of its meetings, its members are hereby authorized to attend, participate, deliberate, vote and take other official actions in their meetings, in whole or in

part, by video conference or other similar electronic technology provided that, (1) notice is provided as required under Ohio law for a public meeting; (2) a quorum is present, whether in person or by the technology employed; (3) in the event that a member appearing by the technology employed is disconnected and such disconnection results in less than a quorum being present, all discussions and deliberations shall be discontinued until that member can be reconnected; (4) the public is able to hear and observe the discussions and deliberations of all of the members present including those participating by the technology employed. All other requirements of the Open Meetings Act shall be applicable.

SECTION 3: 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 actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


SECTION 4: 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, to wit: ***“to ratify the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Development Outline and the establishment of the Comprehensive Plan Committee and to authorize the participation of its members in its public meetings by electronic means to provide for the safety and convenience of its members and to enable better access to its meetings by the public”*** and provided that it is elevated to emergency status by the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council and receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council upon final passage, it shall go into full force and effect from and immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading: September 7, 2021

2nd Reading:

3rd Reading:

ATTEST:


BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL


LINDA SLOCUM
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 09/08/2021

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/07/2021