

**CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Maple Heights Senior Center - 7:00 PM

May 18, 2022

1. **Caucus: 6:30 pm** All Members of Council
2. **Call to Order:** Council President Ron Jackson
3. **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2
4. **Roll Call:** Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson
5. **Addendum**
6. **Approval of Minutes:** April 20, 2022 (Regular Meeting of Council)
May 4, 2022 (Regular Meeting of Council)
7. **Communications:** Letter of Appeal Regarding Planning and Zoning
Case No. 2022-PZ-16
8. **Council Committee Reports:**
9. **Department Reports:**
10. **Citizens' Comments:** Per Council Rule 220.01(c)(9)
Comments from City residents will be entertained at Regular Council Meetings only, and shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person during comments on the agenda and comments of a general nature and no person shall be allowed to speak more than once. A person wishing to address Council shall first be recognized by the President of Council, and when recognized, shall come forward, state his or her name and address and state the subject matter which he or she wishes to discuss. Total resident comments shall be limited to 45 minutes for all comments. Under special circumstances, this rule can be extended or modified by a majority of Council present. No profanity or comments of a personal or inflammatory nature will be tolerated under any circumstances. The Presiding Officer shall permit a one (1) minute response from the Mayor or Council Member or Department Director to whom the Citizen's question is directed.
11. **Legislation:**

2022-42 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Reading 2 (Blackwell)

2022-45 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING 2.0 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES FOR FIRE FIGHTERS IN THE DIVISION OF FIRE, AND PROVIDING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES, AND REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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2022-49 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLO LAW FIRM CO., LPA TO PROVIDE PARALEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Reading 1 (Blackwell)

12. Expenditures over \$25,000.00:
13. Mayor's Report:
14. Council/Council President's Reports:
15. Adjournment:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-42

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

CO-SPONSORED BY:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2002, the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission with an affirmative vote of all members waived the requirement for taxing authorities of subdivisions or other taxing units (including schools) to adopt a Tax Budget as provided under O.R.C. Section 5705.281, but instead requires the filing of Alternative Tax Budget Information on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the City of Maple Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 has been prepared and presented to the Council; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, Council deems it advisable in the interest of the Municipality to adopt the Alternative Tax Budget Information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio that:

Section 1. The Alternative Tax Budget Information of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, heretofore prepared by the Mayor and Director of Finance and submitted to this Council, copies of which are on file in the offices of the Director of Finance and Clerk of Council, is hereby adopted as the official Alternative Tax Budget Information of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.

Section 2. The Finance Director is authorized to promptly certify a copy of said Alternative Tax Budget Information and transmit the same along with a copy of this Ordinance to the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting on the date indicated below, 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 4. This Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, safety and general welfare of the City and for the further reason to comply with all State, County and Local requirements concerning tax budgets, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its

passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2022

Ron Jackson, Council President

Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

Frank Consolo, Director of Law

ATTEST: _____
Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

I, Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of the original as contained in the records of my office and that the same has been and will remain duly posted as required by law.

Date: _____

Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO.: 2022-45

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING 2.0 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES FOR FIRE FIGHTERS IN THE DIVISION OF FIRE, AND PROVIDING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES, AND REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1998, the electors of the City, approved a 1.5 mill levy for the purpose of the payment of Fire Fighters in the Division of Fire, and for providing, maintaining and operating fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites, for five years; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, the electors of the City approved a replacement of the 1.5 mill levy and increasing it by .5 mills for the payment of Fire Fighters in the Division of Fire, and providing, maintaining and operating fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites, for five years; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2007, the electors of the City. approved an existing 2.0 mill levy for the purpose of the payment of Fire Fighters in the Division of Fire, and for providing, maintaining and operating fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites, for five years; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2012, the electors of the City approved an existing 2.0 mill levy for the purpose of the payment of Fire Fighters in the Division of Fire, and for providing, maintaining and operating fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites, for five years; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, the electors of the City approved an existing 2.0 mill levy for the purpose of the payment of Fire Fighters in the Division of Fire, and for providing, maintaining and operating fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites, for five years; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that it is necessary to renew that levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of the payment of salaries for Fire Fighters in the Division of Fire, and providing, maintaining and operating fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites as authorized by R.C. 5705.19(I), for five years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B), when a taxing authority determines that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for any purpose authorized by the Revised Code, the taxing authority shall certify to the county fiscal officer a resolution requesting that the county fiscal officer certify to the taxing authority the total current tax valuation of the subdivision, and the number of mills required to generate a specified amount of revenue, or the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills and the resolution shall state the

purpose of the tax, whether the tax is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, and the section of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax; and

WHEREAS, this Council intends to submit such question of the renewal of the tax levy to the voters of the City of Maple Heights, located wholly in the County of Cuyahoga, at an election on November 8, 2022, as authorized by R.C. 5705.19(I) and R.C. 5705.25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Council declares that it is necessary to renew, for five (5) years, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2023, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to the City in the calendar year 2024, all of an existing 2.0 mill ad valorem tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of payment of salaries for Fire Fighters in the Division of Fire, and providing, maintaining and operating fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites, as authorized by R.C. 5705.19(I).

Section 2. Council, pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B) requests the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the City, and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 2.0 mill renewal levy specified in Section 1, which renewal levy is for the purpose of the payment of salaries for Fire Fighters in the Division of Fire, and providing, maintaining and operating fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites, as authorized by R.C. 5705.19(I), for five (5) years.

Section 3. The Finance Director is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting on the date indicated below, 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 5. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, safety and general welfare of the City and for the further reason that it can be timely filed with the Board of Elections in order to submit the question of the levy for its stated essential purpose to the electors at the November 8, 2022 election, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2022

Ron Jackson, Council President

Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

Frank Consolo, Director of Law

ATTEST: _____
Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

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Date: _____

Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO.: 2022-46

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING 2.0 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES FOR PERMANENT POLICE PERSONNEL IN THE DIVISION OF POLICE, AND PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF THE POLICE DIVISION, AND REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1998, the electors of the City, approved a 1.5 mill levy for the purpose of the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel in the Division of Police, and for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications and other equipment used directly in the operation of the Police Division, for five years; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, the electors of the City approved a replacement of the 1.5 mill levy and increasing it by .5 mills for the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel in the Division of Police, and for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications and other equipment used directly in the operation of the Police Division, for five years; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2007, the electors of the City. approved an existing 2.0 mill levy for the purpose of the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel in the Division of Police, and for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications and other equipment used directly in the operation of the Police Division, for five years; and

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WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, the electors of the City approved an existing 2.0 mill levy for the purpose of the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel in the Division of Police, and for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications and other equipment used directly in the operation of the Police Division, for five years; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that it is necessary to renew that levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel in the Division of Police, and for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications and other equipment used directly in the operation of the Police Division as authorized by R.C. 5705.19(J), for five years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B), when a taxing authority determines that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for any purpose authorized by the Revised Code, the taxing authority shall certify to the county fiscal officer a resolution requesting that the county fiscal officer certify to the taxing authority the total current tax valuation of the subdivision, and the number of mills required to generate a specified amount of revenue, or the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills and the resolution shall state the purpose of the tax, whether the tax is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, and the section of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax; and

WHEREAS, this Council intends to submit such question of the renewal of the tax levy to the voters of the City of Maple Heights, located wholly in the County of Cuyahoga, at an election on November 8, 2022, as authorized by R.C. 5705.19(J) and R.C. 5705.25.

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Section 2. Council, pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B) requests the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the City, and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 2.0 mill renewal levy specified in Section 1, which renewal levy is for the purpose of the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel in the Division of Police, and for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications and other equipment used directly in the operation of the Police Division as authorized by R.C. 5705.19(J), for five (5) years.

Section 3. The Finance Director is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting on the date indicated below, 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 5. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, safety and general welfare of the City and for the further reason that it must be timely filed with the Board of Elections in order to submit the question of the levy for its stated essential purpose to the electors at the November 8, 2022 election, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2022

Ron Jackson, Council President

Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

Frank Consolo, Director of Law

ATTEST: _____
Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

I, Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of the original as contained in the records of my office and that the same has been and will remain duly posted as required by law.

Date: _____

Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-47

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

CO-SPONSORED BY:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STAFFORD PARK BASKETBALL COURTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”), provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for the purpose of providing public recreation through the State of Ohio NatureWorks Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Council finds and determines that it would be in the best interests of the City of Maple Heights to seek and obtain financial assistance from the ODNR NatureWorks Grant Program for the purpose of funding a portion of improvements to the Stafford Park Basketball Courts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Engineer are hereby authorized to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding.

Section 2. The City agrees to obligate sufficient funds to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting on the date indicated below, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any 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 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City, and for the further reason that it is necessary to make, execute and file the application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) on or before June 1, 2022, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2022

Ron Jackson, Council President

Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

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Date: _____

Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO.: 2022-48

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

CO-SPONSORED BY:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING AWARDS FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTHY TREE CANOPY PROGRAM (HTCP) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BID SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE NORTHEAST QUADRANT TREE PLANTING PROJECT (MAP-22-01), AND TO PROVIDE FOR BIDDING SAID PROJECTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Heights, upon application of the City Engineer, was awarded a grant in the amount of Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$44,923.50) for the Northeast Quadrant Tree Planting Project, MAP-22-01 ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission requires that the City confirm that it accepts the funds and intends to complete the Projects in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Engineer have recommended to Council that the City accept the funds and that the Engineer immediately begin the planning and design, bid specifications and cost estimates so that the Project, and bidding said Project, shall be completed in a timely manner.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio that:

Section 1. The Mayor and/or Engineer is hereby authorized to accept the HTCP funding award from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission and is hereby authorized to sign and file all necessary documents and contracts to facilitate and/or administer this award.

Section 2. The Engineer is authorized to prepare plans, bid specifications and cost estimates for the Northeast Quadrant Tree Planting Project (MAP-22-01), and to provide for bidding said Project so that the City will complete the Projects in a timely manner pursuant to the terms of the award.

Section 3. The Council of the City of Maple Heights hereby authorizes the Finance Director to amend the appropriations as required for the expenditures outlined within this Resolution.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting on the date indicated below, 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 5. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the City, and to complete the Project in the time specified for the award and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Date: _____

Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO.: 2022-49

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLO LAW FIRM CO., LPA TO PROVIDE PARALEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Law Director intends to hire the Law Department's current paralegal/administrative assistant to work for Consolo Law Firm Co., LPA and has recommended that the City not hire a replacement but outsource the paralegal/administrative services to Consolo Law Firm to provide such services to the City at a monthly fee of \$4,500.00, which fee will also include all overhead expenses such as office space, office supplies, telephone, printing, and copying; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has determined that outsourcing the Law Department's paralegal/administrative services for a monthly fee of \$4,500.00 and not replacing the current paralegal/administrative assistant will result in a yearly cost savings to the City of approximately \$45,200.00 per year in salary and benefits, plus additional savings in office supplies and equipment for the Law Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to enter into a professional services agreement with Consolo Law Firm Co., LPA effective June 1, 2022 to provide paralegal/administrative services to Consolo Law Firm to provide such services to the City at a monthly fee of \$4,500.00, which fee will also include all overhead expenses such as office space, office supplies, telephone, printing, and copying.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting on the date indicated below, 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. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, safety and general welfare of the City and for the further reason that the continuation of the paralegal/administrative services is necessary for the day-day operations of the Law Department, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2022

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ATTEST: _____
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Date: _____

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