

## RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Resolution  
Ordinance No. 2020-62Passed September 2, 2020

SPONSOR: COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE AKRON ZOOLOGICAL PARK'S (AKRON ZOO) RENEWAL WITH AN INCREASE LEVY, TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, AND URGING THE RESIDENTS OF MOGADORE TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE LEVY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the a tax levy of 1.2 mill to maintain and operate existing facilities and to expand physical facilities and education programs in order to continue to provide zoological park services at the Akron Zoological Park ("Akron Zoo") will appear on the ballot for the general election on November 3, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Akron Zoo has been an exemplary steward of public funds, using the levy in the past to build and operate several capital improvements and exhibits; and,

WHEREAS, the Akron Zoo has grown significantly since passing its first levy – attendance as grown from 114,000 visitors in 2000 to over 400,000 visitors last year; and,

WHEREAS, the Akron Zoo generates nearly \$8.00 for every \$1.00 it receives in public support, having had economic activity to support community's economy of over \$500 million since 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Akron Zoo reaches over 90,000 individuals each year with science-based education programs and enhances the quality of life for local residents by providing a fun and educational environment for children and families; and,

WHEREAS, the renewal with an increase levy will allow the Akron Zoo to continue providing the same exceptional care for its animals and to keep adding new habitats, animals, educational programs and services to Summit County residents; and,

WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is necessary and in the best interest of the Village for this Council to express the Village's support for the passage of the Akron Zoo's levy, and urge all Summit County residents of Mogadore to vote in favor of the Akron Zoo's levy on November 3, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Mogadore, Counties of Summit and Portage, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1: This Council hereby expresses its support of the Akron Zoo's levy to renew 0.8 mill and increase 0.4 mill for a total tax levy of 1.2 mill, for the Akron Zoological Park, on the ballot at the general election on November 3, 2020, for the purpose of operating, education programs and capital expenses for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities at the Akron Zoological Park.

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SECTION 2: The residents of Mogadore (in Summit County) are respectfully urged to support the Akron Zoo's levy so that the Akron Zoo will be able to continue to provide programs and services.

SECTION 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in a duly noticed virtual, open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and HB 197 during the state-declared COVID-19 emergency.

SECTION 4: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the Village of Mogadore and the inhabitants thereof, and for the further reason that this Resolution must be immediately effective in order to provide for the immediate safety services provided for herein, which are necessary to preserve and protect the residents and interests of the Village. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Michael Radtich 9-2-20

President of Council

Date

Erica M. 9-3-20

Mayor

Date

Attest:

Sarah  
Clerk - Treasurer