

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 44

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANNEXATION PETITIONS
FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is the owner of real property located within the corporate limits of the City of Mason and in unincorporated townships; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Council of the City of Mason to have city-owned property annexed into the City of Mason independently or with other properties when the opportunity arises; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is the owner of certain real property in unincorporated Union Township in close proximity to the property subject to the Agreement described herein and may have the opportunity to annex some or all of that property to the city; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Council of the City of Mason to authorize the City Manager to execute any annexation petition that includes real property owned by the City of Mason on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare for the reason that the city has entered an Agreement that includes the annexation of certain territory to the City of Mason and the City has the immediate opportunity to include real property owned by the City as part of the annexation territory which will be of great benefit to the municipality and neighboring property owners intend to file a petition for annexation without delay. In order for the city to join the annexation the City Manager must be immediately authorized to sign petitions for the annexation of property owned by the City of Mason to the city so that city property is located within the municipal limits of the City of Mason and will receive the benefits of city services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members

elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute petitions for the annexation of territory to the City of Mason that include real property owned by the City of Mason on behalf of the City. The City Manager is further authorized to designate an official, employee, or agent of the City of Mason to act as the agent for the annexation petitioners and to appear on behalf of the City in any annexation proceedings.

Section 2. For the reasons stated in the Preamble, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and shall go into immediate effect.

Passed this 13th day of April, 2015.

Vice Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council