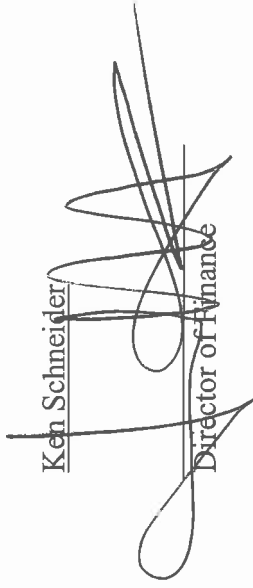


CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

The undersigned, Director of Finance of the City of Mason, County of Warren, Ohio hereby certifies that the following were the officers and members of council during the period proceedings were taken authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$1,300,000 Land Acquisition Bond Anticipation Notes, Second (2001) Renewal, dated as of the date of their issuance and maturing not more than one year from the date of their issuance:

Mayor	<u>John McCurley</u>
City Manager	<u>Scot Lahrmr</u>
Director of Finance	<u>Jennifer Bauer</u>
Member of Council	<u>Betty Davis</u>
Member of Council	<u>James Dick Staten</u>
Member of Council	<u>Peter Beck</u>
Member of Council	<u>Charlene Pelfrey</u>
Member of Council	<u>Jim Fox</u>
Member of Council	<u>Thomas Muennich</u>
Clerk of Council	<u>Teresa Schulte</u>
Director of Law	<u>Ken Schneider</u>


Director of Finance

TRANSCRIPT CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Clerk of Council of said municipality, hereby certifies that the following is a true and complete transcript of all proceedings relating to the authorization and issuance of the above-identified obligations.


Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-171

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000 OF NOTES BY THE
CITY OF MASON, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION
OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE
OF ACQUIRING LAND FOR COMMERCIAL
AND/OR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.**

WHEREAS, the fiscal officer of the City has estimated the life or period of usefulness of the hereinafter described capital improvements as at least five (5) years, and certified the maximum maturity of the bonds as twenty (20) years, and of the notes to be issued in anticipation thereof as twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, notes previously issued in the principal amount of \$1,450,000 are about to mature and are to be renewed in the reduced principal amount of \$1,300,000;

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

SECTION 1. That it is necessary to issue bonds of the City of Mason, Ohio, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,300,000, for the purpose of renewing notes originally issued for the purpose of purchasing approximately one hundred five (105) acres of land on State Route 741. Said bonds shall be dated approximately October 1, 2002, shall bear interest at an approximate rate of six (6%) per annum, and shall mature in substantially equal annual or semiannual installments over a period not exceeding twenty (20) years after their issuance.

SECTION 2. That it is necessary to issue notes in anticipation of such bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the purpose of refunding notes issued for the purpose aforesaid and for no other purpose.

SECTION 3. That said anticipatory notes shall be dated as of the date of their issuance and shall mature not more than one year from the date of their issuance and shall bear interest at such rate of interest as is approved by the City Manager and Finance Director, such approved to be evidenced conclusively by execution of the notes, payable at maturity.

SECTION 4. That said notes shall be executed by the City Manager and may, but shall not be required to, bear the seal of the corporation. Said notes shall be designated "Land Acquisition Bond Anticipation Notes, Second (2001) Renewal", shall be payable at such bank or trust company that is a correspondent of any legal depository of the City, upon approval of the Finance Director, and shall express upon their faces the purposes for which they are issued and that they are issued in pursuance of this ordinance. Said notes shall be of such number and denomination as requested by the purchaser; provided that the notes shall be issued only in Authorized Denominations, which shall be \$100,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000 in excess of \$100,000. This Council hereby covenants that it will not exchange or reissue the notes in less than Authorized Denominations other than through a "primary offering", as that term is defined in SEC Rule 15x2-12.

SECTION 5. That said notes shall be issued in the principal sum of not to exceed \$1,300,000, for the purposes aforesaid. Said notes shall be sold to Seasongood & Mayer, LLC, Cincinnati, Ohio (the "Purchaser") at the price of par plus accrued interest, if any. The amount, interest rate or rates and other terms of the notes shall be as set forth in the purchase contract (the "Purchase Contract") which the City Manager or Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute without further action of this council and which Purchase Contract shall be executed by the Purchaser. The signature of the City Manager or Finance Director on the Purchase Contract shall be conclusive evidence that the terms of the said notes are acceptable to the City.

SECTION 6. That the Mayor, the City Manager and the Finance Director, or any one of them, is authorized to take all necessary steps and execute and deliver any documents necessary or appropriate to render the notes eligible for the services of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), including "book-entry only" status, if so requested by the Purchaser.

SECTION 7. That said notes shall be the full general obligation of this City, and the full faith, credit and revenue of this City are hereby pledged for the prompt payment of the same. The par value received from the sale of bonds anticipated by said notes, and any excess fund resulting from the issue of said notes, shall, to the extent necessary, be used only for the retirement of said notes at maturity, together with interest thereon and is hereby pledged for such purpose.

SECTION 8. That during the period while such notes run there shall be levied upon all of the taxable property in the City of Mason, Ohio, in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually, not less than that which would have been levied if bonds had been issued without the prior issue of such notes; said tax shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of said years are certified, extended and collected. Said tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof; provided, however, to the extent that other funds are available and appropriated for the payment of the obligation or the bonds in anticipation of which they are issued, said tax need not be levied.

The funds derived from said tax levy hereby required shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund and, together with interest collected on the same, shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal and interest of said notes, of the bonds in anticipation of which they are issued, when and as the same fall due.

SECTION 9. That this council, for and on behalf of the City of Mason, County of Warren, Ohio, hereby covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the notes hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent, if any, and take such other action as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the debt is incurred, so that they will not constitute obligations the interest on which is subject to federal income taxation or "arbitrage bonds" under Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations prescribed thereunder. The Finance Director or any other officer having responsibility with respect to the issuance of the notes is authorized and directed to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the City, on the date of delivery of the notes for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances and reasonable expectations pertaining to the use of the proceeds thereof and the provisions of said Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 and regulations thereunder.

These notes are hereby designated "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purposes set forth in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code as the Council did not anticipate issuing more than \$10,000,000 of "qualified tax-exempt obligations" during the calendar year of original issuance.

SECTION 10. That the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, hereby covenants that it will cause the redemption of the notes in whole in the event that the City of Mason, Ohio leases or sells all or any portion of the land to be purchased with the proceeds of such notes to a person or other entity which is not the State of Ohio or a political subdivision of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 11. That the Finance Director is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this ordinance to the County Auditor of the County of Warren, Ohio.

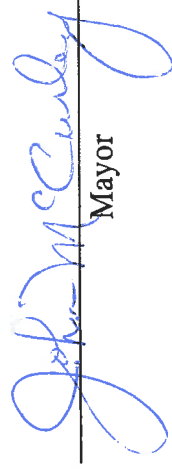
SECTION 12. That the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of the council of the City and that all deliberations of the council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 13. That this ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date permitted by law after its passage.

PASSED: Sept. 10, 2001.

Attest:


Clerk of Council


Mayor

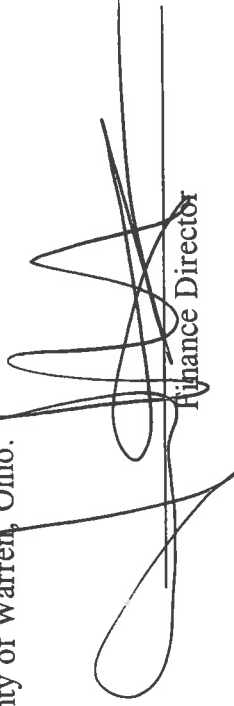
CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Clerk of Council of the City of Mason, Warren County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2001-171 passed by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, on Sept. 10, 2001.


Clerk of Council

CERTIFICATE

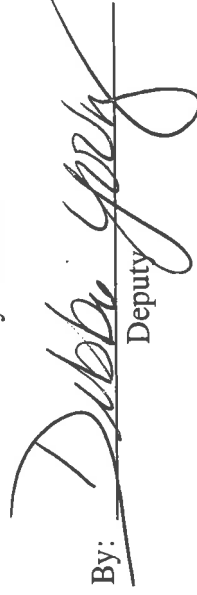
The undersigned, Finance Director of the City of Mason, County of Warren, Ohio, hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Ordinance No. 2001-171 passed by the Council of the City of Mason, County of Warren, Ohio, on Sept. 10, 2001, was certified this day to the County Auditor of the County of Warren, Ohio.


Finance Director

RECEIPT

The undersigned, County Auditor of the County of Warren, Ohio, hereby acknowledges receipt this day of the foregoing Ordinance No. 171 passed by the Council of the City of Mason, County of Warren, Ohio, on Sept 10, 2001.


County Auditor

By: 
Deputy

Sept 14, 2001

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING

The Council of the City of Mason, County of Warren, Ohio, met in regular session, at 7:00 P.m., on the 10th day of September, 2001, at 202 W. Main St., with the following members present:

All Present

There was presented and read to Council Ordinance No 2001-17, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
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Mr. Munnich moved to suspend the rule requiring each ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days. Mrs. Pullen seconded the motion and, the roll being called upon the question, the vote resulted as follows:

All Yes

Mrs. Munnich then moved that Ordinance No 2001-17 be adopted. Mrs. Pullen seconded the motion and, the roll being called upon the question, the vote resulted as follows:

All Yes

The ordinance was declared passed September 10, 2001.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, clerk of council of said municipality, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct extract from the minutes of a meeting of the council of said municipality, held on the 10 day of September, 2001, to the extent pertinent to consideration and adoption of the above-entitled legislation.



Clerk of Council

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MUNICIPALITY
SECTION 133.05, O.R.C.**

STATE OF OHIO)
)
) SS
COUNTY OF WARREN)

I, JENNIFER HEFLI, OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MASON, STATE OF OHIO, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE FINANCES OF SAID MUNICIPALITY ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AS THEY APPEAR FROM THE RECORDS IN MY OFFICE.

1 ASSESSED VALUATION of the taxable property of the municipality, as shown on the tax duplicate fo 2001 \$ 710,086,410.00
2 Total of all bonds and notes or other evidence of indebtedness and outstanding, INCLUDING THE PRE: \$ 1,300,000.00 \$ 25,347,000.00
3 EXEMPT DEBT:

- (A) Securities issued under Chapter 122., 140., 725., or 761., or Section 131.23, O.R.C.
- (B) Securities issued to pay costs of permanent improvements to the extent they are issued in anticipation of the receipt of, and are payable as to principal from, federal or state grants for that principal or for the costs of those permanent improvements
- (C) Securities issued to evidence loans from the state capital improvements fund pursuant to Chapter 164, O.R.C.
- (D) Other securities, including self-supporting securities, excepted by law from the calculation of net indebtedness or from the application of Chapter 133, O.R.C.
- (E) Any other securities outstanding on October 30, 1989, and then excepted from the calculation of net indebtedness or from the application of Chapter 133, O.R.C. and securities issued at any time to fund or refund those securities
- (F) Self-supporting securities issued for any purposes including, without limitations, any of the following general purposes:
 - (a) Water systems or facilities;
 - (b) Sanitary sewage systems or facilities, or surface and storm water drainage and sewage systems or facilities or a combination of those systems or facilities;
 - (c) Electric plants and facilities and steam or cogeneration facilities that generate or supply electricity, or steam and electrical or steam distribution systems and lines;
 - (d) Airports or landing fields or facilities;
 - (e) Railroads, rapid transit and other mass transit systems;
 - (f) Off-street parking lots, facilities or buildings or on-street parking facilities, or any combination of off-street and on-street parking facilities;
 - (g) Facilities for the care or treatment of the sick or infirm, and for housing and persons providing such care or treatment and their families;
 - (h) Solid waste or hazardous waste collection or disposal facilities, or resource recovery and solid or hazardous waste recycling facilities, or any combination of those facilities;
 - (i) Urban development projects;
 - (j) Recreational, sports, convention, auditorium, museum, trade show, and other public attraction facilities;
 - (k) Facilities for natural resources exploration, development, recovery, use and sale;
 - (l) Correctional and detention facilities, including multi-county municipal jails, and related rehabilitation facilities;
 - (m) Other self-supporting securities;
- (G) Securities issued for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, improving, or extending water or sanitary or surface and storm water sewerage systems or facilities, or a combination of those systems or facilities, to the extent that an agreement entered into with another subdivision requires the other subdivisions to pay to the municipal corporation amounts equivalent to debt charges on the securities
- (H) Securities issued under order of the director of health or director of environmental protection under Section 6109.18, O.R.C..
- (I) Securities issued under Section 3, 10, or 12 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution
- (J) Securities that are not general obligations of the municipal corporation
- (K) Voted securities issued for the purposes of urban redevelopment to the extent that their principal amount does not exceed an amount equal to two percent of the tax valuation of the municipal corporation
- (L) Unvoted general obligation securities to the extent that the legislation authorizing them includes covenants to appropriate annually from lawfully available municipal income taxes, and to continue to levy and collect municipal income taxes in, amounts necessary to meet the debt charges on those securities
- (M) Self-supporting securities issued prior to July 1, 1977, under Chapter 133, O.R.C.. of the successor state university allocated to debt charges on those securities from sources other than municipal excises and taxes, are sufficient to pay those debt charges

- (N) Special assessment bonds or notes issued in anticipation of the levy or collection of special assessments, either in original or refunded form.
- (O) Securities issued in anticipation of the collection of current revenue for the fiscal year or other period not to exceed twelve consecutive months, or securities issued in anticipation of the collection of the proceeds from a specifically identified voter approved tax levy
- (P) General Obligation Securities issued for purposes under Section 133.12, O.R.C.
- (Q) Bonds issued to pay final judgement or court approved settlements under authorizing laws and securities issued under Section 2744.081, O.R.C.
- (R) Other types of exempt debt:

Specify:

TOTAL \$ 15,927,000.00

4 Total bonds and notes subject to 10-1/2% limitation (2 minus 3) \$ 9,420,000.00

(A) Amount in sinking fund or bond retirement fund applicable to the payment of principal: \$ -

(B) Net amount subject to 10-1/2% limitation: \$ 9,420,000.00

5 Bonds and notes included in item 4 above but issued WITHOUT AUTHORITY OF AN ELECTION \$ 9,420,000.00

(A) Amount in sinking fund or bond retirement fund applicable to the payment of principal: \$ -

(B) Net amount subject to 5-1/2% limitation: \$ 9,420,000.00

6 Bonds and notes included in items 4 and 5 above, issued during PRESENT CALENDAR YEAR WITHOUT AUTHORITY OF AN ELECTION: \$ 5,280,000.00

I FURTHER CERTIFY (a) that the income from the waterworks, sewer system, off-street parking and other revenue producing facilities for which bonds were issued as included in item 3(F) above is sufficient to cover all operating expenses of such facilities and interest charges on such bonds and to provide a sufficient amount for retirement or sinking fund to retire \$ _____ principal amount of such bonds as they become due, and (B) that revenues of the municipal university or of the municipal recreational facilities, from sources other than taxation, are sufficient to pay all operating expenses of the residence halls or recreational facilities, and the principal and interest on \$ _____ principal amount of bonds included in item 3(M) above, as they become due.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of September, 2000

Jennifer Heft

Finance Director
Title

**TEN - MILL CERTIFICATE
FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ISSUING UNVOTED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES**

The undersigned, COUNTY AUDITOR of WARREN COUNTY, OHIO, hereby certifies in connection with a proposed issue of Bonds, Notes of the City of Mason in the principal amount of \$ 800,000.00 dated _____, 2001, that the tax rates required to produce the highest annual debt charges for the proposed issue and all other issues of said subdivision and the subdivisions overlapping it, which are payable from taxes subject to the 10 mill limitation of Article XII, Section 2, Ohio Constitution, based upon the facts hereinafter set forth and assuming that all levies were to be made therefor on the general tax duplicate are as follows:

Overlapping Subdivisions	Assessed Valuation	Bonds and Notes Outstanding	Present Principal Amount	Debt Charges for fiscal year in which they will total the highest, to-wit, 2002	Required Tax Rate for Two Previous Columns
Warren	\$ 3,672,120,843.00	(a) Special Assessment bonds & notes in original or refunded form:	\$ 16,950,000.00	\$ 868,500.00	0.4860 MILLS
		(b) All other bonds & notes payable from or secured by taxes inside 10 mill limitations:	\$ 13,037,369.00	\$ 371,800.00	0.2087 MILLS
Mason	\$ 710,086,410.00	(a) Special Assessment bonds & notes in original or refunded form:	\$ 1,335,000.00	\$ 161,000.00	0.3468 MILLS
		(b) All other bonds & notes payable from or secured by taxes inside 10 mill limitation:	\$ 14,655,000.00	\$ 922,500.00	2.4422 MILLS
Mason City	\$ 905,989,063.00	Bonds & notes payable from taxes inside 10 mill limitation:	\$ 1,075,000.00	\$ 223,833.00	0.3036 MILLS
		(a) Special Assessment bonds & notes in original or refunded form:	\$ -	\$ -	- MILLS
		(b) All other bonds & notes payable from or secured by taxes inside 10 mill limitation:	\$ -	\$ -	- MILLS
		Proposed issue:	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	0.1239 MILLS
		TOTAL			3.9112 MILLS

Dated this _____ 24th _____ day of _____ September _____, 2001

PECK, SHAFER & WILLIAMS
BOND ATTORNEYS
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Nick Nelson, Warren County Auditor