

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-1

**CERTIFYING THAT DOWNTOWN MASON QUALIFIES FOR FUNDING UNDER THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, Downtown Mason which is defined as the six blocks on Main Street from Kings Mill Road to Mason road, and the four blocks on Reading Road (U.S. 42) from Main Street to Fourth Street qualifies as a slum and blight area, and;

WHEREAS, Downtown Mason is comprised of many historically significant buildings that are typical of Mason's rich architectural and historical past, and;

WHEREAS, several public community facilities including the post office and local newspaper office have recently moved out of Downtown Mason, and the municipal building, city engineering building and fire department will relocate out of Downtown Mason in 2002 resulting in approximately 23,000 square feet of vacant building space in Downtown Mason in addition to the existing 30,000 square feet of vacant commercial space which already exists in downtown, and;

WHEREAS, in August and September, 2000 Building Condition Surveys and Infrastructure Survey were conducted in Downtown Mason, and;

WHEREAS, based on findings of these surveys, Downtown Mason qualifies for funding under the Community Development Block Grant program, and;

WHEREAS, such funding will complement City efforts for a comprehensive revitalization program for downtown Mason.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, 7 members elected thereto concurring:

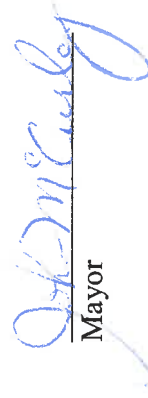
Section 1. That Downtown Mason qualifies under the Community Development Block Grant National Objective as a slum and blight area.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 8th day of January 2001

Attest:


Teresa Schulte
Clerk of Council


Mayor