

ORDINANCE 2018- 79

DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.07-K REGARDING THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF MASON.

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Public, Council and City of Mason Staff to require Standards of Best Practice for the acquisition of real property in the City of Mason;

WHEREAS, the Standards of Best Practice will provide to Council, Staff and the Public transparency and information essential to ensure that the law is followed, that conflicts of interest are disclosed and that the public is informed when appropriate so that open and fair discussion of land transactions may be discussed in public before real estate purchases are completed by the city;

WHEREAS, Council wishes to place this issue on the ballot for consideration of the electors of the City of Mason at the November 6, 2018, general election; and

WHEREAS, Council has the prerogative to place a matter of the Charter Amendment on the ballot by two-thirds majority vote of the members of Council, with or without petition.

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

Section 1. That Section 3.07-K, Powers of Council, of the Charter of the City of Mason, may be revised as follows

K. The power to acquire title to or interests in real property shall be vested in the Council, whether such property is acquired by: the exercise of the power of eminent domain, purchase, gift, lease, devise, bequest, in trust, or otherwise.

The power to sell or otherwise convey, lease or grant interests in real property shall be vested in the Council. Such sale, conveyance, lease or grant shall be in the manner as provided by the ordinance authorizing the sale, conveyance, lease, or grant. Title to all real property shall be taken in the name of the municipality.

Council shall follow standards of best practice when considering the purchase or sale of real property including disclosure of possible conflicts of interest according to rules and regulations to be adopted by Council and not otherwise in conflict with this Charter or the laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 2. That this matter shall be placed on the November 6, 2018, general election ballot for consideration by the electors of the City of Mason.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is found to be the submission of a question to the electorate, and pursuant to Section 4.08 of the Charter of the City of Mason, shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed this 9th day of July, 2018.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council