

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has recently received notice from OKI that it is considering an amendment to the OKI Regional Water Quality Management Plan prepared under Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is being requested by Warren County and the City of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, information has been provided to OKI, which indicates that because no county owned waste water facilities are in close proximity to the proposed area and none are contemplated in the foreseeable future, sewer service can be provided most expeditiously and efficiently by the City of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, this information fails to mention that the City of Mason's Water Reclamation Plant property line abuts the subject property, while the City of Lebanon's facility is over one mile to the east; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason owns and operates a state-of-the-art waste water treatment facility adjacent to the proposed development; and

WHEREAS, the location and topography of the area proposed for development also lends to a natural planning area boundary that sends that waste to the City of Mason's waste water treatment facility.

WHEREAS, the impacts to the Mason City School system, local parks, transportation network and other public infrastructure demands careful consideration of any amendments to the current Water Quality Management Plan.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. That the City of Mason respectfully requests that OKI reject this proposal submitted by Warren County and the City of Lebanon.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall be effective immediately upon its passage. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to express the request of Mason City Council at the earliest possible date.

Passed this 13th day of January, 2014.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

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