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## **ORDINANCE NO. 5747-2020**

AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILIY SUSPENDING PARKING LOT AND SIDEWALK REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR 180 DAYS TO ALLOW LOCAL BUSINESSES TO USE PROPERTY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH OHIO'S RESPONSIBLE RESTARTOHIO PLAN AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis within the State of Ohio, Governor Mike DeWine signed an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State;

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted in Ohio Revised Code 3701.13, the Director of Health for the State of Ohio, Amy Acton, issued a Stay Home Order which required all non-essential businesses and operations to cease all activities within the State;

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine announced details for Ohio's Responsible RestartOhio plan whose guiding principles were to protect the health of employees, customers, and their families, supporting community efforts to control the spread of COVID-19, and responsibly getting Ohio back to work;

**WHEREAS**, part of the Responsible RestartOhio plan provides for certain business, industry and services to reopen in phases while following a detailed list of guidelines to ensure the businesses and establishments will operate in the safest manner;

**WHEREAS**, the Responsible RestartOhio plan calls for local governments to assist in meeting its goals;

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to assist and accommodate our existing local businesses in their continued operations and/or reopening under the Responsible RestartOhio plan, the City will order a temporary and conditional suspension of and enforcement of the parking lot and sidewalk requirements and restrictions for businesses found throughout the North Ridgeville Codified Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

- **SECTION 1.** Any and all sidewalk and parking lot requirements or restrictions for existing businesses found throughout the North Ridgeville Codified Ordinances are *conditionally* suspended and will not be enforced for a period of One Hundred and Eighty Days (180) days.
- **SECTION 2**. The suspension is conditioned upon the submission of a Sidewalk/Parking Lot Usage Plan to the City's Building Department for review and necessary approval.
- **SECTION 3**. The Sidewalk/Parking Lot Usage Plan must: a) include the property owner's approval, b) adhere to the safety guidelines provided by the Ohio Department of Health and the Responsible RestartOhio Plan, c) provide for the safe and unencumbered entry and exit of safety forces, and d) take into consideration the interest of other tenants and/or property owners on the same or adjoining parcels.
- **SECTION 4.** There will be no fee associated with the filing of the Sidewalk/Parking Lot Usage Plan.
- **SECTION 5.** If the Sidewalk/Parking Lot Usage Plan is not approved by the Chief Building Officer, an appeal may be filed by the applicant within seven (7) days after notice of the disapproval with the Mayor of North Ridgeville and/or his designee.
- **SECTION 6.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were conducted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- **SECTION 7.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being in order to give the businesses some relief in conjunction with the RestartOhio Plan. Wherefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: May 18, 2020

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: .A

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: May 20, 2020

MAYOR