

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE RICHFIELD CROSSROADS DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) in 2010 announced a program called the “Connecting Communities Planning Grant” designed to help communities study the balance between land use decisions and transportation infrastructure investment and to enhance neighborhoods by improving transportation connections and promoting alternative modes of transportation such as walking, biking and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Village was one of the first recipients of the AMATS Connecting Communities grant and undertook the study of the approximately 550 acre area bound by Interstate 271 and Interstate 77, intersected by Wheatley and Brecksville Roads, and extending to the back of parcels along Congress and Highlander Parkways on the south and west (the Richfield Crossroad District”); and

WHEREAS, the Village and AMATS executed the study process working with stakeholders from the business community including property owners, developers, residents, and elected and appointed officials, and held meetings with stakeholder groups, the Village Planning Commission, and Village Council; and

WHEREAS, the AMATS/Connecting Communities study process resulted in development of a proposed concept plan and recommendations addressing Multi-Modal Transportation, Land Use and further studies; and

WHEREAS, Council passed Resolution 48-2012 that approved and adopted the April 2012 Richfield Crossroads District; and

WHEREAS, Council passed Resolution 83-2018 authorizing an agreement with Kaczmar Architects, Inc. to develop form-based architectural and design guidelines for the Richfield Crossroads District Project; and

WHEREAS, the architectural and design guidelines reiterate the goals of the Richfield Crossroads District concept plan that future development of the Richfield Crossroads District be a desirable place live and work; promote Richfield’s competitive location for commerce; create an attractive new district for commerce that will result in higher land values; bring additional revenue to the community; enhance the quality of life for residents and commercial enterprises; provide a safe environment to utilize non-motorized modes of transportation; and improve the transportation systems to manage future increases volume of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s Planning and Zoning Commission adopted the architectural and design guidelines for the Richfield Crossroads District developed by Kaczmar Architects, Inc. on November 10, 2020.

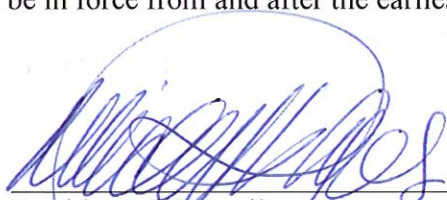
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, County of Summit, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The November 10, 2020 Architecture and Design Guidelines for the Richfield Crossroads District attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is approved and adopted.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

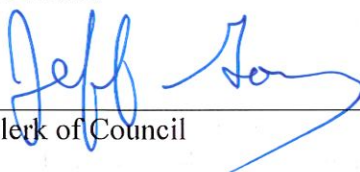
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President of Council

  
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Mayor

Dated: 12/15/2020

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of Council