

**Village of Mantua, Ohio
RESOLUTION 2015-12**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PORTAGE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS RELATING TO FUNDING FOR THE PORTAGE COUNTY
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM AND THE PORTAGE COUNTY
URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, The Village of Mantua recognizes the need to establish a local funding mechanism to maintain and improve hazardous materials response and search and rescue capabilities to benefit the citizens of Portage County; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to authorize the Mayor to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Portage County Commissioners relating to the establishment of such a funding mechanism.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Mantua, two-thirds or more of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

SECTION 1: The Mayor of the Village of Mantua is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Portage County Commissioners in substantially the same form as set forth in “Exhibit A”, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted 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 compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, in order to expedite implementation of the funding mechanism for the benefit of the citizens of Mantua Village, and for that reason this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon proper passage by the Council.

PASSED AS EMERGENCY, this 17th day of March, 2015.

Attest:

Linda Clark, Mayor

Jenny August, Clerk of Council

I, Jenny August, Clerk of the Village of Mantua, Ohio, hereby certify that this Resolution was duly published by public posting at pre-designated posting places in the Village of Mantua on the ____ day of March, 2015.

Jenny August, Clerk of Council

Approved as to legal form:

Michele Stuck, Solicitor

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EXHIBIT A

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BY AND AMONG THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND TOWNSHIPS OF PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

The Portage County Board of Commissioners and the undersigned Municipal Corporations and Townships of County of Portage (collectively "political subdivisions"), State of Ohio do enter this Memorandum of Understanding on this _____ day of _____, 2015.

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement recognize that the Portage County Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Portage County Urban Search and Rescue Team provide critical services that benefit the citizens of Portage County; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement recognize that previously available sources of outside funding necessary to sustain these critical services are increasingly scarce; and

WHEREAS, all parties to this Agreement wish to establish a local funding mechanism to maintain and improve hazardous materials response and search and rescue capabilities to benefit the citizens of Portage County; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire that such a funding mechanism represent the highest ideals of mutual aid, assistance and cooperation exemplified in the emergency management community of Portage County; and

WHEREAS, the Portage County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor the service and sacrifice of the emergency response community on behalf of the citizens and natural environment of Portage County, State of Ohio;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants contained in this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties hereto agree to establish and maintain the following funding mechanism in perpetuity to support the Portage County Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Portage County Urban Search and Rescue Team.

A. Portage County Municipal Corporations, Townships and the Portage County Board of Commissioners

1. Each political jurisdiction agrees to pay an assessment of Zero Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$0.21) per resident per calendar year for the operation and maintenance of the Portage County Hazardous Materials Response Team.
2. Each political jurisdiction agrees to pay an assessment of an additional Zero Dollars and Two Cents (\$0.02) per this year for the operation and maintenance of the Portage County Urban Search and Rescue Team. The fund will be reevaluated after the first year of service.
3. The Director of Portage County Emergency Management shall calculate and provide each political jurisdiction the assessment amount due. The Director shall obtain and use the population given in the most recent United States Census Estimate when calculating the assessment due.
4. Each political jurisdiction shall pay the total assessment amount owed and remit payment of said amount to the Director and payable to the "Portage County Treasurer".

B. Mutual Aid Agreement

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Each political subdivision will provide mutual aid to all jurisdictions and municipalities within Portage County when resources are needed and will make all reasonable effort to respond to each location. A political subdivision that has not paid pursuant to this MOU shall be subject to normal operating charges per R.C. 3745.13 and any other applicable State and Federal laws.

**PORTAGE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MANTUA VILLAGE

Kathleen Chandler, Commissioner

Linda Clark, Mayor

Maureen T. Frederick, Commissioner

Date

Vicki A. Kline, Commissioner

Acknowledged By:

Portage County Homeland
Security and Emergency Management

Ryan Shackelford, Director

Approved as to form

Portage County Assistant Prosecutor