

Village of Mantua, Ohio
ORDINANCE 2021-23

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A BLIGHTED AREA IN THE HISTORIC MAIN STREET COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Mantua recognizes that the buildings and surrounding lots of the historic Main Street commercial district, located at the northeast corner of Main and Prospect Streets, suffer from the effects of deterioration, dilapidation, age and obsolescence, vacancy of land due to previous fire, and other hazards that endanger lives or properties; and

WHEREAS, this Council further recognizes the importance of this area to the community, due to its central and highly visible location in the Village, the significant local businesses located in the district, and its inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places since 1975; and

WHEREAS, the property owners within the district desire to conduct repair and rehabilitation of the structures and parcels in the district, and seek to pursue Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Targets of Opportunity funds in furtherance of that goal; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain grant funding to accomplish the needed remediation, it is necessary for the Council of the Village of Mantua to declare this a blighted area; and

WHEREAS, the Mantua Village Planning Commission has recommended making this finding and supporting the efforts of the property owners.

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

SECTION 1. It is formally found that the historic Main Street commercial district, located at the northeast corner of Main and Prospect Streets, is comprised of the following Portage County Permanent Parcel Numbers: 24-041-13-00-045-000, 24-041-13-00-046-000, 24-041-13-00-047-000, 24-041-13-00-048-000, 24-041-13-00-049-000, 24-041-13-00-056-000, 24-041-13-00-057-000, 24-041-13-00-058-000, 24-041-13-00-059-000, and 24-041-13-00-059-001.

SECTION 2. The Council of the Village of Mantua hereby finds, determines and declares that the historic Main Street commercial district is a “Blighted Area”, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 1.08, in that at least seventy per cent (70%) of the parcels therein suffer from at least two of the following factors: deterioration, dilapidation, age and obsolescence, vacancy, and other hazards that endanger lives or properties.

SECTION 3. This Council hereby expresses its support of the efforts of the property owners of the historic Main Street commercial district in seeking CDBG Targets of Opportunity funds in furtherance of the rehabilitation and remediation of the area.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Section 121.22 of the

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Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure in order to facilitate and support the property owners' efforts in obtaining CDBG grant funding and effecting remediation of the blighted area on Main Street in the Village of Mantua, and shall become effective immediately upon its proper passage by this Council.

PASSED AS EMERGENCY this 20th day of April, 2021.

Attest:

Linda Clark, Mayor

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer

I hereby certify the above Ordinance was duly posted at the five (5) public notice locations in the Village of Mantua, Ohio on the ___ day of April, 2021.

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to Legal Form:

Michele Stuck, Solicitor