

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23

Introduced by William Biddlecombe

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE FILING OF A PETITION WITH THE ERIE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT REQUESTING THAT VACANT LAND LOCATED AT 531 BERLIN ROAD, HURON, OHIO, BEING ALL OF ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 42-01067.000, BE FORFEITED TO THE CITY OF HURON PURSUANT TO SECTION 5723.01(A)(3) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; RATIFYING THE CITY OF HURON'S ACCEPTANCE OF SAME; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the real property located at 531 Berlin Road, Huron, Ohio, being all of Erie County, Ohio Permanent Parcel Number 42-01067.000 (hereinafter, the "Property") has been offered for sheriff's sale on two separate occasions, with said sales being not less than two weeks apart, and on each occasion the parcel was not sold for want of bidders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huron has outstanding liens against the Property totaling in excess of Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00);

WHEREAS, the Erie County Common Pleas Court, under Case No. 2024 CV 0194, issued a Judgment Entry of Notification and Offer Pursuant to Ohio R.C. Section 5723.01(A)(3) dated August 15, 2025 (hereinafter the "Judgment Entry") providing an opportunity for the City to request that the Property be forfeited to the City by filing a Petition seeking such forfeiture within ten (10) days of the date of said Judgment Entry (see Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Huron to acquire the Property for future resale to recoup some or all of the funds it is owed;

WHEREAS, ratification of the City's actions is required because the Petition requesting forfeiture of the Property had to be, and was, timely filed with the Erie County Common Pleas Court by the August 25, 2025 deadline, before this meeting was held; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that acquisition of the Property through forfeiture is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

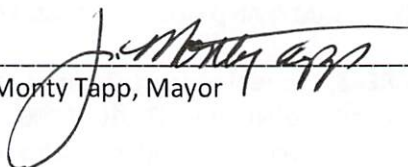
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the filing of a Petition with the Erie County Court of Common Pleas in response to a Judgment Entry of Notification and Offer Pursuant to R.C. Section 5723.01(A)(3) issued by the Erie County Common Pleas Court in Case No. 2024 CV 0194, requesting that vacant real property located at 531 Berlin Road in Huron, Ohio (PPN: 42-01067.000) be forfeited to the City is hereby ratified. A copy of the Judgment Entry is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof by reference.

SECTION 2. That the Interim City Manager's acceptance of the conveyance of the Property upon acceptance of the City's Petition by the Court is hereby ratified.

SECTION 2. That 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 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 O.R.C. §121.22.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure primarily due to the response date of 10 days from issuance of the Judgment Entry on August 15, 2025, and is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare and it is imperative this Ordinance be effective immediately, **WHEREFORE**, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.



Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: **26 AUG 2025** _____