

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-14**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND'S 2013  
COMPREHENSIVE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, this Council passed Resolution 13-11, authorizing filing of the Application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Tier 1 Downtown Revitalization Program; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council passed Resolution 6-13, endorsing the concept of a local Main Street program and to support the submittal of an application to Heritage Ohio to become an Ohio Main Street Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the historical, cultural and aesthetic heritage of the City of Ashland's Downtown Business District is among its most valued assets and that the preservation and redevelopment of this heritage is essential to the promotion of the health, prosperity and general welfare of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ashland received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Tier 1 Grant funding for the purpose of working with the Community to develop a comprehensive plan to promote redevelopment of the Downtown Business District; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ashland's Downtown Business District was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to stimulate revitalization of the Downtown Business District and to promote and enhance local historical and aesthetic attractions to tourists and thereby promote and stimulate business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan states to support the preservation, revitalization and future development of the Downtown Business District for long term continuity and economic development to serve residents within the vicinity of the City of Ashland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan reinforces the worth and depicts the role of the Downtown Business District to the community and provides guidance to existing and future property owners, developers, and users of the district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan will be utilized by the City and property owners as a guide for the foreseeable future, but not a legal mandate, for the future development of the Downtown Business District with the goals of increasing private investment, employment, commerce, property tax base and vitality; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Ashland, State of Ohio, 4 members thereto concurring:

**Section 1.** That Council of the City of Ashland, Ohio hereby endorses and supports the 2013 Comprehensive Downtown Revitalization Plan to be used as a flexible framework for further downtown redevelopment efforts.

**Section 2.** That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowable by law.

PASSED: October 7, 2014 /s/ Stephen L. Stuart  
Stephen L. Stuart, President of Council

Attest: /s/ Lindsey Gardiner Approved: /s/ Glen P. Stewart  
Lindsey Gardiner, Council Clerk Glen P. Stewart, Mayor

Approved as to form & correctness:

/s/ Richard P. Wolfe Date: October 7, 2014  
Richard P. Wolfe II - Director of Law