ORDINANCE NO. 17-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-10 CONSOLIDATING AND INCREASING THE OVERALL BOUNDARIES OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF ASHLAND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 21-10 implemented Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, established and described the boundaries of a Community Reinvestment Area in the City of Ashland, designated a Housing Officer to administer the program, and created a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council.

WHEREAS, this Council desires to expand the boundaries of the overall Community Reinvestment Area within the City of Ashland; and

WHEREAS, such additional area was found to be similar to already established Community Reinvestment Areas within the City of Ashland; and

WHEREAS, a survey of housing, as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.66, is on file in the office of the Mayor, having been prepared for the additional area to be included in the proposed Community Reinvestment Area; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of existing and construction of new structures in such areas would serve to encourage economic stability, maintain real property values, and generate new employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the remodeling of existing structures or the construction of new structures in this Community Reinvestment Area constitutes a public purpose for which real property exemptions may be granted; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Ashland, State of Ohio, 5 members thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the area designated as the 2015 Community Reinvestment Area constitutes an area in which housing facilities or structures of historical significance are located, and in which new construction or repair of existing facilities has been discouraged.

Section 2. That pursuant to ORC Section 3735.66, the 2015 Ashland Community Reinvestment Area is hereby established in the following described area:

Situated in the County of Ashland, State of Ohio, the 2015 City of Ashland Community Reinvestment Area will encompass all portions of land within the corporation limits of the City of Ashland and shall be amended hereafter to include all portions of land upon annexation.

Section 3. That the provisions of Ordinance No. 21-10 shall apply to the above described area of consolidation and expansion of the Community Reinvestment Area within the City of Ashland.

Section 4. That this Council finds that the area included within the above described area of consolidation and expansion of the Community Reinvestment Area is one in which housing facilities or structures are located and new residential, commercial and industrial construction and repairs of existing facilities or structures are discouraged.

Section 5. That this Council reserves the right to re-evaluate the designation of the 2015 Community Reinvestment Area after December 31, 2025, at which time the Council may direct the Mayor to reassess the boundaries of said area.

Section 6. That the Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the ORC.

Section 7. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon confirmation by the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency of the findings in this Ordinance.

Section 8. That the Mayor of the City of Ashland is hereby directed and authorized to petition the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency to confirm the findings contained within this Ordinance.

Passed: April 7, 2015

Stephen L. Stuart, President of Council

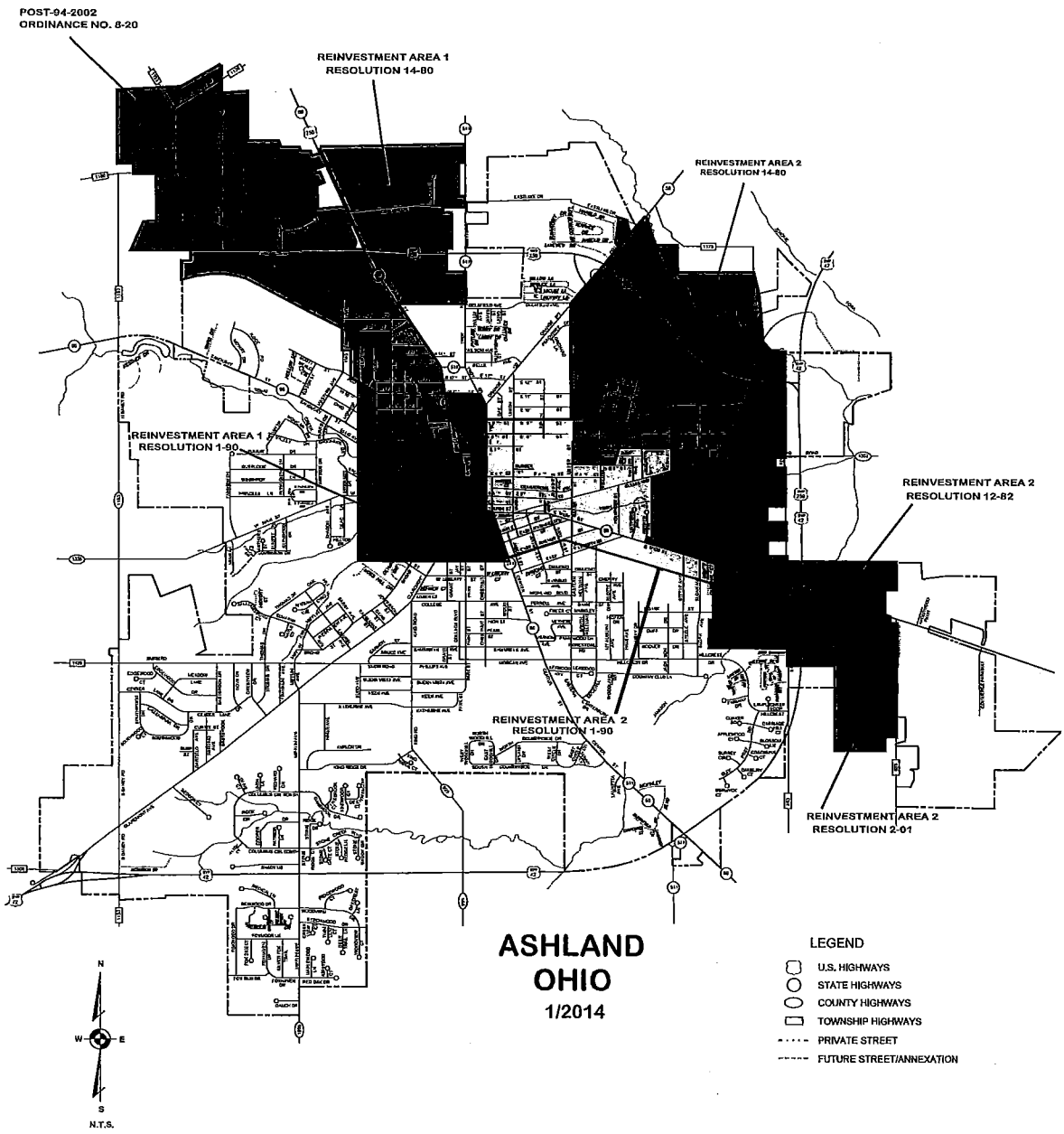
Attest: Elizabeth A. McClurg
Elizabeth A. McClurg, Interim Clerk of Council

Approved: Glen P. Stewart
Glen P. Stewart, Mayor

Approved as to form and correctness:

Richard P. Wolfe
Richard P. Wolfe, Director of Law

Date: April 7, 2015



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