

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE OPPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK TO LEGISLATION PENDING IN THE OHIO
GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ELIMINATE MAYORS COURTS IN OHIO, TO URGE
THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DEFEAT SAID LEGISLATION, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Ohio General Assembly, which, if adopted, would eliminate Mayors Courts in Ohio, a system of local justice that has existed and worked well for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Minerva Park strongly believes that providing and maintaining a locally administered system of justice through a Mayors Court is absolutely essential to the quality of life of the Village of Minerva Park and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, local communities should be given the opportunity to maintain a system of local justice that affords constitutional protections and provides a court located in and presided over by a judge who is familiar with the local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Village of Minerva Park, Franklin County, State of Ohio, that:

- Section 1. The Council hereby expresses, in the strongest terms possible and for the reasons set forth above, its opposition to the proposed elimination of Mayors Courts throughout the State of Ohio and urges the Ohio General Assembly to defeat any legislation, including Substitute House Bill 154 and Senate Bill 252, whose purpose it to eliminate Mayors Courts in Ohio.
- Section 2. The Clerk-Treasurer be and hereby is instructed to forward a duly certified copy of this Resolution to Ohio legislators representing constituencies in Central Ohio, including but not limited to State Senator Goodman and State Representatives Bacon, Flowers, and Wolpert. The Clerk-Treasurer is further instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.
- Section 3. All prior resolution(s) or any part thereof, which is(are) inconsistent with this resolution is(are) hereby repealed as to the inconsistent part(s) thereof and the remainder of said resolution(s) not inconsistent with this resolution shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 4. Council hereby declares this to be an emergency measure necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Minerva Park, such emergency arising from the need to have opposition voiced as soon as possible so as to prevent the legislation from being passed. Wherefore, this resolution shall take effect and shall be in force upon its passage.

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Second Reading: Waived March 10, 2008
Third Reading: Waived March 10, 2008
Passed: March 10, 2008

Lynn Eisentrout, Mayor, Village of Minerva Park

Attest Suzanne Coulter, Clerk-Treasurer,
Village of Minerva Park

Reviewed by Counsel