

ORDINANCE NO. 300 (22-23)

An Ordinance to authorize and direct the Auditor of the City of Marietta, Ohio, to allocate funds in the amount of \$25,000.00, to be used by the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) for purposes of assisting the City of Marietta, Ohio in the City's efforts to eradicate slum and blight, and for further assisting the City in the revitalization of said blighted properties, for the benefit of the City of Marietta, Ohio and the Community, and declaring an EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Marietta is committed to the improvement of living conditions for all citizens, and is engaged in long term efforts to remediate slum and blight properties across the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is seeking both technical and financial partners who can provide supporting resources to assist in this challenging long term endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) acknowledges that residential housing challenges are a top priority in improving the economic development conditions in Washington County, Ohio, and seeks opportunities to partner with local governments and stakeholders in order to bring resources to bear on this challenge; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) has agreed to partner with the City of Marietta, Ohio, in an effort to help the City with eradicating blight and slum and with the revitalization and/or redevelopment of the former blighted properties, so said properties may be redeveloped in such a manner so as to benefit the City of Marietta and the Community; and

WHEREAS, the program described herein shall be referred to as the "Residential Revitalization Pilot Program"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marietta, Ohio wishes to create a pilot program, wherein the City will partner with the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA), who will assist

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the City of Marietta, Ohio in eradicating slum and blight throughout the City, and who will further assist the City with the revitalization of said slum and blighted properties by redeveloping said properties for the benefit of the City of Marietta, Ohio, and the Community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marietta, Ohio wishes to allocate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) as seed money, or start-up monies, to be placed in a special fund that may be co-mingled with funding that the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) may obtain, to be used in the City and the Port Authority's joint effort to eradicate blight and slum and then revitalize and/or redevelop the former blight and slum properties for the benefit of the City of Marietta, Ohio and the Community; and

WHEREAS, the partnering between the City of Marietta and the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) shall be a "not for profit" partnership, wherein a bank account will be established at Settler's Bank in Marietta, Ohio. The monies allocated herein shall be placed in said bank account and used only for the purposes of combating blight and slum and for redevelopment of former blighted properties in such a manner that it will benefit the City of Marietta, Ohio and the Community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marietta, Ohio and the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) recognize the long term challenges that slum and blight represent, any funds realized through the Residential Revitalization Pilot Program, whether through sale, lease, or other means, will be reinvested back into the Residential Revitalization Pilot Program for its future continuation and success; now wherefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARIETTA, OHIO:

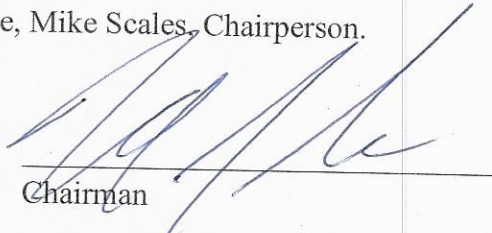
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- Section 1: That the Auditor of the City of Marietta shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to allocate funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be used by Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) for purposes of assisting the City of Marietta, Ohio in the City's efforts to eradicate slum and blighted properties, and for the further redevelopment of said properties in such a manner that it will benefit the City of Marietta, Ohio and the Community. The City's partnering with Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) for this initial pilot program shall be referred to as the "Residential Revitalization Pilot Program".
- Section 2: That the allocation of the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be seed money or start-up monies to be placed in a special fund that may be co-mingled with funding that the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) may obtain, to be used in the City and the Port Authority's joint effort to eradicate blight and slum in the City, and for the revitalization of the former blighted and slum nuisance properties, so as to benefit of the City of Marietta, Ohio and the Community.
- Section 3: That the partnering between the City of Marietta and the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) shall be a "not for profit" partnership, wherein a bank account will be established at Settler's Bank in Marietta, Ohio. The monies allocated herein shall be placed in said bank account and used only for the purposes of combating blight and slum and for redevelopment and/or revitalization of former blighted properties.
- Section 4: That this Ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be an EMERGENCY measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City of Marietta, Ohio, and for the further reason that the problem with blight and slum properties needs to be addressed immediately as these properties present health and safety concerns to the citizens of Marietta, Ohio.

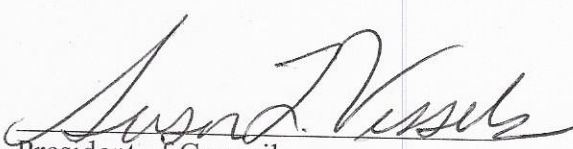
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WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

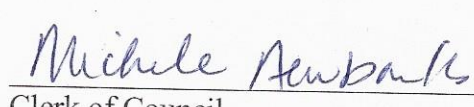
Introduced by the Finance and Taxation Committee, Mike Scales, Chairperson.


Chairman

Passed this 20th day of July, 2023.


President of Council

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

Approved this 20th day of July, 2023.


Mayor

First Reading	<u>July 20, 2023</u>
Second Reading	<u>Suspended</u>
Third Reading	<u>Suspended</u>