



**Ordinance 23-2023:** Establishing a Moratorium on the Processing and Issuance of Any Certificates of Appropriateness for the Uptown Plain City Historic District With Limited Exceptions

Ordinance 23-2023 failed to garner approval at the Council meeting on September 11, 2023 with a vote of three yeas and four nays. Ordinance 23-2023, prior to the vote to approve, received an affirmative motion to amend the timeframe of the moratorium to three-months, rather than the originally proposed six-month limit. Such changes and roll call for the vote and motion to amend may be viewed within the official minutes for the September 11, 2023 Council meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF ANY CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE UPTOWN PLAIN CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Plain City Council has received several appeals of decisions made by the Uptown Plain City Historic District Design Review Board in regards to certain Certificate of Appropriateness applications; and

**WHEREAS**, through the course of reviewing the appeals and subsequent discussion, Council has determined the need for comprehensive amendments to Chapter 1327 of the Plain City Codified Ordinances in order to revise the procedure in which Certificate of Appropriateness applications are processed and issued; and

**WHEREAS**, such a comprehensive amendment to Chapter 1327 will require extensive time and research, such that Council has determined the need to take measures to provide staff and legal counsel adequate time to complete said goal; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has deemed it necessary and appropriate to establish a moratorium, with limited exceptions, on the processing and issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness according to Chapter 1327 of the Plain City Codified Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has further deemed it necessary and appropriate that such a moratorium be effective for a period of six (6) months.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Plain City, Ohio, a majority of the members elected or appointed thereto concurring, as follows:

**Section 1.** Council hereby establishes a moratorium on the processing and issuance of any Certificates of Appropriateness, with the exceptions listed in Section 2 of this Ordinance, in order to allow Council, the Village staff, and legal counsel proper time to review and recommend comprehensive amendments to Chapter 1327 of the Plain City Codified Ordinances.

**Section 2.** The exception to Section 1 of this Ordinance are those items currently subject to administrative fast track approval pursuant to Plain City Codified Ordinances Section 1327.10.1. In addition, sections as they relate to signage in the Plain City Codified Ordinances Section 1327 are also exempt from Section 1 of this Ordinance and applications for the installation of such signage may still be considered by the Design Review Board.

**Section 3.** Any currently pending Certificate of Appropriateness applications shall be reviewed in accordance to the process set forth in Chapter 1327 of the Plain City Codified Ordinances and are

