

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-005 TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM, NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR, ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS THROUGH THE PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF STORAGE UNITS, STORAGE FACILITIES, STORAGE PODS AND SELF STORAGE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY OF RAVENNA, OH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Ohio and the pertinent provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, the City of Ravenna has the power to enact planning and zoning laws that are intended to protect the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by Article 18, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution to regulate land use in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare, including by establishing policies that control certain land uses in furtherance of sound urban development strategies; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ravenna has enacted such a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to reevaluate the current Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance in relation to the economic impact and saturation point of storage units, storage facilities, storage pods and self-storage establishments to protect the health, safety, welfare peace and comfort for the citizens of the City of Ravenna if a moratorium is in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION I: As of the effective date of the ordinance no building permits, site plan approvals, conditional use permits, zoning certificates, variances or other land use regulatory approvals shall be granted or issued for any storage units, storage facilities, storage pods and self-storage establishments. This moratorium shall be in effect from the effective date of this ordinance for a period of one year, to allow the City to assess its policies and options and implement zoning changes as they relate to the existing Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. This moratorium may be extended at the discretion of this Council.

SECTION II: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

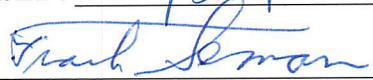
SECTION III: That this Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval by the Mayor for the reason that it is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Ravenna, Ohio and for the additional reason to provide as early a review of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as possible.

ATTEST:


CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Sponsored by:
Community & Economic Development
Committee of the Whole

PASSED: 2/24, 2025

MAYOR

APPROVED: 2/25, 2025

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2025-020 was duly published on 2/28/25
in the Record-Courier, Ravenna, Ohio.


CLERK OF COUNCIL

_____ 1st Reading
_____ 2nd Reading
_____ 3rd Reading

_____ Waive Rules
_____ Adopt Emergency Clause
_____ Adopted
_____ Assigned Committee