

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-034**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO HAVE THE CITY OF KENTON JOIN THE WESTERN OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION.**

WHEREAS, the City of Kenton recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continued growth and prosperity;

WHEREAS, the Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of delegates from different participating jurisdictions, including representatives of state and local governments and non-governmental organizations, interested in understanding and addressing the region's needs. The Commission is a forum for discussion and sharing of ideas and information among communities regarding local and regional issues. In addition, the LACRPC serves in an advisory capacity to community decision-makers who rely on the data, analyses, and planning recommendations the Commission provides.

WHEREAS, the Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission currently includes over 20 local governments and has for over 60 years addressed challenges and opportunities associated with growth and development in west-central Ohio, as well as working with its members to improve the quality of life within the region, both rural and urban alike; and

WHEREAS, the administration and Council have decided it would be advantageous for the City of Kenton to join the Western Ohio Rural Planning Organization and to take advantage of the opportunities provided within the organization as a means of benefitting the citizens of Kenton, Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kenton, Ohio:

SECTION I: The Mayor and/or Safety Service Director of the City of Kenton, Ohio is authorized to execute necessary documentation to join the Western Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Organization. Furthermore, Luke Underwood, Hardin County Engineer, hereby appoints Mayor, Lynn Webb, as their representative on the Hardin County subcommittee.

SECTION II. That it is 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 that resulted in such formal action occurred in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION III. This Resolution shall be an emergency measure for the immediate and best protection of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, the particular emergency being the need to timely enter into a contract for fire and equipment services in a timely manner. Therefore, if passed by the requisite two-thirds of all members elected to Council, this Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 27 day of December, 2023.

  
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President of Council

Attest:

  
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Clerk

Approved this 27 day of December, 2023.

  
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Mayor