

ORDINANCE NO. 18-20 AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING CHAPTER 1145 OF THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES (OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS) UNTIL MARCH 31, 2021, TO ALLOW FOR INVESTIGATION AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE PARKING AND ZONING REQUIREMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, this Council last addressed off-street parking requirements in 2008 with the passage of Ordinance 22-08 providing a schedule of on-premise parking space requirements based on a formula determined by use of vacant land; and

WHEREAS, these conventional, formula-driven parking requirements have not been reevaluated in over ten years, and that the requirements may have become outdated and inadequate in addressing the parking needs and the economic development objectives of the City; and

WHEREAS, alternative approaches to parking requirements, including but not limited to elimination of parking minimum requirements, have been adopted by other U.S. cities to encourage revitalization by leaving the decision on the provision of parking in the hands of developers, homeowners, and business owners rather than by City mandate; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to investigate the City's parking requirements in order to support the redevelopment of long-vacant buildings and underutilized properties, among others, to further promote downtown revitalization and citywide economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide immediate incentive to businesses or persons developing vacant buildings and underutilized properties, by suspending Chapter 1145 of the Port Clinton Codified Ordinances until March 31, 2021, to provide for temporary relief from current parking requirements; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines Chapter 1145 of the Port Clinton Codified Ordinances should be suspended until March 31, 2021, to allow for investigation and planning for future parking and zoning requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Port Clinton, County of Ottawa and State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Council supports, encourages and requests that Chapter 1145 of the Port Clinton Codified Ordinances be suspended until March 31, 2021, to allow for investigation and planning for future parking and zoning requirements in the City.

Section 2. This Council finds and determines that the immediate passage of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City, its property owners and businesses, and its residents.

Section 3. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in those actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that in order to promote the economic security of the public during and after the COVID-19 recession, it is necessary to immediately provide incentive to businesses and property owners by suspending Chapter 1145 of the Port Clinton Codified Ordinances until March 31, 2021 to allow for investigation and planning for future parking and zoning requirements in the City.

Wherefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____, 2020

President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Approved _____, 2020

Mayor