

ORDINANCE # O-16-2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 5722 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Tuscarawas County Treasurer periodically identifies tax delinquent properties located in the Village of Bolivar and has scheduled such properties to be included in a tax lien certificate sale and/or tax sale; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bolivar desires to keep properties designated or platted as public land or public reserves from being sold in a tax lien certificate sale and/or tax sale; and

WHEREAS, the presence of such tax delinquent properties in a neighborhood may detract from community attractiveness and erode economic health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code permit municipalities to adopt land reutilization programs and gain clear title to tax delinquent properties and also permit the Village to hold and manage properties in a land inventory and/or sell the properties to bring them back to tax revenue producing use; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Village of Bolivar to employ the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5722, the Village Council must adopt legislation to implement the provisions of this Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Bolivar, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. The existence of such tax delinquent properties scheduled for tax lien certificate sale and/or tax sale has necessitated the Village's implementation of a land reutilization program.

Section 2. The Village hereby adopts the Land Reutilization Program as set forth in Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. The Village is hereby authorized and directed to utilize the provisions of Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code to obtain land through a sale, pursuant to a foreclosure proceeding initiated by the Treasurer of Tuscarawas County (Section 5722.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and/or through sale of forfeited lands by the Auditor or Tuscarawas County in accordance with Section 5722.04 of the Ohio Revised Code) and/or conveyance in lieu of foreclosures in accordance with Section 5722.10 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. The Village is hereby directed to facilitate the effective reutilization of nonproductive land situated within the boundaries of the Village of Bolivar and to foster the return of non-productive, tax delinquent land to tax revenue generating status and/or devotion to public use.

Section 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all necessary agreements in order to implement the Land Reutilization Program of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5722, and deliver certified copies of this Ordinance to the Tuscarawas County Auditor, Treasurer, and Prosecutor.

Section 6. That Council declares this to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, welfare and morals such emergency arising because of the necessity of accomplishing the acquisition of lands which are causing public health and safety issues in timely and in an expeditious manner; wherefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED: June 1, 2015

REBECCA HUBBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIA APP, CLERK/TREASURER