

## RESOLUTION 20 - 18

By: Tim Madison

**A resolution supporting the environmental remediation of the Mayfield Apartment complex as a priority development project within the City of Bexley, and encouraging the Affordable Housing Trust of Central Ohio and Franklin County and the Ohio Water Development Authority to assist with financing to support this project**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayfield Apartment complex was developed in the early 1960s; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental tests of the Mayfield Apartments site indicate that it was constructed on top of a portion of an unlicensed and unregulated private landfill; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental tests of the Mayfield Apartments site indicate that soil contamination on the site exceeds Environmental Protection Agency VAP standards for residential occupancy; and

**Whereas**, the 2103 Bexley Strategic Plan, adopted by Bexley City Council via Ordinance 60-13 on November 19, 2013, says this about the Ferndale and Mayfield area: "fragmented ownership has resulted in inconsistent housing standards, with often inattentive landlords and with a higher ratio of criminal activities than is experienced in other areas of the City. The City needs to take a proactive role in remediating the environmental, structural, and police challenges in the area, while ensuring that affordable housing options continue to be available for residents in the area."; and

**Whereas**, per Ordinance 21-15, "the Mayor and Bexley City Council believe that a stabilized Livingston Avenue corridor is essential to the preservation of property values and the enhancement of the quality of life of residents and property owners in the immediate and surrounding areas"; and

**WHEREAS**, a private developer has committed to undertake the environmental remediation of the Mayfield Apartment complex, and to enhance the quality of housing units within the development while continuing to operate the complex as affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Trust of Columbus and Franklin County is considering the funding of the project, in keeping with its mission to facilitate and invest in developments designed to: create and preserve affordable homeownership and rental housing; strengthen and stabilize neighborhoods; and support working households, seniors and special needs populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Development Services Agency is considering the funding of the remediation project as a part of its ODWA Brownfield Loan Program,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY:**

**Section 1.**

That this Council hereby supports the commitment to remediate the environmental contamination and to enhance the quality of housing at the Mayfield Apartments, while continuing to maintain them as affordable housing units.

**Section 2.**

That this Resolution shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: Nov. 27, 2018

  
Lori Ann Feibel, President of Council

Attest:   
Clerk of Council

Approved: 11/27, 2018

  
Ben Kessler, Mayor

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