

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-3

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RENEWABLE SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ZONING AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL GREENHOUSE FACILITIES, PENDING THE ENACTMENT OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE RELEASE OF COMMERCIAL GREENHOUSE LIGHTING OUTSIDE OF ANY GREENHOUSE FACILITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Huron have repeatedly expressed extreme concerns about the excessive and exceedingly bright nighttime light emissions outside of the Mucci Farms greenhouse facility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that, in order to address these concerns, in addition to taking other actions to force Mucci to remedy the issue, an immediate moratorium should be instituted to prohibit the construction or expansion of commercial greenhouse facilities, in order to provide sufficient time for the Planning Commission to investigate and research all appropriate information to create a comprehensive ordinance regulating commercial greenhouse lighting outside of greenhouse facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That this Council authorizes a renewable six-month moratorium specifically prohibiting the issuance of any Zoning and/or Building permits under Chapters 1139 or 1321 of the Codified Ordinances relative to the construction or expansion of Commercial Greenhouse facilities within the City of Huron.

SECTION 2. That this Council determines that said moratorium shall remain in effect for six months, until June 22, 2019, unless renewed by Council, and shall remain in effect until Council enacts legislation regulating commercial greenhouse lighting outside of the greenhouse facility and until such legislation becomes effective under law.

SECTION 3. That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. §121.22.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, due to the need to adopt regulations governing greenhouse exterior lighting at the earliest

date possible. Therefore, this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage.

Brad Hartung, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: _____

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