RESOLUTION NO. 2018-31

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR MICHAEL DYLAN BRENNAN

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2018 MUNI GRANT PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF PEDESTRIAN AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUTH GREEN ROAD BETWEEN CEDAR AND SILSBY ROADS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Department of Development has allocated "Muni Grant" funding to award annual grants through a competitive process for eligible projects within the fifty-one communities of the "Cuyahoga Urban County"; and

WHEREAS, the Muni Grant funding will be provided for eligible projects located in an Improvement Target Area (ITA), a Low-Moderate Income (LMI) area, or an area designated as blighted by the community with evidence that the designated area meets HUD's blighted area definition; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Heights is eligible to apply for Muni Grant funding based on the 2010 U.S. Census, which identified the Northeast quadrant of University Heights (South of Cedar Road, East of South Belvoir Boulevard and Wrenford Road, North of Groveland Road and West of South Green, Campus, and Fenway Roads), as a LMI area; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Heights intends to submit a Muni Grant project proposal funding request that will benefit low and moderate income residents in the Northeast area of the City by improving pedestrian safety and ADA access to businesses and economic opportunities and adding streetscape elements to improve the appearance and viability of and attract investment to the local business district; and

WHEREAS, funding requests for a maximum of \$150,000 must be submitted by June 15, 2018 for the project period July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Muni Grant requires no matching cash funds from the City of University Heights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO, THAT:

<u>Section 1.</u> Authorization is given to Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan to submit this grant application to the Cuyahoga County Department of Development, acting as designated recipient of HUD Community Development Block Grant funds, for the Muni Grant Program and to execute a contract with Cuyahoga County if selected for funding.

Section 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. This resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of University Heights; such reason being that this resolution must be enacted in order to present the proposed project at a public meeting prior to submission of the required application documents by June 15, 2018. It shall therefore become effective upon its passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members of Council and approval of the Mayor; otherwise, it shall become effective at the earliest time allowed by law.

CITY OF DRIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Michael Dylan Brennan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council

Passed: June 4, 2018

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Luke McConville, Law Director