

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 019**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE CITY OF AKRON AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OPERATING IN THE AKRON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Biden Administration and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) established the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program with funding made available through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) for the development and implementation of plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants; and

**WHEREAS**, the CPRG Program is designated for specified metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) and the City of Akron and other government entities operating in the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (AMSA) anticipate the AMSA will have the opportunity to apply for CPRG funding for regional cooperative climate action plan implementation actions in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Akron and other government entities operating in the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (AMSA) are required to enter into a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the development of a regional cooperative climate action plan (CAP) so that a plan is already complete with identified implementation strategies when the USEPA has CPRG Program funding available for the AMSA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent desires to participate in the regional cooperative climate action plan process and enter into a Letter of Intent (LOI) with the City of Akron and other government entities operating in the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (AMSA) so work can begin on developing a regional cooperative climate action plan for the AMSA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County:

**SECTION 1.** That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into Letter of Intent with the City of Akron and other government entities located and operating in the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) on the development of a regional cooperative Climate Action Plan (CAP).

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: April 19, 2023  
Date

EFFECTIVE: April 19, 2023  
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens  
Amy Wilkens, CMC  
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala  
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Mayor and President of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2023-019, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON April, 2023.

(SEAL)

Amy Wilkens  
AMY WILKENS, CMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL