

ORDINANCE 2025-22 (AS AMEMDED)

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING OR APPROVAL OF ALL APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX ABATEMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Powell, by Ordinance 2023-10, established a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) as authorized by Section 3735.66 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, in light of comments and feedback from the public and community stakeholders, including the Olentangy Local School District, Council wishes to further study the tax abatement and exemption for new residential construction; and

WHEREAS, given the time needed to fully review the scope of desired tax abatements and exemptions for new residential construction and consult with affected stakeholders, City Council believes that a 90 days A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM is a reasonable time to obtain information it needs to determine how to proceed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF POWELL, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, a temporary ninety (90) day moratorium UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 on the SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, processing or approval of CRA Applications for new residential construction is hereby imposed. No application for abatement or exemption under the City's CRA program established by Ordinance 2023-10 shall be processed or approved or issued for new residential construction.

SECTION 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and any of its committees, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the **SECTION 3**: preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City and its inhabitants for the reason that this Ordinance must be immediately effective so that abatements not be issued that may be found to be against the best interests of the City, its constituents, and stakeholders; WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and immediately after its adoption.

Tom Counts

Mayor

City Clerk

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2, 2025

This legislation has been posted in accordance with

the City Charter on this date

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