

RESOLUTION NO. 042-17R

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF A NON-OPERATIONAL STEAM WHISTLE FROM THE FORMER AMERICAN CRAYON SITE AS BEING UNNECESSARY AND UNFIT FOR CITY USE; APPROVING THE DONATION OF THE WHISTLE TO THE HERITAGE SOCIETY OF ERIE COUNTY; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.**

**WHEREAS**, the City recently acquired the former American Crayon property located at 1706 Hayes Avenue which is in the process of demolition; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Old House Guild and Heritage Society of Erie County have been in conversations regarding the ability to salvage, preserve, and display certain items of interest from the former American Crayon site and subsequent to a site visit on July 29, 2017, it was requested to secure ownership of a non-operational steam whistle mounted atop one of the remaining buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Heritage Society of Erie County intends to evaluate the condition of the steam powered whistle and either display "as is" or restore to its original function, which for decades beckoned hundreds of Erie County workers to work each morning, announced the "dinner" hour, and signaled the end of the work shift each day, and be placed in the Heritage Barn at the Erie County Fairgrounds along with the collection of other American Crayon artifacts; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to salvage the steam whistle prior to the commencement of demolition activities at the American Crayon site scheduled later this month; and

**WHEREAS**, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Department of Community Development, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:


Section 1. This City Commission finds and determines that the non-operational steam whistle mounted atop one of the buildings at the former American Crayon site is unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter and authorizes and directs the City Manager to dispose of the non-operational steam whistle by donating it to the Heritage Society of Erie County.


Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction,

such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.

  
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DENNIS E. MURRAY, JR.  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

ATTEST:   
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KELLY L. KRESSER  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: August 14, 2017