

RESOLUTION NO. R95-5 CMS

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LORAIN COUNTY
REMAINING IN THE 216 AREA CODE
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Lorain County and the City of Oberlin conduct extensive commerce with Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, if Lorain County and Oberlin are assigned an area code different from Cuyahoga County, it will further complicate and hinder commerce by phone between the two counties; and,

WHEREAS, designation of an area code different than Cuyahoga County will harm economic development efforts to attract new businesses to Lorain County which conduct transactions with Cuyahoga County businesses by phone; and,

WHEREAS, Lorain County businesses, both large and small, will need to make costly investments to upgrade in-house phone systems, update marketing materials and inform vendors and suppliers of the new area code; and,

WHEREAS, Lorain County businesses risk a loss of revenue due to vendors and suppliers who are out of the region experiencing difficulties in reaching a Lorain County business due to the change in area code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Council and administration of the City of Oberlin do hereby express their support of Lorain County remaining in the 216 area code with Cuyahoga County.

SECTION 2. That the City of Oberlin does hereby urge the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to approve a plan which includes Lorain County in the 216 area code with Cuyahoga County.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward copies of this legislation to Members of the Public Utilities Commission, Century Telephone, Ameritech, Governor George Voinovich, State Senator Alan Zaleski, State Representative John Bender, Lorain County Commissions, Lorain County Chamber of Commerce, Oberlin Chamber of Commerce and the Clerks of Council in Lorain County.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the 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, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, to-wit:

"to keep the City of Oberlin with the same area code as Cuyahoga County

and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

APPROVED: 1st Reading - July 17, 1995 (E)
2nd Reading -
3rd Reading -

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL



CHAIR OF COUNCIL

POSTED: July 21, 1995

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 17, 1995 (E)