

**RESOLUTION 2000-4**

**TO INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY OF MASON'S POSITION  
RELATIVE TO PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION REFORM MEASURES**

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a bill proposing major changes in the annexation laws of the State of Ohio, characterized as a "Compromise Bill", will be introduced in the near future, and;

WHEREAS, the procedure set forth in Chapter 709 of the Ohio Revised Code properly protects the interests of property owners in determining the jurisdiction which best supports the highest and most efficient use of their land, and;

WHEREAS, the majority of the state's population resides within incorporated areas, and;

WHEREAS, the present "general good" test rightfully involves an approach that favors development based on comprehensive planning, availability of services, and the right of the property owner petitioners, and;

WHEREAS, the present law has proven to be a time tested system, which reflects the goals and ideals of this state as they relate to development and growth and adoption of proposed "Annexation Reform" would stifle, and in many instances, deter economic development.

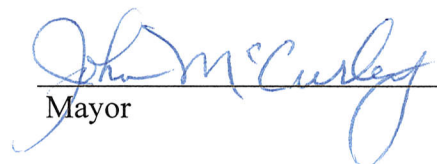
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mason, Warren County, Ohio.

SECTION 1: The Council of Mason hereby expresses its adamant opposition to any annexation reform bill that (1) removes a property owner's choice, (2) requires a township's approval, (3) does not emphasize that property should be located in a jurisdiction it can best be utilized, (4) changes the definition of "general good" to an area which includes outside the area sought to be annexed, or (5) requires individuals and corporations to pay back to townships taxes which are abated and hereby urges its State Representative and State Senator to oppose passage of such anti-economic development and anti-property owner's rights legislation.

SECTION 2: That the Clerk of the Council of the City of Mason, be and is hereby instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and chairpersons of the respective legislative committees considering annexation reform legislation.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passes this 27th day of March, 2000.

  
Mayor

Attest:

  
Clerk of Council