

SPONSORED BY: Don Nicolard, Council President  
REFERRED TO: Committee Work Session  
INTRODUCED BY: Scott Pelot, Economic Development Chair

## **CITY OF NORTON RESOLUTION NO. 3-2012**

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE NORTON BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the Norton Branch of the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) was first commissioner under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968;

WHEREAS, the Norton Branch is a full service branch of the USPS conveniently located for residents of the City at 3200 Greenwich Road;

WHEREAS, the USPS has announced its intention to close the Norton Branch, resulting in the loss of 15 mail carriers, 3 clerks and the Postmaster of the Norton Branch, all of whom currently pay City income tax;

WHEREAS, if the USPS closes the Norton Branch, the closest branch of the USPS will be located in Barberton, which will cause longer commute times for the residents of the City, longer commute times for mail carriers to the City and later delivery times for the mail;

WHEREAS, the Barberton Branch of the USPS is not easily accessible during the winter months and can pose potential risks to elderly residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to formally object to the proposed closure of the Norton Branch of the USPS due to the deleterious effects to both the City and its residents as outlined above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, State of Ohio, that:

- Section 1. This Council hereby formally objects to the proposed closure of the Norton Branch of the USPS because of the adverse impacts of that closure to both the City and its residents, as more particularly set forth in the recitals above.
- Section 2. The Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service, Congresswoman Betty Sutton, Senator Rob Portman and Senator Sherrod Brown.
- Section 3. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of

any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective at the earliest period allowed by law.

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Yeas \_\_\_\_\_ Nays

Date passed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Don Nicolard, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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Mike Zita, Mayor

I, Karla Richards, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution No. 3-2012** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, State of Ohio at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

That this legislation was posted according to law on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 and will become effective on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Karla Richards, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Peter M. Kostoff, Law Director, City of Norton, January 18, 2012.