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| DATE: | <u>June 2, 2025</u> | 1 ST READING: | <u>June 2, 2025</u> |
| INTRODUCED BY: | <u>Mayor Corcoran</u> | 2 ND READING: | <u>Dispensed</u> |
| REFERRED BY: | <u></u> | 3 RD READING: | <u>Dispensed</u> |
| | | ADOPTED: | <u>June 2, 2025</u> |
| | | EMERGENCY: | <u>June 2, 2025</u> |
| | | EFFECTIVE: | <u>June 2, 2025</u> |

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-84

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE GRANTING OF PERMITS AND ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF PLANNING COMMISSION OR NEW BUSINESS APPLICATIONS FOR SMOKE SHOPS IN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 180 DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND COUNCIL TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE CHANGES TO USE REGULATIONS IN THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, as part of the ongoing master planning effort, City officials have been undertaking a review of the permitted and conditional uses listed in the City’s Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that a growing number of smoke shops raises concerns regarding public health, youth access to tobacco and vaping products, and the character of surrounding neighborhoods, warranting further study and potential revisions to applicable zoning and business regulations; and

WHEREAS, Planning Commission and Council require time to undertake review of the current regulations and proposed changes to the North Ridgeville Zoning Code to ensure the safe, efficient and orderly development of property within the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. Council hereby imposes a moratorium on the granting of permits and on the acceptance of Planning Commission applications for smoke shops in the City of North Ridgeville for a period not to exceed 180 days from the effective date of this ordinance, in order to allow the Planning Commission and Council to consider possible changes to the current use regulations in the Zoning Code.

SECTION 2. “Smoke shop” means any store, stand, booth or concession that devotes 30 percent or more of its display floor area to tobacco products, or to the display and sale of tobacco, electronic smoking devices or drug paraphernalia to purchasers for consumption of use.

SECTION 3. During the period of the moratorium, no such permits shall be granted or applications accepted for such use.

SECTION 4. During the period of the moratorium, the Planning Commission and Council shall work diligently to review and recommend any changes to the existing ordinance.

SECTION 5. The moratorium shall be in effect for 180 days from the effective date of this ordinance or until changes are enacted to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Ridgeville or until Council approves legislation explicitly revoking this moratorium, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 6. In all other respects, the North Ridgeville Zoning Code, as amended from time to time, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were conducted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements, including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, with the emergency being in order to take immediate effect and allow for the review of the zoning code. Wherefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: June 2, 2025



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST :



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: Jun 06, 2025



Kevin Corcoran
MAYOR

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PASSED: _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

MAYOR