ORDINANCE NO. 07-10 INTRODUCED BY: Uffman-Kirsch, Bobulsky

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NORTH ROYALTON GREENWAYS PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC PARK AND TRAIL WAY SYSTEM THAT TRAVERSES THROUGH THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH ROYALTON MASTER PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: The North Royalton Master Plan, Citywide Planning Policy Item (U) states: *"Create System of Inter-Connecting Green Spaces*: *The City should focus on developing a system of inter-connecting green spaces within and throughout the City, commencing with sidewalk development in the core sections of the City, with outlying bike trails or walking trails constructed through the acquisition of easements and/or land set asides for future development. Future development should be considered with land set aside preserved for future generations' use in parks, etc., rather than taking cash options on new development set-asides. Cash should only be taken for the land in only the rarest of circumstances when there is no opportunity due to surrounding developed properties or further adjacent connection of recreational land with future development.";* and

WHEREAS: The North Royalton Greenways Committee was formed in the Spring of 2005, comprised of volunteer residents interested in preserving unique natural areas of the City of North Royalton, with the focus of creating a public parks and trail way system to facilitate recreational (both passive and active), educational and volunteer opportunities for the residents of North Royalton; and

WHEREAS: The North Royalton Greenways Committee created a map of possible links to be set aside for a parks and trail system using the available maps and plans from the City of North Royalton (including the Master Plan), Cuyahoga County Planning Commission Greenspace Plan, and Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River East Branch Greenway Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS: The North Royalton Greenways Plan proposes to help protect the major waterways of the City of North Royalton, including the East Branch of the Rocky River, Baldwin Creek, Chippewa Creek, Big Creek and their respective tributaries, watersheds and riparian setbacks within the City of North Royalton which could reduce flooding problems identified, improve water quality, maximize the quality of life for residents and support strong real estate values; and

WHEREAS: The adoption of the North Royalton Greenways Plan will create opportunities for recreational, environmental, financial and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to support the North Royalton Master Plan Citywide Planning Policy Item (U), which calls for the creation of a system of interconnecting green spaces; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to adopt the North Royalton Greenways Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as the policy plan referenced in Item (U) of the Master Plan Citywide Planning Policies to preserve unique natural areas of North Royalton, focusing on the creation of a public parks and trail way system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:

Section 1. The Council of the City of North Royalton hereby adopts, as a matter of policy, the North Royalton Greenways Plan consisting of a map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relative to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted 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 compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to adopt the North Royalton Greenways Plan for the proper planning, preservation and orderly development of the City of North Royalton as stated in the Master Plan.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

_____ APPROVED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL MAYOR

DATE PASSED: _____ DATE APPROVED: _____

First reading February 6, 2007
Second reading February 20, 2007
Removed from agenda due to sponsors no longer in office: November 29, 2007

ATTEST:_____
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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