

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 10-134

INTRODUCED BY: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Marnecheck,
Antoskiewicz, Kasaris, Mayor Stefanik

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A ONE YEAR MORATORIUM ON NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL
SEWER RATE INCREASES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is considering a Three Billion Dollar (\$3,000,000,000) capital improvements program that will require an average 18 percent a year increase in sewer rates; and

WHEREAS: The Sewer District plans to approve the rate increases on November 18, 2010; and

WHEREAS: Details of said capital project remain confidential, despite considerable interest on the part of one million customers in this economically depressed region; and

WHEREAS: There has been minimal public discussion on this issue; and

WHEREAS: Greater Cleveland communities remain dedicated to the commendable goal of protecting our waterways.

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

Section 1. The Mayor and the Council of the City of the City of North Royalton urge the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to issue a one year moratorium on any actions to further raise sanitary sewer rates, thereby permitting affected communities a chance to analyze the rate request, determine its affordability and potential negative impact here, and be heard on cost-cutting recommendations, including conservation measures.

Section 2. The Sewer District makes public all pertinent documentation regarding said proposal and schedule public hearings and meetings with constituent groups.

Section 3. The Director of Legislative Services is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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 5. This Resolution 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 request the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to issue a one year moratorium on any actions to further raise sanitary sewer rates since they plan to approve the rate increases on November 18, 2010.

THEREFORE, provided this Resolution 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.

/s/ Vincent A. Gentile
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: November 16, 2010

DATE APPROVED: November 18, 2010

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading November 16, 2010

YEAS: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey
Marnecheck, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris

NAYS: none