

CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-2014

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN SALVATORE and Council Members Troyer, Mencini, Powers, Higgins, Burgio, D'Amico, Council President Patten and Mayor Coyne

A RESOLUTION  
URGING RAILROADS OPERATING THROUGH THE  
CITY OF BROOK PARK TO IMPROVE RAILROAD  
TRACK INTEGRITY AND TANK CAR SAFETY,  
AND FURTHER PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE OF  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BEING SHIPPED THROUGH BROOK PARK,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Brook Park, Ohio is located in the heartland of the United States of America and within the Cleveland, Ohio metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City of Brook Park is approximately 19,000 and has diverse businesses within its boundaries such as, NASA Glenn Research Center and Ford automobile plant; and

WHEREAS, freight trains operated daily by the Norfolk Southern Railroad, CSX Transportation and other companies carry hazardous materials over multi-track high speed mainlines through the City of Brook Park; and

WHEREAS, railroad carriers transport approximately 2 million carloads of hazardous materials annually, including approximately 77,000 carloads of Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH) materials such as chlorine and anhydrous ammonia; and

WHEREAS, transportation of highly volatile crude oil by rail has grown from less than 10,000 carloads in 2008 to approximately 450,000 carloads in 2013; and

WHEREAS, many of these hazardous commodities are transported through population centers such as the City of Brook; and

WHEREAS, during the last several years there have been a number of serious derailments involving TIH materials, crude oil, ethanol, and other hazardous materials that have devastated communities with serious injuries, multiple fatalities and extensive property damage; and

WHEREAS, communities such as the City of Brook Park are vulnerable and in many cases not properly prepared to protect public health and property in the event of a major derailment involving hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, many fire and police departments throughout the country are not trained or equipped to respond to a major derailment involving these hazardous materials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and Council urge the railroads operating through the City of Brook Park to improve railroad track integrity and tank car safety, and provide advance notice of the types and quantities of hazardous materials being shipped through the City of Brook Park.

SECTION 2: That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the cities of Berea and Middleburg Heights, and the Ohio Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.

SECTION 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and to urge railroads to improve railroad track integrity and tank car crashworthiness; therefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS

PASSED: August 9, 2014

Dennis P. Patton  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Michelle Blaylock  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: [Signature]  
MAYOR

9/9/2014  
DATE