

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2020-07**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

**MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:**

**AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FOR THE TIME PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 THE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) ESCROW REQUIREMENT TO CORRECT VIOLATIONS RESULTING FROM POINT OF SALE INSPECTIONS PER CHAPTER 1494 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS TO OFFER AN INCENTIVE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND OCCUPY SUCH RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Maple Heights desires to continue an Owner Occupied Homeowner Incentive Program for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, which was initially established pursuant to **Ordinance No. 2017-08**, to promote and encourage individuals to purchase and renovate residential properties by waiving 100% of the escrow requirement to correct violations resulting from the point of sale inspection per Chapter 1494, so long as the purchaser actually occupies such residential property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio that:

**Section 1.** For the time period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 the Mayor is hereby authorized to waive the 100% escrow requirement to correct violations resulting from point of sale inspections per Chapter 1494 of the Codified Ordinances for individuals who purchase and renovate residential properties, so long as the purchaser actually occupies such residential property.

**Section 2.** Participants in this Program will be required to sign an affidavit attesting to the fact that the Purchaser will reside in the property as their primary residence for two (2) years commencing upon the issuance of an Occupancy Permit by the Chief Building Official.

**Section 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting, on the date indicated below, and that all deliberations of Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action 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 Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the general welfare of the residents, and to encourage owner occupied home ownership in the City and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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Ron Jackson, Council President

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Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

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Frank Consolo, Director of Law

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leonette F. Cicirella, Clerk of Council

I, Leonette F. Cicirella, Clerk of Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of the original as contained in the records of my office and that the same has been and will remain duly posted as required by law.

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Date

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Leonette F. Cicirella, Clerk of Council