

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2020-R13 (*AMENDED FEBRUARY 25, 2020*)  
**SPONSOR:** MAYOR NEUGEBAUER  
**INTRODUCED:** FEBRUARY 11, 2020 **ASSIGNED TO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RACHEL BELLIS AND JUSTIN TURNER FOR THE HARTONG FARMSTEAD LOCATED AT 6521 MT. PLEASANT ROAD, GREEN, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City of Green began investigating the option of leasing the Hartong Farmstead located within Southgate Park for use as personal housing, a sustainable farming operation, and community engagement initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Living Green Task Force met and unanimously supported this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City made available the Request for Proposal on various city social media outlets and a wide distribution list including the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association, The Countryside Conservancy, The Ohio History Connection and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History; and

WHEREAS, the City received four (4) proposals for the operation for a sustainable farming operation at the historic Hartong Farmstead located within Southgate Park; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted two (2) interviews with individuals who submitted proposals; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a Lease Agreement with Rachel Bellis and Justin Turner to reside in the Hartong Farmhouse within Southgate Park and conduct a sustainable farming and community engagement operation at the historic Hartong Farmstead located within Southgate Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION ONE:**

Green City Council approves the Lease Agreement between the City of Green and Rachel Bellis and Justin Turner, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **AMENDED** Exhibit "A", and authorizes the Mayor to enter into the Lease Agreement on behalf of the City.

**SECTION TWO:**

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Council and any deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**SECTION THREE:**

Green City Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Green. City desires to enter into this Lease Agreement as soon as possible to allow Rachel Bellis and Justin Turner to commence

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the farming operation at the earliest practical date. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members elected or appointed 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 at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Molly Kapeluck, Clerk

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Barbara Babbitt, Council President

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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Gerard M. Neugebauer, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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Molly Kapeluck, Clerk