

RESOLUTION NO.: 2017-R81
SPONSOR: MAYOR NEUGEBAUER
INTRODUCED: DECEMBER 12, 2017 **ASSIGNED TO:** _____

A RESOLUTION URGING THE PGA TOUR TO RETAIN THE ANNUAL BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT HELD AT THE HISTORIC FIRESTONE COUNTRY CLUB, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the 2018 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational will be held at Firestone Country Club next August 2018; and

WHEREAS, this event continues a proud tradition of professional golf at Firestone Country Club, which has hosted a World Golf Championship event every year since 1965, in addition to hosting the PGA Championship tournament three times; and

WHEREAS, over the years, area residents and thousands of guests have witnessed many historic golf moments at Firestone Country Club and visited our local hotels and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, this event brings thousands of guests into the Akron area, specifically the City of Green during the event, creating a significant financial impact to our local economy; and

WHEREAS, the PGA Tour and Northern Ohio Golf Charities have also been wonderful partners for the civic life of our community, raising \$26 million dollars for area non-profits through the tournament, including Akron Children's Hospital and University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, recent media reports indicate that the PGA Tour is considering moving the Bridgestone Invitational tournament from Firestone Country Club following the 2018 event; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to convey its full support for the tournament, which symbolizes the ideals of athletic achievement and meaningful philanthropy.

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

SECTION ONE:

City Council hereby urges the PGA Tour to retain the annual Bridgestone Invitational Tournament held at the historic Firestone Country Club.

SECTION TWO:

The Clerk of Council is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the office of the PGA Tour and the Bridgestone Corporation.

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SECTION THREE:

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 meeting of this Council and any deliberations of this City 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 FOUR:

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 and for the further reason the Resolution may be sent out immediately. 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: _____

Molly Kapeluck, Clerk

Chris Humphrey, Council President

APPROVED: _____, 2017

Gerard M. Neugebauer, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: _____, 2017

ON ROLL CALL:	Ahlstrom	Dyer	Humphrey	Knodel
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Molly Kapeluck, Clerk

12/12/2017 Approved as to form and content by Diane A. Calta, Law Director _____