

**ORDINANCE NO.: 61 -2019**  
**INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Roche**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1187.01, "ENFORCEMENT", OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Director of Public Safety and the Building Commissioner have recommended that Section 1187.01, "Enforcement" of the Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Richmond Heights be amended to provide for the Director of Public Safety or the Commissioner of the Division of Building, Zoning and Housing as the Mayor's designee to enforce the Zoning Code, which Section was adopted in 1972 and has not previously been amended, and is being recommended for amendment for more efficient and effective enforcement of the Zoning Code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section VI-7, the amendment proposed by this Ordinance has been submitted to the Planning Commission for its report and recommendation and has received the recommendation of the Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, this Council desires to amend Section 1187.01, "Enforcement" of the Zoning Code as set forth in this Ordinance finding the amendment to be in the best interests of the City and its inhabitants, to more efficiently and effectively enforce the Zoning Code regulations, and to be in direct furtherance of the public health, safety and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Existing Section 1187.01, "Enforcement" of the Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Richmond Heights is amended to read as follows:

**"1187.01 ENFORCEMENT.**

The provisions of this Zoning Code shall be enforced by the Director of Public Safety, **or the Commissioner of Building, Zoning and Housing, as the Director's designee** ; ~~who shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.~~

Section 2. Existing Section 1187.01, "Enforcement," or the Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Richmond Heights is repealed.

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 of this Council, and that all deliberations of this 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 is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare of the City and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary for the City to update its enforcement regulation to more efficiently and effectively enforce the provisions of the Zoning Code for the correction of Code violations; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: June 11, 2019

  
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David H. Roche, Mayor

APPROVED: June 11, 2019

ATTEST: Betsy Trabren  
Betsy Trabren, Clerk of Council

  
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Eloise Cotton-Henry, Council President