

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

July, 24 2025

Lexi Lausten, Trustee Chair
Joshua S. Gerth, Trustee Vice Chair
R. Dee Stone, Trustee
Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer

SPECIAL MEETING CALL TO ORDER 11 AM

Mrs. Stone called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees including Assistant Administrator Steve Sievers, Finance Director Tammy Disque, Fiscal Office Manager Katie Arnold and residents Kevin Misiak and Elizabeth Meier.

Mrs. Lausten was absent.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Mr. Gerth moved to adopt the agenda as presented. **Mrs. Stone** seconded the motion.

Vote: 2 yeas.

Open Public Hearing for a "Protect and Serve Charge" in the Township in Accordance with Section 503.54 of the Ohio Revised Code

Mr. Gerth opened the public hearing.

Presentation by Anderson Township Assistant Township Administrator for Operations

Mr. Sievers gave a presentation about the fee and mentioned that PNC Pavillion and Riverbend where the only Township venues that met the criteria. He presented Fire and EMS run data and summarized the venue's impact on the Township's Public Safety Services.

Public Invited to Comment

Kevin Mischek asked about the EMS and Fire run data regarding money spent in the area because of the venue.

Mr. Sievers provided further information regarding the expenditures when the concert causes the Township's population to expand.

Elizabeth Meier stated she was initially opposed to the fee, but the presentation and data changed her mind.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mrs. Stone stated that once MEMI builds the new venue most concerts will be in the city, for which the Township will not receive revenue.

Mr. Gerth stated that high-level conversations about ticket revenue are occurring for future revenue that the City of Cincinnati might be able to share with the Township.

Close Public Hearing

Mr. Gerth closed the public hearing.

Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the “Protect and Serve Charge”

Mr. Gerth moved to adopt the below resolution. **Mrs. Stone** seconded the motion.

Vote: 2 yeas.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-0724-01

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A “PROTECT AND SERVE CHARGE” IN THE TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 503.54 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature enacted Section 503.54 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Statute”), effective April 3, 2025, pursuant to which the legislative authority of a Qualifying Township, as defined in the Statute, by resolution passed after conducting two public hearings on the resolution, the second hearing being not less than three nor more than ten days after the first public hearing, may impose a fee, to be known as a “Protect and Serve Charge”, upon the sale of admission to any Qualifying Event Venue (as defined in the Statute) in the township for the purpose of providing revenue for police, fire, and emergency medical services and of paying the costs of administering the fee; and

WHEREAS, a “Qualifying Township” means a township that has all or any part of a Qualifying Event Venue within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, a “Qualifying Event Venue” means a theatre, a concert hall, entertainment venue, or similar space for hosting performances or events that (i) has a capacity of at least two thousand attendees, and (ii) which venue, and the land on which it is situated, is exempt from property taxation; and

WHEREAS, Anderson Township (County of Hamilton), Ohio comprises a Qualifying Township; and

WHEREAS, this Board properly gave notice of the two public hearings, which were duly held on July 17, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. and on July 24, 2025 at 11:00 A.M., at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township, Ohio 45230;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees (the “Board”) of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the “Township”), that:

SECTION 1. This Board hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the Township to impose, and it does hereby impose, a fee in the amount of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) per admission pursuant to and in compliance with the Statute, which fee shall be known as a Protect and Serve Charge, (a) to be collected by every person receiving any payment for a sale on which the Protect and Serve Charge is imposed under the Statute from the person making the admission payment and (b) remitted to the Township in the manner and at the times prescribed by the regulations included on Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, which regulations are hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The Protect and Serve Charge shall not be imposed and does not apply to amounts paid for admission to any of the following: (i) a County fairground; (ii) events or activities sponsored by the State of Ohio or a political subdivision, including any city, local, or exempted village school district; or (iii) events or activities wherein the charge for admission is ten dollars or less.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective at the earliest date permissible by law, but no sooner than thirty (30) days following its passage. This Resolution is subject to referendum in the same manner, except as to the form of petition, as provided in division (H) of Section 519.12 of the Ohio Revised Code for a proposed amendment to a township zoning resolution; and such petition shall be governed by the rules specified in Section 3501.38 of the Ohio Revised Code. If a referendum vote is lawfully requested, then this Resolution shall not be effective unless approved by a majority of those voting upon it.

SECTION 4. The preambles hereto are and shall for all purposes be construed to be integral and operative parts of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. This Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of the foregoing resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without implied limitation) Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

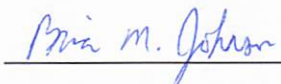
MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 11: 32 AM as there was no further business, **Mr. Gerth** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mrs. Stone** seconded the motion.

Vote: **2 yeas.**



Lexi Lausten, Chair

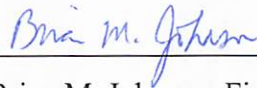


Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly elected and acting Fiscal Officer of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true excerpt from the minutes of a regular meeting, including the roll call votes thereat, of the Board of Township Trustees of said Township held on the 24th day of July 2025 and that said minutes have been duly entered upon the Journal of said Township.

This 16th day of October, 2025.



Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer