

**ORDINANCE NO. 27-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ORPHAN RAIL CROSSING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale (the “City”) desires to remove the railroad crossing at Centron Place which is no longer actively used by rail traffic due to the adjacent track having been removed; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Rail Development Commission has been allocated \$1 million in funding through the state transportation bill (HB 33) for the Orphan Rail Crossing Program to address repairs and improvements to rail crossings that are no longer used, abandoned by the railroad or are currently active but have no clear ownership or responsible party for maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Rail Development Commission is authorized to administer the Orphan Rail Crossing Program; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for grant funding through the State of Ohio, Ohio Rail Development Commission to remove the track structure at the Centron Place railroad crossing and restore the roadway within the limits of the crossing; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Rail Development Commission has awarded grant funding not to exceed \$28,245.00 to the City for removal of the orphan rail crossing at Centron Place and restoration of the road following removal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, \_\_\_\_\_ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the State of Ohio, Ohio Rail Development Commission for participation in the Orphan Rail Crossing Program (the “Agreement”) and to execute any and all other documents and agreements consistent with acceptance of the grant and participation in the program. A copy of the Agreement is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2024.

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President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

Approved:

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Mayor

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Date