sponsor: Biggs/J. Peters

## **ORDINANCE NO. 25-20**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, THE CHIEF OF THE JACKSON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO ENTER INTO AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) for its rating requires a minimum of 11 firefighters on the scene of a structure fire and meeting ISO standards may result in a better ISO rating upon which lower insurance rates may be given to the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City and neighboring fire departments have proposed an Automatic Aid Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", that will allow each department to receive faster aid from other departments resulting in more firefighters and equipment on the scene of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the immediate passage of this Ordinance constitutes an emergency as a quicker response time of firefighters and equipment on the scene of an emergency will increase safety and decrease the risk of loss of life and property, and for the further reason that it may result in a better ISO rating with all the benefits that are attached to that rating and, therefore, this Agreement is necessary for the preservation of the public's health, safety and welfare.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The legislative authority of the City of Jackson hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, the Chief of the City of Jackson Fire Department, to enter into an Automatic Aid Agreement substantially similar in terms to the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

<u>Section 2.</u> This matter is hereby declared to be an emergency necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety of the City of Jackson, Ohio for those reasons set forth above.

<u>Section 3.</u> In the event this Ordinance receives a majority vote for passage but fails to receive the required number of votes to pass as an emergency, then this Ordinance shall be deemed to have passed but with no emergency clause, and shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal acts of this council concerning and relating to adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this council and that the deliberations of the council and any of its committees resulted in such formal action, wherein meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Legislative Authority of the Poli	itical Subdivision on this day of
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	President of Council
ATTEST:  Clerk of the Legislative Authority  Approved this	0.
V	Mayor