

By MR. JOSEPH

No. 6125-15

### A RESOLUTION

An Affirmation of the City of Dayton's Commitment to Continual Risk Reduction within the Source Water Protection Program to Safeguard the Public Health, Safety, and Welfare, and to Provide for the Protection and Availability of Existing and Future Potable Water Supply, and Declaring an Emergency.

WHEREAS, The groundwater in the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer underlying the Miami Valley is a sensitive natural resource and is the primary source of drinking water for the region; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton's Source Water Protection Program, endorsed by the Ohio EPA in 1996, provides protection of the area's drinking water supply from future contamination, ensuring the long-term availability of an abundant supply of safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, The City desires to protect the region's most valuable natural resource, the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer, by reducing and eliminating risk through a comprehensive risk reduction strategy; and

WHEREAS, The safety and potability of the community's water supply requires that lands proximate to the City's well fields be subject to land use controls designed to prevent uses injurious to the public water supply; and

WHEREAS, The protection of the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer requires cooperation and communication among all communities in Montgomery County and focusing community resources where the highest risks exist; and

WHEREAS, To protect our water supply and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety, it is necessary that this resolution take effect at an early date; now, therefore,

#### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DAYTON:**

Section 1. A comprehensive risk reduction strategy exists, including requirements, standards, and criteria to restrict and reduce substances which are known, or potential, health hazards, within specifically defined areas in and around the City's present and future wells and well fields. This strategy and its methods are publicly accessible and endorsed by third-party experts.

Section 2. Protective strategies will be expanded to businesses to implement risk reduction and pollution prevention projects. The City of Dayton will extend its early warning monitoring well network to cover more area in an effort to better assess existing groundwater conditions and to allow proactive management of groundwater assets. Education and

outreach will be expanded to promote community awareness within the sensitive groundwater area and about practices which can be implemented to prevent adverse impact and report accidental releases.

Section 3. The City of Dayton will continue to make source water risk reduction its highest priority, including establishing annual goals to continually reduce the overall risk from hazardous substances and promoting risk reduction to businesses with excess capacity. The City will compile an annual report that details the past year's risk reduction activities.

Section 4. The City of Dayton will continue to reduce the total number of pounds of Regulated Substances within the Source Water Protection Area.

Section 5. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereof, the Commission declares this resolution to be an emergency measure which shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.....July 29....., 2015

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR.....July 29....., 2015

*Non Whaley*  
Mayor of the City of Dayton, Ohio

Attest:

*Rashella Lavender*  
Clerk of the Commission

Approved as to form:

*Dennis R. Handman*  
City Attorney