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Requested by the Mayor's Office

AKRON CITY COUNCIL

Offered by: **FUSCO**

ORDINANCE NO. 296 -2022 amending and enacting Title 15, Chapter 154 "Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building," Section 154.04 "Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building Appeals Board," to update the language contained therein; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Section 154.04 of the Akron Codified Ordinances requires that one member of the Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building Appeals Board be a representative of the Akron Area Board of Realtors; and

WHEREAS, the Akron Area Board of Realtors no longer exists as an independent organization, having merged into the Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors; and

WHEREAS, this amendment updates the language of Section 154.04 and ensures that further mergers or other organizational changes by the Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors shall not require modification of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the City of Akron:

Section 1. That Title 15, Chapter 154 "Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building," Section 154.04 "Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building Appeals Board" be amended to read:

154.04 Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building Appeals Board.

- A. The Board. There is created a Vacant Commercial or Industrial Buildings Appeals Board. The Board shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor, by and with the consent of Council, for overlapping terms of three years, and they shall serve until a successor is appointed. One member shall be a representative of the ~~Akron Area Board of Realtors~~ **Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors or a related organization, designated affiliate, or subsequent successor agency thereof**, and one member shall have a background in community development.
- B. Members. Members of the Board shall be citizens of the United States and residents of the City. Three members of the Board in attendance at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. The salary of each member of the Board shall be one hundred dollars per meeting attended.
- C. Rules of Procedure—Quorum. The Board may adopt rules of procedure consistent with this chapter and elect the officers as the Board deems necessary. The Board shall meet at such times prescribed by its rules or announced at a meeting. No member of the Board shall take part in any hearing or determination in which such member has a personal or financial interest.

Section 2. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that it is immediately necessary to ensure the City Code is up-to-date, and provided this ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed October 31, 2022

Wanda R. Burano  
Clerk of Council

Cheryl Semmel  
President of Council

Approved 11/1, 2022

[Signature]  
MAYOR

**CITY OF AKRON, OHIO  
UNIFORM CITY COUNCIL REPORT (UCR)**

**PART I**

**Subject of Requested Legislation:** Amending Section 154.04 to reflect a recent merger.

**Department of Origin:** Mayor's Office **Date:** 10/25/2022

**Division of Origin:** N/A

**UCR Requested by:** Duane Groeger **Ext./Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL DATA:**

<b>City Expenditures</b>	<b>Budgeted Costs</b>		<b>Current Estimate of Cost</b>		<b>Appropriation Over Budgeted Cost</b>
<b>Current Request:</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
N/A					
<b>Total Project (If Applicable):</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
N/A					

**City Receipt of Funds/Other Consideration (\$Amount/Type):**

N/A

**PART II**

**Purpose/Objective of Legislation:**

Update the City Code to reflect an organizational merger that rendered Section 154.04 outdated. That section requires one member of the Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building Appeals Board to be a member of the Akron Area Board of Realtors. That group merged into a larger organization, the Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors, a few years ago. The Code is now outdated and should be modified.

**Earlier Legislation on this Subject (Please reference by ordinance or resolution number):**

207-2018



**Summary of Ordinance No. 296-2022** passed by Akron City Council October 31, 2022 amending and enacting Title 15, Chapter 154 “Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building,” Section 154.04 “Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building Appeals Board,” to update the language contained therein; and declaring an emergency.

By: Sara Biviano, Clerk of Council

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