

Passed: September 12, 2011
By: McIntosh

RESOLUTION 2011-14

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WE THRIVE! COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND
ACTION INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, according to the most recent public health data available, in Hamilton County 56.91 percent of adults are overweight or obese, 31.72 percent of third graders are overweight or obese, 80 percent of children who are overweight at age 10 will be obese as an adult, and since 1980, obesity prevalence among children and adolescents has almost tripled;

WHEREAS, the cost of obesity in Ohio is reported to be \$3.3 billion each year;

WHEREAS, improved accessible nutritional food sources, including fresh fruits and vegetables, access to safe areas for physical exercise, and proper nutritional education will likely save lives, save medical costs, and promote more healthy lifestyle choices;

WHEREAS, poor nutrition is a serious health threat to the adults and children nationally and in Amberley Village;

WHEREAS, Amberley Village recognizes that community gardens can improve nutrition, physical activity, community engagement, safety, and economic vitality for a neighborhood and its residents, and provide environmental benefits to the community at large;

WHEREAS, Amberley Village pledges to support efforts to establish community gardens and encourage private citizens, businesses, faith-based organizations, and other agencies to donate or otherwise provide land for gardening in accordance with Amberley Village zoning regulations;

WHEREAS, Amberley Village recognizes that farmers' markets can improve nutrition, physical activity, community engagement, safety, and economic vitality for its residents and provide environmental benefits for the community at large;

WHEREAS, Amberley Village pledges to support community efforts to establish and maintain farmers' markets, recognizing that farmers' markets provide fresh produce to community residents, support small farmers, and build community;

WHEREAS, this Resolution supports the Community, Economy and Environment goals of the *Vision Pillars of Amberley Village Plan - 2018*, adopted in 2009; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution supports the *Amberley Village Long-Range Planning Committee 2010-11, Report and Recommendations to Council*, April 11, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Amberley Village, State of Ohio, five (5) members elected thereto concurring,

SECTION 1: Amberley Village commits to the “We Thrive Community Wellness and Action” initiative promoted by the Hamilton County Public Health Department, and to consider and encourage policies to reasonably decrease the rate of obesity in the Village and to create environments conducive to healthier eating and increased physical activity among Village residents.

SECTION 2: Council directs the Village Manager to review and suggest revisions to existing or proposed policies that might erect unnecessary barriers to community gardening, farmers’ markets, or related activities, including but not limited to zoning ordinances, regulations, and other plans, codes, and regulations that could increase access to healthier foods and opportunities for physical activity.

SECTION 3: In recognition that farmers’ markets and community gardens provide fresh produce to community residents, and help support small farmers and communities, Amberley Village pledges to support community efforts to establish and maintain community gardens and farmers’ markets.

SECTION 4: Amberley Village strongly encourages private employers to adopt and implement employee wellness programs to promote physical activity and healthier eating.

SECTION 5: Village Council hereby states it is a goal of the Village to design and construct all neighborhoods and streets, and to make every effort to plan and construct an environment, that encourages walking, biking, and other forms of physical activity and complete streets that are safe for walking for pedestrians, bicyclists, and people of all ages and abilities.

SECTION 6: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 12th day of September, 2011.

Mayor Merrie Stillpass

ATTEST:

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

I, Clerk of Council of the Village of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the ___ day of September, 2011, the foregoing Resolution was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Resolution at all the places of public notice as designated by Sec. 31.40 (B), Code of Ordinances.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council