Sponsor: **Lemaster**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-71

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF WELLSTON'S APPLICATION TO THE APPPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) POWER GRANT FOR THE REVITILIZATION OF THE LOUVEE AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND HEREBY DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Wellston recognizes the historical and cultural significance of the Louvee Theater, a landmark in the downtown district that has served as a center for arts, entertainment, and community engagement for generations;

WHEREAS, the revitalization of the Louvee aligns with the City's strategic goals for economic development, tourism, workforce engagement, and downtown revitalization;

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) POWER Initiative provides funding to communities impacted by changes in the coal economy, with a focus on diversifying and strengthening local economies through innovative and sustainable projects;

WHEREAS, the City of Wellston seeks to apply for ARC POWER grant funding to support the restoration and adaptive reuse of the Louvee as a multi-purpose cultural and workforce development hub, which will include space for workforce training, cultural events, community events, educational programming, and entrepreneurial activities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will create new opportunities for job creation, small business development, and regional collaboration, while preserving a vital piece of Wellston's heritage;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLSTON, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City of Wellston hereby supports and authorizes the submission of an application to the Appalachian Regional Commission POWER Grant Program for the revitalization of the Louvee as described above.

SECTION 2: The Mayor and/or designated city officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to pursue and administer the grant, including entering into agreements with partner organizations and contractors.

SECTION 3: The City Council affirms its commitment to the long-term sustainability and community impact of the Louvee Theater project and pledges to provide appropriate support and oversight throughout its implementation.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 5: That this legislation is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, and safety for the immediate improvement to Pennsylvania Avenue at the earliest possible time is necessary in order to protect the health of the residents of the City of Wellston; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage.

SECTION 6: In the event this Resolution receives a majority vote for passage but fails to receive the required number of votes to pass as an emergency, this Resolution shall be deemed to have passed but with no emergency clause and shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

SECTION 7: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and the deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in a 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 Political Subdivision on this _2nd_ day of
October , 2025

Clerk of the Legislative Authority

Rick Hudson, President of Council ATTEST:

Approved this _2nd_ day of _October_ , 2025

Anthony Brenner, Mayor

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Clerk of Council

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