

PASSED: August 10, 2015
BY: Muething

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-18

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WE THRIVE! ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE
AND PARTNERSHIP WITH HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TO PROMOTE A
HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, individuals interact with the environment constantly and these interactions affect quality of life;

WHEREAS, a community's environmental health impacts all sectors – including residents, businesses, employers, schools, and community-based organizations – where people live, work, learn and play;

WHEREAS, it has been reported that nearly 25 percent of all deaths and the total disease burden can be attributed to environmental factors;

WHEREAS, it has been reported that poor air quality is linked to premature death, cancer and long-term damage to respiratory and cardiovascular systems;

WHEREAS, every resident is entitled to safe, sanitary housing;

WHEREAS, features of the built environment impact health-influencing behaviors, physical activity patterns, social networks and access to resources;

WHEREAS, people want to use outdoor environments that are safe and healthy;

WHEREAS, environmental health assessments identify opportunities for improving the overall environmental health of a community;

WHEREAS, Council recognizes the importance of partnering with public health to improve the environmental health of Amberley Village;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, seven (7) members elected thereto:

SECTION 1: *Air Quality.* Amberley Village will raise awareness to the residents on health and cost benefits of idle free practices through community education events and other strategies.

SECTION 2: *Water Quality.* Amberley Village, in partnership with Hamilton County Stormwater District, will educate residents on strategies, such as to promote household hazardous waste disposal and recycling, educate on reducing fertilizer use, and promote stream cleanup activities, to protect and improve storm water quality within Amberley Village.

Amberley Village will ensure, in partnership with Hamilton County Public Health, all field staff members; maintenance/service staff members receive training on proper stormwater management techniques.

Amberley Village will raise awareness on the importance of protecting and maintaining the community's watersheds among its residents, business owners, faith-based organizations and youth.

SECTION 3: *Housing.* Amberley Village will endeavor to have appropriate staff go with Hamilton County Public Health staff on nuisance complaints to look for local jurisdiction code violations.

Amberley Village will raise awareness among residents, public officials, and employees on what housing conditions should be reported to Hamilton County Public Health and how to report that information.

SECTION 4: *Solid Waste.* Amberley Village will organize/support community wide clean-up days.

Amberley Village will encourage all residents, especially residents with vegetable gardens, to compost.

Amberley Village will compost at all community gardens operated by the municipality.

Amberley Village pledges to support school districts' efforts to increase recycling and composting within the district.

Amberley Village, in partnership with Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District, will explore opportunities to increase community wide recycling efforts.

SECTION 5: *Physical Environment.* Amberley Village pledges to support school districts' efforts to establish and implement safe routes to school programs.

Amberley Village will review street design policies and plans to identify opportunities to design streets for all users (cars, transit, pedestrians, and bicyclists).

Amberley Village will conduct playground safety checks on all playgrounds owned by the Village at least every six (6) months.

SECTION 6: That this Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 10th day of August, 2015.

Mayor Thomas C. Muething

Attest:

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the ____ day of August 2015, the forgoing Resolution was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Resolution at all of the places of public notice as designed by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council