



# CITY OF LIMA

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Lima City Council  
50 Town Square  
Lima, OH 45801

Re: Council Referral to City Planning Commission

Dear Council:

In an effort to stabilize the city's residential neighborhoods, the Department of Housing and Neighborhoods is requesting that Council initiate a rezoning of all parcels with a current zoning of Class I Industrial fronting on E. Kildare Avenue, E. Lane Avenue, E. Kent Avenue, E. Michigan Avenue, N. Union Street, and N. Central Avenue to Class II Residential.

These parcels are part of the Northern Heights neighborhood. Rezoning these parcels will stabilize this already residential neighborhood. Leaving this area zoned Industrial opens up the area to encroachment by a wide variety of commercial and industrial uses.

Pursuant to Section 1242.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Council may on its own motion amend established districts. The proposed amendment will require a public notice and hearing, and it must also be submitted to the City Planning Commission for approval.

We respectfully request that Council consider recommending that all parcels fronting on the identified city streets and shown on the attached map be zoned as a Class II Residential District. Thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Reviewed:

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Carmillia Zion  
Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods

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Meri Foster  
Director of Finance

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharetta Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a distinct "T" in the middle.

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Sharetta T. Smith, JD, MBA  
Mayor