ORDINANCE NO. <u>// ()</u> -02

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An Ordinance to impose a moratorium on the demolition of primary structures within the City's residential zoning districts until May 1 ,2003,subject to certain exceptions, and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

<u>Section 1</u>. That, notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 1480 of the Housing Code, a moratorium is hereby imposed on the demolition of any primary structure within any residential district of the City until May 1, 2003, except when (a) demolition is determined by the Building Department to be required to abate a nuisance or eliminate an unsafe building as defined in Section 1476.01 of the Building and Housing Code, (b) an application for a demolition permit or a certificate of appropriateness was filed with the City for a structure or a replacement structure on or before December 1, 2002, or (c) an exception for a specific structure is granted by City Council upon a showing of good cause or extreme hardship.

<u>Section 2</u>. That this Ordinance is an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety or welfare, said emergency being the necessity of preventing the further demolition of residential structures while City Council considers whether to impose further restrictions on demolitions in order to protect historic or other significant buildings and to preserve the character of existing neighborhoods, the property value of neighboring properties and the City's residential tax base, and it shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed:]-/4 , 2003 Mis_ President/of Counc Attest: Clerk of Council 12/10/02 First neading 12/17/02 Second Neading Passed 1/14/03 Mind Neading Passed Approved: . 2003 David H. Madison, Mayor