

**CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Resolution No. 2022- **75**

Introduced By: Mr. Grech, Mr. Bortolotto, Mr. Ali, Mr. Sage,  
Mr. Meany, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Ference

**A RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
LAWSUIT TO PUT AN END TO A MASSIVE ROBOCALL SCHEME**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General's office recently filed a lawsuit in an effort to put an end to a system that has bombarded American consumers with billions of illegal robocalls; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit coincides with the FCC issuing cease and desist letters, as well as issuing a public notice to all U.S. based voice service providers informing them of the letters and authorizing them to cut off any traffic from the pertinent targets; and

WHEREAS, there are 22 defendants named in the complaint, the lawsuit alleges that defendants orchestrated an unlawful and complex robocall scheme, at times besieging consumers with more than 77 million robocalls per day to generate sales leads; and

WHEREAS, while blasting the robocalls, the defendants also engaged in "spoofing", which is the technique of disguising the information that appears on Caller ID, creating a complex scheme to conceal the call originators by interweaving companies and individuals, potentially even using aliases and fake entities; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit accuses the defendants of multiple violations of both the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the Telemarketing Sales Rule; and

WHEREAS, the legal action stemmed from the investigative work of the Attorney General's Robocall Enforcement Unit, it follows on the heels of letters issued to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers warning them to better monitor the traffic they carry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That by Resolution 2022-64 passed on June 28, 2022, this Council urged the Federal Communications Commission to prioritize fighting illegal robocalls

and texts, by coordinating efforts with law enforcement and phone carriers to identify and block robocalls and by imposing stiffer penalties on illegal robocallers.

Section 2: That the Council of the City of Middleburg Heights supports the efforts of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's office and the Robocall Enforcement Unit working with the FCC to put an end to the billions of illegal robocalls.

Section 3: That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward this Resolution to the Ohio Attorney General's office and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 107 of the Middleburg Heights Code and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed: 9/13/22

David Bortolotto  
President of Council

Attest: M. Meola  
Clerk of Council

Approved On: 9-14-22

Presented to Mayor: 9/14/22

Mathew Castelli  
Mayor

	Yea	Nay
Bortolotto	<u>X</u>	_____
Ali	<u>X</u>	_____
Sage	<u>X</u>	_____
Meany	<u>X</u>	_____
McGregor	<u>X</u>	_____
Ference	<u>X</u>	_____
Grech	<u>X</u>	_____

I, Mary Ann Meola Clerk of the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., Ohio, hereby certify that Res. 2022-75 adopted by the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., on 9/13/22 was posted for a period of fifteen days, beginning 9/14/22 and remained so posted for fifteen days at the two posting places as designated by Charter.  
Mary Ann Meola  
Clerk

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Mary Ann Meola Clerk of Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Res. 2022-75 passed on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022 by said Council.

Mary Ann Meola  
Clerk of Council