

RESOLUTION NO. R25-68

**A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL
OPPOSING THE FORMER HARA ARENA SITE FOR A STATE-
OPERATED FORENSIC HOSPITAL AND TO WORK
COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE STATE OF OHIO TO FIND A
MORE APPROPRIATE LOCATION.**

WHEREAS, the principles of an open government focus on empowering citizens through transparency, inclusive participation and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the City met with State of Ohio and Montgomery County officials on June 11, 2025, (the “June Meeting”) and were first told that the State intended to acquire the former Hara Arena site (the “Site”) to construct a State-operated forensic hospital that will serve the needs of the region; and

WHEREAS, at no time before the June Meeting had the City been informed by any public official that the Site had been selected to construct a new forensic hospital; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2025, the City again met with State of Ohio and Montgomery County officials, and the City was told the Site selection was final; and

WHEREAS, as early as February 2025, the City had heard rumors that the Site had been unilaterally selected as the location by the State for a new forensic hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor contacted the Governor’s office by letter dated May 30, 2025 seeking to open dialogue with regional stakeholders to discuss a more appropriate location in Trotwood for a new forensic hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor also informed the Governor that Trotwood, Harrison Township and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission sponsored a Community Ideas Forum in August 2024 to gather thoughts and ideas from the public, and discuss the highest and best Site use to shape the future of the Turner Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted the 2025 Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the City of Trotwood after holding numerous coordinated public events, activities, meetings, and hearings to gather information, ideas and feedback from Trotwood residents and businesses. At no time during any of these occasions was there any discussion, or even a suggestion, of placing a forensic hospital at the Site or along the Turner Road corridor; and

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WHEREAS, locating a forensic hospital at the Site or along the Turner Road corridor conflicts with the 2025 Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the City of Trotwood and the Turner Road feedback, a clear disregard of the community’s expressed vision for future development in the City of Trotwood; and

WHEREAS, the City is very troubled by the fact it was not included as a community stakeholder in ANY discussions with the State and the County regarding potential sites for a new forensic hospital to be located in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is disappointed that the lack of transparency by State and County officials has led to the selection of a location that is not in the best interests of the larger multi-county area that will be served by the forensic hospital; and

WHEREAS, the location of a new forensic hospital in the region is a decision that should have been reached collaboratively after discussions with all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the need for additional mental health facilities and services in the region; however, the City believes there is a more appropriate location in the City of Trotwood for a forensic hospital; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to work with State and County officials, and any other stakeholders, to identify a more appropriate location for a new forensic hospital in the City of Trotwood that will better serve the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: Council hereby requests that State officials pause the appropriation process for the purpose of scheduling meetings with the City, the County and regional stakeholders to discuss a more appropriate location for the construction and operation of a new forensic hospital thereby engaging in a transparent process that considers the interests of City residents.

SECTION II: Council hereby requests that officials from State of Ohio meet with City elected officials and leadership to discuss a more appropriate location for the construction and operation of a new forensic hospital.

SECTION III:

Council hereby affirms its desire to work collaboratively with the State and County while balancing the needs of the community in a process that is transparent, inclusive and accountable to citizens.

SECTION IV:

The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Governor’s Office, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, and the Montgomery County Commissioners.

Passed this 6th day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



KARA B. LANDIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL



YVETTE F. PAGE
MAYOR



TYNA R. BROWN
VICE-MAYOR

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R25-68 adopted by the Trotwood City Council at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 6th day of October, 2025, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

CLERK OF COUNCIL