



**RESOLUTION 2020-22**  
Adopted November 4, 2020

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROVIDE PERTINENT DATA RELATING TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COVID-19 TESTS PERFORMED FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF POWELL AND DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO TO THE DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, access to data, such as total number of COVID-19 tests in Delaware County, is one of several important factors that inform public health officials in their decision making to accurately assess the complex challenge of accurately and properly determining and combatting the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, an important factor in accurately determining positivity rating is a high and accurate rate of testing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to know what amount of COVID-19 testing is occurring in order to more completely gauge its spread in Delaware County beyond that depicted by daily case numbers; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio Department of Health has collected data that shows the total number of COVID-19 tests performed for citizens of the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio Department of Health has collected data that shows the total number of COVID-19 tests performed for citizens of the City of Powell, Ohio and Delaware County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Health has failed to provide the total number of tests performed in each county during a particular reporting period making calculating our county's positivity rate impossible; and

**WHEREAS**, this critical data point was promised to the Delaware General Health District by August 1 by the Ohio Department of Health but it has failed to provide this information.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF POWELL, DELAWARE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:**

Section 1: Council recognizes the importance of the Delaware General Health District being able to determine the total number of tests performed during particular reporting periods for residents of the City of Powell and Delaware County, Ohio.

Section 2: Council requests that the Ohio Department of Health immediately begin providing to the Delaware General Health District the total number of tests performed during particular reporting periods for residents of the City of Powell and Delaware County, Ohio.

Section 3: Council requests that the Ohio Department of Health work with local health departments to develop a comprehensive and efficient testing process to provide the most accurate data possible for developing and implementing plans to combat the COVID-19 virus.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately after its passage.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-22: Y 5

N 1 (Counts)

Frank Bertone 11/17/2020  
Frank Bertone Date  
Mayor

Karen J. Mitchell 11/18/2020  
Karen J. Mitchell Date  
City Clerk

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 4, 2020

This legislation has been posted in accordance with the City Charter on this date 11/18/2020

Karen J. Mitchell City Clerk

