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A Resolution in Support of Sustainable Parking for Buckeye Village Residents

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Section 1. WHEREAS The purpose of The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is “to effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be,” and

Section 2. WHEREAS many OSU students choose to live in on campus family housing known as “Buckeye Village”; and

Section 3. WHEREAS prior to the University parking buyout of 2012, Buckeye Village residents have never paid to park at their residences since 1960; and

Section 4. WHEREAS students and families that live in Buckeye Village and attend OSU made the decision to do so based mainly on their budgetary constraints as University appointees, safety concerns for their families, and the expectation that the cost of living at Buckeye Village would not drastically increase; and

Section 5. WHEREAS the University promoted the parking buyout as not having substantive affect on the end user with no major changes in classification noted; and

Section 6. WHEREAS the University monetized the available parking at Buckeye Village in the buyout, eventually leading to a CPN (Central Campus) parking designation for Buckeye Village residents; and

Section 7. WHEREAS it is not reasonable to equate the addresses of Buckeye Village as Central Campus due to its peripheral location; and

Section 8. WHEREAS the cost of a CPN permit at $654 per year is a hardship upon residents, their children, and the elderly family members that reside with them, as Buckeye village is known to be a food insecure population.

Section 9. THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students urges University leadership to reconsider the parking classification of Buckeye Village, take the unique
needs of this community into consideration, and to find a sustainable solution in order to support this global community of scholars, and

Section 10. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that CGS supports a return to no cost parking for the residents of Buckeye Village, with signage that supports their sole usage of these lots and a permanent designation to remote (non-central) campus.

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