

**Utilities Commission Minutes
Commission Meeting**

February 5, 2026



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CALL TO ORDER

Motion to excuse Ms. Busenburg-Mr. Reinhart made a motion to excuse Ms. Busenburg, and Mr. Ball seconded the motion.

Others in attendance: Rob Broeren, Scott Zimmerman, Robin DePolo, April Brady, Maureen Hall, Dave Hall, Trent McDaniel

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approve January 8, 2026 meeting minutes.

ADJUSTMENT JOURNAL

Ms. DePolo explained the two items in the Adjustment Journal.

Approve January 2026 Adjustment Journal.

Adjustment Journal January 2026

NEW BUSINESS

Request to use non compliant materials

Mr. McDaniel is sworn in by Mr. Broeren.

Mr. Ball states there is a revised version of the request to use non-compliant materials' application. (See attachment)

Mr. McDaniel explains the request from McDaniel Excavating, LLC to the owner, Liberty MF Owner, LLC. The request is to use C-900 plastic pipe behind the meter areas on the multi-family complex.

Mr. Salyers explains the changes coming to the utility and opens the floor for discussion.

Mr. Reinhart makes a motion to accept the application as filed.

Mr. Ball seconded the motion.

Mr. Salyers explains this application is available to everyone.

OLD BUSINESS

Backflow/FOG legislation discussion

Mr. Zimmerman is sworn in by Mr. Broeren.

Mr. Zimmerman explains the importance of FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) and that the forms will be online on the OpenGov system. He is looking forward to getting this up and running and to encourage compliance to protect our systems.

Mr. Zimmerman is hoping to have this up and running by mid to late March. He will start by reaching out to a few facilities to get things rolling.

A good rule of thumb is if you have a 3-bay sink, you will need to be FOG compliant. This is for commercial not residential, unless you are using your residence for commercial use.

The floor was open for discussions.

Mr. Salyers entertains a motion to make a recommendation to city council to approve and adopt ordinance 2026-2 as amended. Mr. Ball so moved the motion and Mr. Gantt seconded the motion.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Mr. Reinhart made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Mr. Gantt. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.



Water and Wastewater Rules and Regulations
Non-Compliance Application

Applicant Information

1. Applicant Name: McDaniel Excavating LLC
2. Address: 943 Adams St
3. City State Zip: Marion, OH 43302
4. Phone Number: 740-361-1080 Email: trent@mcdanielxf.com

Owner Information

1. Owner Name: Liberty MF Owner, LLC
2. Owner Address: 2950 Lewisberry Rd
3. City State Zip: York, PA 17404
4. Phone Number: 717-755-1565 Email: Kmoyer@inchandco.com

Project Information

1. Site Street (Name, St, #, Direction): 0 Newark Rd
2. Parcel ID 6600501007
3. City/District Location: Mt Vernon City - 16601 - MT VERNON GEN
4. Type of Facility/Structure: Multi-Family Apartment Complex
5. Type of Service: Private combined 8" water service with Master Meter
 - a. If Other, Explain:
6. Anticipated Connection Date: 6-1-2026
7. Line Size(s): 8"
8. Meter Size(s): 8"
9. Select Reasoning for Non-Compliance:

- Not utilizing "K" Copper minimum 3/4" diameter
- Not utilizing ductile iron
- Not Covering Minimum of four (4) feet
- If Other Explain:



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5. Type of Service: Master Domestic Meter
 - a. If Other, Explain:
6. Anticipated Connection Date: 6-1-2026
7. Line Size(s): 4" Domestic and 8" Fire
8. Meter Size(s): 3 or 4" Domestic to serve site (still modeling)
9. Select Reasoning for Non-Compliance:

- Not utilizing "K" Copper minimum ¾" diameter
- Not utilizing ductile iron
- Not Covering Minimum of four (4) feet
- If Other Explain:



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

ORDINANCE 2026-2

Meeting 1/27/2026 7:30 PM

Utilities

Ruckman, Miller

Category: Ordinance

Prepared By: Rob Broeren, Law

Director

Doc ID: 2026-30

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 911.04 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. That Section 911.04(g) of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read
as follows (additions in **bold**, deletions in ~~striketrough~~):

(g) ~~Grease and Oil Traps and Intereceptors~~ **Fats Oils and Grease (FOG)
Control Devices.** For ~~grease, fats, oil, and grease~~ **inorganic material such as
sand, grit, etc.,** ~~intereceptors or traps~~ **control devices** shall be provided at the
User's expense when, in the opinion of the Director, they are necessary for the
proper handling of liquid wastes containing floatable grease in excessive amounts,
as specified in subsection (e)(3)M. and (e)(3)N. hereof, ~~or any flammable wastes,
sand, or other harmful ingredients;~~ except that such ~~intereceptors~~ **devices** shall not
be required for single-family residences, duplexes, or other multi-unit residences
unless the Utilities Commission determines there are discharges that may create
problems in the sanitary sewer. ~~All Users shall also be subject to permit per Section
911.06.~~ **All Users with such a device are required to obtain a FOG Permit
from the City's Code Enforcement Department.**

(1) ~~All intereceptors and traps~~ **FOG control devices** shall be of a type and
capacity approved by the Utilities Commission, and shall be located as to be readily
and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. All ~~intereceptors or traps~~ found not
to be in compliance with these guidelines shall be modified or replaced **in a timely
manner at the User's expense.** In the maintaining of these ~~intereceptors~~ **FOG
control devices**, the owner shall be responsible for the proper removal and
disposal by appropriate means of the captured material and shall maintain records
of the dates, and means of disposal which are subject to review by the Director. Any
removal and hauling of the collected materials ~~not performed by the owner's
personnel~~ must be performed by ~~currently~~ fully licensed waste disposal ~~or
rendering~~ firms.

(2) The introduction of additives containing surfactants and/or enzymes into
the trap, interceptor, or sanitary sewer is prohibited. Food services wishing to use
aqueous suspensions of grease-consuming bacteria for grease control shall submit a
written request to the Director and must receive written approval prior to their use.

(3) Users with the potential to discharge flammable substances may be
required to install and maintain an approved combustible gas detection meter.

(4) **Permits are to be issued for a maximum period of one year. The**

City shall provide the owner with a permit indicating the requirements that the establishment must meet in order to comply with FOG Best Management Practices. Applications for permit renewal shall be submitted no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the permit.

(5) A fee shall be assessed to each permit issued and shall be paid prior to the issuance of a FOG Permit. This fee shall be set by the Control Board. Failure to pay fees will result in termination of water and wastewater services.

(6) The Utility Commission may adopt additional rules to implement the City's FOG permitting requirements, including fines for violations of these provisions.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor