



**City Council
Legislative Session**

Agenda

**April 27, 2026
7:30 PM**

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
April 27, 2026

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6:20 – 6:25 p.m.	Executive meeting to discuss the acquisition of property	Parks & Recreation - Hager
6:25 – 6:35 p.m.	Resolution 2026-44 Approving Post-Issuance Compliance Policy	Finance & Budget - Mahan
6:35 – 6:45 p.m.	Resolution 2026-36 Property at 69 Sychar Road	Streets & Public Buildings - Severns
6:45 – 6:55 p.m.	Resolution 2026-37 College Township Fire Contract	Police, Fire, & Civil Defense - Miller
6:55 – 7:00 p.m.	Ordinance 206-08 Services & Resource Coordinator Position	Employee & Comm. Relations - Keener
7:00 – 7:05 p.m.	Ord. 2026-10 Amend Section 183.013 of Codified Ordinances	Finance & Budget - Mahan
7:05 – 7:10 p.m.	Ord. 2026-11 Amend Vehicle Storage Ordinances	Land Use & Development - Jacklin
7:10 – 7:15 p.m.	Ord. 2026-12 Amend Chapter 1102 of the Codified Ordinances	Land Use & Development - Jacklin

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pastor Bryan Wolf, Lifepoint church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes City Council April 13, 2026

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Employee and Community Relations Committee Minutes March 23, 2026 a
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Finance & Budget Committee Minutes April 13, 2026
Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes April 13, 2026 a
Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes April 13, 2026 b

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR THE BLACKJACK WETLAND PROJECT (PID 1510202).

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE VETERANS WALK OF HONOR PROJECT (PID 2541300); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 69 SYCHAR ROAD (PARCEL # 66-09207.001) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-37

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH COLLEGE TOWNSHIP AND KENYON COLLEGE TO PROVIDE FIRE AND EMS SERVICES FOR COLLEGE TOWNSHIP; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-42

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENTS OF MICHAEL PERCY TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, DOUG BRENNEMAN TO THE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY, AND JESSI

BUSENBURG TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-43

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF JULIA SUGGS AND LYNDSEY KROWNAPPLE AS ALTERNATES TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-44

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A WRITTEN POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT AND TAX-PREFERRED OBLIGATIONS BY THE CITY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-45

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL FOR THE PROVISION OF 2026 - 2027 MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-48

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PROPERTY FROM THE MOUNT VERNON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-49

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE AMERICAN TRAILS "TRAILS CAPACITY PROGRAM;" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-50

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO CREATE ADDITIONAL LINES PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.09(F).

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-51

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-52

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PROPERTY AND MONEY FROM THE SCHNORMEIER GARDENS FOUNDATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SERVICES AND RESOURCE COORDINATOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 183.013 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING VEHICLE STORAGE WITHIN THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1102 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN

EMERGENCY.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS
#66-07885.000 AND #66-05577.000 FROM R-1 – SINGLE FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO GB – GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin,

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE FEBRUARY 2026
REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT
OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-15

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE VACATION OF AN UNDEVELOPED,
PLATTED ALLEY IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KNOX COUNTY,
OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 22, 2026

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The above listed meeting will be held to discuss the above items; but will not be limited to those listed.
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6:10 – 6:20 p.m.	Executive Session to Discuss Pending or Imminent Litigation	Employee & Comm. Relations - Keener
6:20 – 6:40 p.m.	Ord. 2026-10 Amendment to 183.013 of the Codified Ordinances Income Tax	Finance & Budget - Mahan
6:40 – 6:50 p.m.	Ord. 2026-09 Amendment to 763 and 773 of the Codified Ordinances Taxi Cabs	Utilities - Ruckman
6:50 – 6:55 p.m.	Ord. 2026-06 Amendment to 755.04 of the Codified Ordinances Curb-Side Recycling	Utilities - Ruckman
6:55 – 7:05 p.m.	Resolution 2026-29 Blackjack Wetland Project	Parks & Recreation - Hager
7:05 – 7:15 p.m.	Resolution 2026-30 Veterans Walk of Honor Project	Parks & Recreation - Hager

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CALL TO ORDER

Present
Council President Bruce Hawkins Fourth Ward LeNan Hager At-Large Amber Keener First Ward James Mahan At-Large Mel Severns Second Ward John Ruckman At-Large Dale Miller 3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin

INVOCATION

Invocation: Pastor Marvin Haught, pastor of the Brandon Baptist Church, and Fire Dept. Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

City Council Minutes March 23, 2026

Hager made a motion to accept the March 23, 2026 City Council minutes. Keener seconded. Accepted by unanimous voice vote.

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Finance and Budget Committee Report/Minutes was added to the agenda.

Finance and Budget Committee Minutes 2026-03-23

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

PROCLAMATION

Mrs. Hager introduced and delivered the proclamation.

A proclamation designating the week of April 13-19, 2026 as International Dark-Sky Week in the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Andrea White spoke regarding Senior Tag. This multi-week event is occurring now and involves Mount Vernon high school seniors playing tag with water guns. White noted that this causes the potential for misunderstanding as students are staking out one another's homes and carrying objects shaped like firearms. She requested that police officers be made aware of the event, and given training and context when responding to any potential situation involving this game. Keener thanked the speaker. Keener noted that she is in communication with police regarding this because her son is a participant as well.

Joe Porter, Knox County Mobility Management Coordinator, gave an update to Council (see attached document).

Mobility Management Program April 13, 2026 Update

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RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

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Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

Hager gave Resolution 2026-29 its second reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE VETERANS WALK OF HONOR PROJECT (PID 2541300); AND

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

Hager gave Resolution 2026-30 its second reading.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-34

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR ROAD SALT FOR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-34 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan stated that the reasons for the suspension because the deadline to apply for Road Salt is May First. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Salyers noted plans to introduce beet brine next season as a long-term project to reduce costs and stay sustainable with road maintenance. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-35

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR IDENTIFYING AND SELECTING A QUALIFIED FIRM OR FIRMS TO DEMOLISH CERTAIN PROPERTIES, IDENTIFY AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED FIRM OR FIRMS TO DEMOLISH CERTAIN PROPERTIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Mel Severns made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-35 to its third and final reading. James Mahan seconded. Severns explained that there is a strict timeline from the Board of Property Maintenance Appeals to demolish the condemned buildings. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Mel Severns made a motion to adopt. James Mahan seconded. Salyers noted that this Resolution is for the three buildings behind 40 Public Square. The wind damage revealed how damaged and unsafe these buildings are. The City has removed the historical pieces of the Curtis Building, and intends to incorporate them in a future project that will honor the contribution of the Curtis family. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	At-Large Mel Severns
SECONDER:	First Ward James Mahan
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 69 SYCHAR ROAD

(PARCEL # 66-09207.001) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Mel Severns made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-36 to its third and final reading. James Mahan seconded. Salyers asked Council to not suspend the rules. Ball clarified that the City may have changed their minds about selling the structure at 69 Sychar Rd. Motion to suspend the rules failed 0-6, with Ruckman abstaining. Severns gave Resolution 2026-36 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on April 27.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Suspend the Rules
RESULT:	Failed [0 TO 6]
MOVER:	At-Large Mel Severns
SECONDER:	First Ward James Mahan
AYES:	None
NAYS:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
ABSTAIN:	John Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-37

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH COLLEGE TOWNSHIP AND KENYON COLLEGE TO PROVIDE FIRE AND EMS SERVICES FOR COLLEGE TOWNSHIP; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

Miller gave Resolution 2026-37 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on April 27.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-38

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-38 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan noted that the reason for the suspension is that there are vehicles of little value taking up space in the impound lot. Selling them quickly lets business move forward. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-39

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE KNO-125040 SR-13 CORPO PROJECT; AND

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Mel Severns made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-39 to its third and final reading. James Mahan seconded. Ball noted that there is a pre-application due at the end of April. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Mel Severns made a motion to adopt. James Mahan seconded. Ball noted that there are State and Federal funds to help address this intersection. There is a high rate of accidents, which are trending upwards. This application also involves expansion for sidewalks. This is an approval to request funds. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	At-Large Mel Severns
SECONDER:	First Ward James Mahan
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-40

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-40 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan explained that this authorizes the Auditor to pay bills that have come due. It is a housekeeping measure. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Brinkman noted the three items on the legislation. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS RELATED TO BROWNFIELDS REMEDIATION FOR THE MOUNT VERNON JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT AND THE SOUTH SANDUSKY STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (KNO-13D); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Mel Severns made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-41 to its third and final reading. James Mahan seconded. Ball noted that the reason for the suspension is because Council had already approved Engineering to apply for a grant. However, this Resolution must be enacted quickly to allow that process to proceed. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Mel Severns made a motion to adopt. James Mahan seconded. Ball noted that there is coal and oil waste beneath the S Sandusky Street buildings that must be removed before a road can be built. The condemned buildings North of the Square may also be included in this application. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	At-Large Mel Severns
SECONDER:	First Ward James Mahan

AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 755.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING CURB-SIDE RECYCLING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

John Ruckman made a motion to amend Ordinance 2026-06 as present in writing (attached to these minutes. Changes highlighted in yellow). Dale Miller seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. John Ruckman made a motion to adopt as amended. Dale Miller seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt as Amended
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Second Ward John Ruckman
SECONDER:	At-Large Dale Miller
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SERVICES AND RESOURCE COORDINATOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Keener gave Ordinance 2026-08 its second reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on April 27.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 763 AND 773 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING TAXI CABS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

John Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rules and take Ordinance 2026-09 to its third and final reading. Dale Miller seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. John Ruckman made a motion to adopt. Dale Miller seconded. Ruckman noted that this places the defunct Taxi Cab board's responsibilities under the Utilities Commission. This is timely, since a Taxi company has expressed interest in operating in the City. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Second Ward John Ruckman
SECONDER:	At-Large Dale Miller
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 183.013 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

Mahan gave Ordinance 2026-10 its second reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on April 27.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING VEHICLE
STORAGE WITHIN THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

Jacklin gave Ordinance 2026-11 its second reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on April 27.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1102 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

Jacklin gave Ordinance 2026-12 its second reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on April 27.

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Starr welcomed all attendees to the new Mount Vernon Municipal Center. He noted that Public Buildings and Land have worked hard to make the building functional, particularly John Alberts. He also thanked Legend Signs, Custom Wired, and others for their work on the MVMC. He noted that some work at the MVMC will pause so that attention and resources can be directed to the Court House. He welcomed Zachary McGee's class. And noted that the State of the City address for employees of the City will be Friday morning, 4/17 at the Fire House.

Safety Service Director Salyers thanked John Alberts and his team for their work on the MVMC. He thanked Representative Hiner for attending Council. And noted that there is a City-Wide Yard Sale coming May 2-3, with a City clean-up the following week.

Auditor Brinkman thanked all who worked on the MVMC, particularly Alberts. And he hoped all had a Happy Easter.

Treasurer Stuller noted that it is tax week. The Tax Office can take Credit Card, Checks, and more.

Law Director Broeren noted that there are two people with active peddler's permits in the City of Mount Vernon. Anyone going door-to-door to solicit must have their permit clearly displayed. Otherwise, citizens are encouraged to contact the non-emergency police line to report non-permitted peddlers.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Severns thanked John Alberts and the crew for their work on the MVMC. He asked how many independent yard sales residents are allowed to have per year. The answer is three.

Mahan noted that there are often competing imperatives in City work. There is the proclamation for Dark Sky Week juxtaposed against the safety good lighting provides. There is in-fill lots balanced with preserving wetlands. And respecting history balanced with maintaining the safety of present citizens. This balance is important. He encouraged all to research the Castle Doctrine. He thanked all who worked on the MVMC move, including Sherman.

Keener noted that there were historical films and a speech by the Mayor at the Memorial Building last week. This was a special event.

She encouraged all to learn more about America 250 and visit knoxohio.org for more info. She reiterated the need for awareness and mindfulness during Senior Tag. And encouraged parents to talk to their children.

Hager thanked all the people who worked on the MVMC. She thanked Engineering for all their hard and continuous work.

Jacklin noted that it is important to offer plain language explanations of why Council suspends the rules and acts in the manner that they do. He stated that lowering the difficulty of entry into the political sphere is important, and that he tries to operate as though each viewer on Youtube--or class from Kenyon--is entering the conversation for the very first time.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Keener made a motion to adjourn. Hager seconded. Adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:45 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council



2026-2027

Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes March 23, 2026 – 6:45 p.m. to 7:17 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mel Severns, President Pro Tem
James Mahan, First Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Amber Keener, At-Large
Dale Miller, At-Large

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Aaron Rinehart, Public Utilities Director
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk
Andrew Bossart, Bradley Payne

Ordinance 2026-04 Bond Anticipation Notes

Auditor Brinkman reported that over the next five years the city will have about \$2 million in annual bond obligations fall off. The borrowing capacity of the city is high, but broken into multiple categories.

Andy Bossart of Bradley Payne explained the difference between three debt capacities: Direct Debt Limit, Indirect Debt Limit, and Income Tax Revenue Bonds. Indirect debt limit is shared with the county; the City has about \$11 ½ million left for the year. The City cannot levy more than 10 mills of debt without a vote of the people. Income tax revenue bonds have a high ceiling, the City's is between \$83-90 million, which is two times the coverage rate.

Mahan made sure to reiterate that the City is not levying any sort of extra tax on the City, despite the term "tax" being used in some of these statements.

The Mayor noted that the City has been intentionally lean on the operational budget this year, anticipating taking on extra debt.

The Auditor and Treasurer noted that they are comfortable with the current route the City is pursuing, while being mindful of existing debt obligations and limits.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Mahan, Chair
Finance & Budget
Mount Vernon City Council
JM/zs



Knox County
MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

April 8, 2026

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Update

- At the April meeting we gave the first run of the meeting being a hybrid in person/teams. It went well. There were a few glitches, but we are getting them ironed out.
- The Active Transportation Coalition members were invited to the meeting, and we are working to determine if they will become a subcommittee of the TAC.
- The meeting was at Centerburg Town Hall. There was a brief welcome from Mayor Myers and the Village Administrator. We are moving the meeting to a different community each quarter.
- The ATC members gave their updates, and the Trail Towns Initiative update was given by Rick Dzik.
- Celebrate Trails Day is April 25 at the CVB
- The Kokosing Gap Trail is being repaved soon.
- Mount Vernon Update
- Fredericktown Update – Multi phased streetscape and ADA sidewalk projects.
- KCT did six thousand trips in March and is doing a six-month pilot route south of the river in Mt. Vernon
- Safe Streets for all application process was discussed.
- Ron Roberts gave a brief update on Project Sidewalk and has been doing some online routing in Centerburg. The program is being used in Centerburg and Mount Vernon and a sizable chunk of Liberty Township. There has been a small amount of participation in Danville. Little or none in any of the other communities.
- Since we started the program, there have been 11,572 logins. This number will include administrative logins.
- Good discussion on sidewalk maintenance issues including missing, damaged, blocked, etc.
- Get Healthy Knox County will be doing a walk audit around the Arch Park area.
- We are still working to find funding for the out-of-county Transportation Cost Assistance Program that we created. Since United Way did not fund our grant request, we are looking to service clubs in the county to help.
- There was discussion of what the Medicaid NET program is and qualifiers for the program.
- Mobility Management ODOT reporting requirements have been updated to submit information on needs that were not able to be met as well as those that are.

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MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

- Mobility Management will be asking for all transportation providers in the county to submit basic logistical information including the number of vehicles, hours of operation, etc. This information is needed for the transportation plan rewrite that is now underway.
- I will also be asking the providers to send me information on the number of requests that they were able to fulfill, trips denied, in county trips, out of county trips and why trips were denied. This is information needed to be able to get a better picture of all the human transportation gaps/barriers that we are facing.
- I met with COAD/RSVP and representatives from the county Chaplains group about the chaplains considering taking on a Retired Senior Volunteer program.
- I have reached out to Catholic Social Services and asked for an estimate of the cost to put two wheelchair capable vehicles in Knox County 3 days a week to help to close a gap that we have in available wheelchair capable transportation.
- Mobility Management is still working to get a project going with state legislators to review and find solutions on a state level for the gaps in affordable public transportation.
- Ohio invests \$.41 per capita annually in public transportation ranking is 29th in the nation.
- Ohio invests 3.5% of state funding in Public Transit
- The next TAC meeting will be July 8 at 2PM at Danville Village Hall.

J. Porter
April 13, 2026

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City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 3/9/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Ruckman, Miller
Category: Utilities
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Rob Broeren

SCHEDULED

Ordinance 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 755.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING CURB-SIDE RECYCLING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio that:

Section 1. That Section 755.04 (c) of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows (additions in **bold**, deletions in ~~striketrough~~):

c. Recycling Requirement: All haulers permitted to operate within the City are required to offer recycling services to all customers, except as exempted in this chapter, **in the same frequency that the hauler picks up solid waste (i.e. if the hauler picks up solid waste weekly, the hauler must also pick up recycling weekly).**

Section 2. Any provision in legislation previously adopted which is in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed.

~~Section 2.~~ Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety, and for the further reason to remove ambiguity regarding the frequency of recycling pick-up, and said Ordinance shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



2026-2027

Employee & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes March 23, 2026 – 6:38 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mel Severns, President Pro Tem
James Mahan, First Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Amber Keener, At-Large
Dale Miller, At-Large

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Ordinance 2026-05 Community Development / Public Information Officer Position
Keener noted that the position will give an annual report. In a year, there is an expectation to see return on investment for the position. After hire, there will be a 6-month check-in to make sure standards are being met. The position will cross train with Retail Strategies, which will be helpful.

The Mayor noted that this position is an effort to build capacity and create more non-tax revenue opportunities. Having someone in charge of emergency communications is also extremely important.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Keener, Chair
Employee & Community Relations
Mount Vernon City Council
AK/zs



2026-2027

Employee & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes March 23, 2026 – 6:35 p.m. to 6:38 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mel Severns, President Pro Tem
James Mahan, First Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Amber Keener, At-Large
Dale Miller, At-Large

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Ordinance 2026-07 Amendments to 133 of the Codified Ordinances
Proposing adding two alternates to the Civil Service Commission. There are currently three members of the Civil Service Commission. Recently, the City had to cancel two meetings due to lack of quorum. Other committees have alternates. So, this will align the Civil Service Commission with those committees and allow the Commission to function. Appointments must still be approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Keener, Chair
Employee & Community Relations
Mount Vernon City Council
AK/zs



2026-2027

Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026 – 6:29 p.m. to 6:36 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Amber Keener, At-Large
Dale Miller, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

COUNCIL ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Brian Ball, Engineer
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Ordinance 2026-10

Auditor Brinkman explained that this is a reallocation of the current income tax revenue on the first 1%. Within that 1%, the revenue will be portioned differently to the 401, 405, and 407 lines in the general fund. Some language was clarified to not be dollar amount but percentage, in accordance with the rest of the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Mahan, Chair
Finance & Budget
Mount Vernon City Council
JM/zs



2026-2027

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026 – 7:03 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Amber Keener, At-Large
Dale Miller, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

COUNCIL ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Brian Ball, Engineer
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Resolution 2026-30 Veterans Walk of Honor Project

Engineer Ball gave an overview of American Heritage Park and the plans for it. This includes relocating the Veterans Walk of Honor from Public Square to Heritage Park. An anonymous donor wishes to give the City the Silent Battle Monument, which would go in the center of the Walk of Honor. Legislation for that will be forthcoming. The bricks of the Walk of Honor will be raised so that pedestrians do not accidentally walk on them. Keystones at the end of benches in the center of the memorial structure will acknowledge the six branches of service.

Respectfully submitted,

LeNan Hager, Chair
Finance & Budget
Mount Vernon City Council
LH/zs



2026-2027

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026 – 6:52 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Amber Keener, At-Large
Dale Miller, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

COUNCIL ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Brian Ball, Engineer
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Resolution 2026-29 Blackjack Wetland Project

Engineer Ball gave background on the financing of the project, which included Clean Ohio Funds. The goal is to make the area accessible to the project, though, given the nature of the Wetlands, it will not be able to be fully ADA compliant. A nature prairie will go in the North end. A stream restoration project will occur along Delano. The legislation will go to the full three readings, since the grant deadline is in July.

Respectfully submitted,

LeNan Hager, Chair
Finance & Budget
Mount Vernon City Council
LH/zs



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-29

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Parks & Recreation
Hager, Jacklin
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-109

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR THE BLACKJACK WETLAND PROJECT (PID 1510202).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the Blackjack Wetland project (PID 1510202).

PASSED: _____, 2026

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-30

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Parks & Recreation
Hager, Jacklin
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-110

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE VETERANS WALK OF HONOR PROJECT (PID 2541300); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the Veterans Walk of Honor project (PID 2541300).

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that that bids and contracts must be solicited at the earliest possible time to avoid future cost increases, and to begin work while weather permits, the said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-36

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-150

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 69 SYCHAR ROAD (PARCEL # 66-09207.001) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be and herewith is authorized and directed to sell the property at 69 Sychar Road (Parcel # 66-09207.001) Mount Vernon, Ohio.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, and for the further reason to close on the property in a timely manner, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-37

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Police, Fire, and Civil Defense
Miller, Hager

Category: Resolution
Prepared By:

Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-154

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH COLLEGE TOWNSHIP AND KENYON COLLEGE TO PROVIDE FIRE AND EMS SERVICES FOR COLLEGE TOWNSHIP; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety Service Director be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to enter into contract with College Township and Kenyon College to provide for fire and EMS services for College Township from the Mount Vernon Fire Department. A copy of the contract is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for the further reason to provide uninterrupted fire and EMS services to a neighboring township and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it received the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

College Township and Kenyon College

5 Years: June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2031

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, a Municipal Corporation, (hereinafter "City"), the Township of College, Knox County, Ohio (hereinafter "Township"), and Kenyon College, an educational institution, located in Gambier, Ohio (hereinafter "Kenyon") (and singly "Party" and jointly "Parties").

WHEREAS, the Township and Kenyon desire the services of the Mount Vernon Fire Department, a fire department established by the City, in case of fire or medical emergency occurring within the area known as College Township being located outside the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide such services based upon the following terms; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Kenyon are willing to pay a reasonable sum for such services;

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED by and between the Parties as follows:

1. For the period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2031, the Township and Kenyon will pay to the City \$500,000 for every twelve (12) months of the Agreement.
2. The Township and Kenyon collectively shall pay the City these sums in semi-annual installments within 30 calendar days of receipt by the Township and Kenyon of the invoice from the City. The Township and Kenyon collectively will be invoiced in the amount of \$250,000 every six (6) months beginning on June 1, 2026. Exhibit 1 (attached) includes the payment schedule for this Agreement. Exhibit 2 (attached) outlines the terms of Kenyon's contribution to this payment and becomes an integral part of this Agreement.
3. The City agrees to provide three (3) personnel twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week and 365 days per year to staff the Fire Station located at 102 East Brooklyn Street, Gambier, Ohio. Staffing shall consist of, one (1) sworn officer or acting officer, and two (2) additional Firefighter/Paramedics/EMTs. Should the Township desire to relocate the fire station to another location within their jurisdiction, the City agrees to staff that alternate location as it staffed the original location, so long as the facility meets minimum standards to operate as a fire station.
4. For the term of this Agreement and any extensions, the City agrees to maintain a volunteer program for the students of Kenyon. This volunteer program operates on a 12-month basis and will be limited only to students of Kenyon. The volunteer program will continue so long as there is interest among the students of Kenyon and so long as the program has no adverse effect on the operations of the Mount Vernon Fire Department. Prior to any decision to end the student volunteer program the City and Kenyon agree to meet to address

any adverse effects or other issues and identify a resolution. Only after all alternatives are considered will the City be permitted to end the student volunteer program.

5. The City agrees to provide necessary supplies, training and learning opportunities for interested students of Kenyon through the student volunteer program. This includes both formal and informal training activities for the students. Once adequately trained and certified, student volunteers will be permitted to sign up for shifts or otherwise respond to incidents alongside City personnel.
6. The Township will retain ownership of the Fire Station within its jurisdiction. This includes any maintenance, improvements, utilities, debt payments, and insurance on said facility. The Township will ensure the Fire Station meets minimum standards for occupancy as a fire station.
7. Any equipment purchased by the City, whether stored at the Fire Station or stored at other City facilities shall remain property of the City.
8. All Fire/EMS equipment related to the operations of the fire service, including emergency vehicles, are owned by the City and covered under the City's insurance.
9. The City agrees that the Fire Station will serve as a shared space with the Township. The Township will provide garage bays for exclusive use by the City for fire protection and EMS. The remaining space will be for exclusive Township use. The meeting room will be shared by the City and Township. The Township agrees to notify the City each year of its regular meeting schedule and provide reasonable notice for any special meetings that arise. The City and Township will identify a space for exclusive use by the Township for recordkeeping and administrative needs. Special meetings that arise. The City and Township will identify a space for exclusive use by the Township for recordkeeping and administrative needs.
10. The Township and the City agree that the City will continue the practice of billing for EMS Transport for the life of this Agreement. The City will retain all proceeds from EMS billings.
11. The City, through the Mount Vernon Fire Department, agrees to furnish fire and emergency medical services to persons and property within the Township for the period from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026, in the event that such services are needed and sought by the Township.
12. The Mount Vernon Fire Department will exert the same diligence in protecting the persons and property of the Township within the designated coverage area as is required to exert to protect persons and property within the City. All parties will use their best efforts to maintain the ISO level 4 rating within the Village of Gambier.

13. Inspections of and familiarization with properties within the Township may be conducted at the discretion of the Mount Vernon Fire Chief or his or her designated agent.
14. It is understood and agreed to by all Parties that the City being available and ready to dispatch fire and emergency medical assistance in cases of fire or medical emergencies occurring in the Township is sufficient to fulfill the City's duty to furnish fire and emergency medical services regardless of whether any fire or medical emergencies actually occur during the covered periods.
15. This Agreement between the City, the Township and Kenyon shall be effective upon the execution by authorized representatives of all parties and shall remain in effect through May 31, 2026.
16. This Agreement will automatically renew at the then current terms, conditions and cost in five (5) year increments unless either party submits a request to terminate the Agreement no later than six (6) months of the Agreement's expiration. Review of the terms of the Agreement, including all fees, will continue every three (3) years. No provision in this Agreement shall prevent the Parties from agreeing to modify any of terms of this Agreement at any time.
17. Should any Party wish to terminate this Agreement, the City will continue to provide fire and emergency medical services to persons and property within the Township for a period up to one (1) year, at the then current annual rate, to allow the Township and Kenyon to arrange for alternative services.
18. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §125.111, the City agrees that any subcontractor of the City and any person acting on behalf of the City or any subcontractors of the City, will not discriminate, by reason of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, national origin, or ancestry against any citizen of Ohio in the employment of any person qualified and available to perform the work under this Agreement. The City further agrees that the City, any subcontractor of the City, and any person acting on behalf of the City or any subcontractor of the City, shall not, in any manner, discriminate against, intimidate or retaliate against any employee hired for the performance of work under this Agreement on account of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, national origin, or ancestry. The protections of this paragraph will extend to the participants of the volunteer program.
19. The City agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding a drug-free workplace. The City shall make a good faith effort to ensure that any City employee while on duty for the City and providing services pursuant to this Agreement will not purchase, transfer, use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way.
20. The City, by executing this Agreement, certifies that the City is currently in compliance and will continue to comply with the requirements of Ohio Ethics law as provided by §102.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

21. This Agreement will be governed by and construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of Ohio without regard to conflicts of laws, and any action will be brought in Knox County, Ohio.
22. The failure of any Party to insist at any time upon the strict observance or performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement will not (a) impair any such right or remedy, (b) be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of that right or remedy, nor (c) affect the enforceability of that provision or of the remainder of this Agreement. Every right and remedy given by this Agreement to the Parties may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient by the Parties.
23. The invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provision of this Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision.
24. The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement constitute the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to the matters contained herein and supersede all prior agreements and representations whether written or oral. This Agreement may not be modified except in writing signed by authorized representatives of all Parties.
25. The City shall not use or disclose Protected Health Information ("PHI") except as provided within this Agreement solely to fulfill the specific contractual activities specified or as otherwise required under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") regulations or other applicable law. All subcontractors and agents of the City are limited to the uses or disclosures that the City is permitted to conduct.
26. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive or limit any immunity from, or limitation on, liability available to any Party, whether set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2744, or otherwise.
27. Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, any and all payments which the Township is required to make under this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds as certified by the Township Fiscal Officer. In the absence of availability as certified herein, this Agreement shall be immediately terminated without liability for damages, penalties or other charges to the Township. In the event this is a multi-year contract, this Agreement shall be subject to annual appropriation and in the event funds are not available, this Contract shall terminate immediately without liability for damages, penalties or charges to the Township.
28. The Township and Kenyon agree to hold any City employees performing services in conjunction with this Agreement individually harmless for any and all liability that may arise from performing their duties or failing to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized officials.

City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

Safety Service Director

Date

Township of College, Ohio

Trustee

Date

Trustee

Date

Trustee

Date

Approved as to Form:

Director of Law
Counsel for City

Date

Approved as to Form:

Knox County Prosecutor
Counsel for Township

Date

Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio

President

Date

Approved as to Form:

Counsel for Kenyon College

Date

Exhibit 1

Agreement Payment Schedule

Invoice Date	Amount Due
June 1, 2026	\$250,000
December 1, 2026	\$250,000
June 1, 2027	\$250,000
December 1, 2027	\$250,000
June 1, 2028	\$250,000
December 1, 2028	\$250,000
June 1, 2029	\$250,000
December 1, 2029	\$250,000
June 1, 2030	\$250,000
December 1, 2030	\$250,000

Exhibit 2

Kenyon College's Contribution to College Township's Payments

[To be added]



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-42

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Employee & Community
Relations
Keener, Ruckman
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-166

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENTS OF MICHAEL PERCY TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, DOUG BRENNEMAN TO THE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY, AND JESSI BUSENBURG TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Michael Percy, 1412 Greenbrier Drive, Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Board of Zoning Appeals commencing on May 1, 2026 and expiring on May 1, 2031.

SECTION 2: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Doug Brenneman, 1446 Laurel Valley Drive, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, to the New Community Authority, commencing on May 12, 2026 and expiring on May 12, 2028.

SECTION 3: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Jessi Busenburg, 1415 New Gambier, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, to the Utilities Commission, commencing on May 29, 2026 and expiring on May 29, 2028.

SECTION 4: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-43

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
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Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
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A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF JULIA SUGGS AND LINDSEY KROWNAPPLE AS ALTERNATES TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's appointment of the following persons as alternates to the Civil Service Commission, for terms commencing on April 27, 2026 and expiring on April 27, 2031:

Julia Suggs, 505 E Burgess Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
Lyndsey Krownapple, 408 Oak Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Civil Service Commission of the municipal government and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A WRITTEN POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT AND TAX-PREFERRED
OBLIGATIONS BY THE CITY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio (the “City”) has previously issued, or intends to issue in the future, bonds and other obligations for the purpose of financing and refinancing various capital improvements in the City (collectively, the “Obligations”); and

WHEREAS, some of the Obligations were issued, or will be issued as, tax-exempt and tax-preferred obligations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of the Obligations, it is advised that the City have a formal written policy outlining the policies and procedures necessary to promote compliance with federal income tax and securities laws, as well as the requirements set forth in the documents for each issue of Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City desires to formally approve a written policy outlining such policies and procedures;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: That Council hereby approves a written post-issuance compliance policy (the “Policy”) in connection with the issuance of the Obligations of the City. On behalf of the Council, the Fiscal Officer (the “Auditor”) is hereby authorized to execute the Policy, which Policy shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Auditor is also hereby authorized to execute any other documents necessary in connection with the Policy. The Auditor’s execution of such documents shall be conclusive evidence of the City’s approval of such documents.

SECTION 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO
POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY

Purpose:

The City of Mount Vernon, Ohio (the “Issuer”) uses bonds as one means of financing capital projects in support of its mission. This Post-Issuance Compliance Policy (the “Policy”) outlines the policies and procedures to promote compliance with federal income tax and securities laws, as well as the requirements set forth in the bond documents for each bond issue. The Policy is to strictly follow the U.S. Constitution and federal laws, the Ohio Constitution and state laws, and all applicable federal and state regulations. For purposes of this policy, the terms “bonds” or “bond issue” means any obligation of the Issuer incurred for the purpose of borrowing money, including, without limitation, bonds, notes and certificates of participation in capital leases.

I. Outside Counsel. The Fiscal Officer of the Issuer (the “Auditor”) may, upon obtaining any necessary approvals, engage an attorney or firm of attorneys of national reputation on the subject of the federal tax and securities law of public finance to serve as “Outside Counsel” for the purpose of assisting the Issuer in the pursuit of its duties under this Policy. Outside Counsel may be bond counsel for the Issuer. Any such engagement shall be evidenced by the execution of an engagement letter or other written agreement between Issuer and such Outside Counsel.

II. Securities Law Matters – Continuing Disclosure

A. Continuing Disclosure Working Group. The Auditor (the “Disclosure Officer”) shall have primary responsibility for preparing the annual financial information and operating data (an “Annual Filing”) to be filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) via its Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) system pursuant to operative continuing disclosure undertakings (the “Continuing Disclosure Undertakings”) entered into by the Issuer pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such Disclosure Officer, together with any Outside Counsel retained by the Issuer, shall constitute the “Continuing Disclosure Working Group.”

B. Annual Financial Information and Operating Data.

1. **Assembling Current Information.** The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall compile, maintain and update a list of all financial information and operating data required to be filed with the MSRB pursuant to each of the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings, and shall establish a schedule for producing the data (and the Annual Filing document) that will afford sufficient time for final review by the Continuing Disclosure Working Group and approval in accordance with this Policy.

2. **Review for Process, Accuracy, and Completeness.** The members of the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall review the Annual Filing

drafts to determine whether, based on information known or reported to them, (a) this Policy was followed, (b) the material facts in the Annual Filing appear to be consistent with those facts known to the members of the Continuing Disclosure Working Group, (c) the Annual Filing contains all information required by the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings, and (d) the Annual Filing omits any material fact that is necessary to be included to prevent the Annual Filing from being misleading to investors. The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall take such action as may be necessary, based on feedback from the Continuing Disclosure Working Group, to enable the Continuing Disclosure Working Group to conclude that this Policy was followed and that the Annual Filing is accurate and complete in all material respects.

3. **Final Approval.** The Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall approve the final draft of the Annual Filing.
4. **Posting.** The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall file each Annual Filing with the MSRB through EMMA by the deadline established by the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings. The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall exercise reasonable care to ensure that each Annual Filing is filed in the format and with the identifying information required by the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings, including applicable CUSIP numbers, in accordance with the rules and requirements of the EMMA system.
5. **Documentation of Procedures.** The Disclosure Officer shall compile and retain a file of the actions taken to prepare, check, and approve the Annual Filing, including the sources of the information included the comments and actions of the Continuing Disclosure Working Group.

C. **Event Notices**

1. **Identification of Reportable Events.** The Disclosure Officer shall maintain a list of events of which the Issuer is required to provide notice to the MSRB pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings. The Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall (a) identify the officers and employees of the Issuer who are most likely to first obtain knowledge of the occurrence of such events and (b) request in writing that they notify the Disclosure Officer immediately after learning of any such event, regardless of materiality, and repeat such request in a quarterly reminder.
2. **Identification of Financial Obligations; Materiality**
 - a. The Disclosure Officer shall undertake to identify any financial obligations, as defined in the Rule, to which the Issuer is a party and under the terms of which a default, event of acceleration,

termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events could reflect financial difficulties on the part of the Issuer.

- b. The Disclosure Officer shall prepare a summary sheet with respect to the financial obligations, as defined in the Rule, to which the Issuer is a party in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for the purpose of evaluating, together with the Continuing Disclosure Working Group, (i) whether the incurrence of any such financial obligation must be disclosed under the terms of any Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, or (ii) whether the agreement or amendment to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of any such financial obligation affects the security holders of the Issuer's securities and must be disclosed under the terms of any Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.
 - c. The Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall establish procedures for assessing the materiality of any financial obligation (including the materiality of any agreement or amendment to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of any such financial obligation) as well as whether a default, an acceleration or termination event, modification of terms or similar events under a financial obligation reflects financial difficulties.
3. **Preparation of Event Notice.** The Disclosure Officer shall assess the materiality of any reportable event with the assistance of Outside Counsel (reportable under the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings) and, if notice of the event (each an "Event Notice") must be given (or if no materiality standard applies to that particular event), prepare or cause to be prepared an Event Notice giving notice of the event, and review the draft Event Notice with the Continuing Disclosure Working Group.
 4. **Review and Approval of Event Notice.** The Disclosure Officer shall not file an Event Notice until it is approved by the Continuing Disclosure Working Group unless the Event Notice (a) only gives notice of a rating change, bond call, or defeasance or (b) such approval has not been received by the applicable filing deadline under the Rule and the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings.
 5. **Posting.** The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall file or cause to be filed each Event Notice with the MSRB through EMMA by the deadline established by the Rule and the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings or, if the facts cannot be correctly and fairly described by the deadline, then as soon as possible thereafter. The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall exercise reasonable care to file each Event Notice in the format and with the identifying information required by the Continuing Disclosure

Undertakings, including CUSIP numbers, in accordance with the rules and requirements of the MSRB's EMMA system.

6. **Documentation of Procedures.** The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall compile and retain a file of the actions taken to report each event and prepare, check, and approve each Event Notice, including the approvals of the Continuing Disclosure Working Group, if obtained.

III. Federal Tax Law Compliance

- A. **Tax Compliance Working Group.** The Auditor (the "Tax Compliance Officer") shall have primary responsibility for complying with the requirement of federal tax law with respect to the bonds of the Issuer. Such Tax Compliance Officer, together with any Outside Counsel retained by the Issuer shall constitute the "Tax Compliance Working Group."
- B. **Procedures.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall implement the following procedures in preparing, checking, or issuing the documentation described herein.
 1. **Proper Use of Proceeds.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall ensure that bond proceeds are allocated to expenditures in a manner that is consistent with the purpose for which each bond issue is undertaken, as set forth in any tax compliance certificate or agreement related to each bond issue. The Tax Compliance Officer shall undertake to make final allocations for federal income tax purposes of the bond proceeds within 18 months after a financed facility is placed in service but in no event later than 60 days following the fifth anniversary of the issuance of each bond issue.
 2. **Investment of Bond Proceeds and Rebate.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall ensure that bond proceeds are invested in investments that are permissible under the terms of the Ohio Revised Code, the bond documents, and any applicable federal tax laws. The Tax Compliance Officer shall determine whether it is appropriate to undertake rebate calculations with respect to the investment of proceeds of the bonds shall ensure the timely completion of arbitrage rebate calculations and filings.
 3. **Administration of Direct Pay Bonds.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall ensure the proper administration of each issue of bonds qualifying for the payment by the federal government of a credit equal to a percentage of interest on such bonds or calculated on some other basis, including the timely completion and filing of any forms required by the Internal Revenue Service to maintain or establish the applicable status of the bonds for purposes of federal income taxation.
 4. **Use of Bond-Financed Facilities.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall consult with Outside Counsel before entering into any agreement or other arrangement for the sale, lease, or use of bond-financed property, including,

but not limited to, service, vendor, and management contracts, research agreements, licenses to use bond-financed property, or naming rights agreements. The Tax Compliance Officer or the designee of the Tax Compliance Officer shall review such agreements for compliance with federal tax laws and complete a Private Business Use Contract Review Worksheet (attached as **Exhibit B**) to document that such review has been completed.

5. **Post-Issuance Transactions.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall consult with Outside Counsel for the Issuer before making any modifications or amendments to the bond documents for a bond issue, including, but not limited to, entering or modifying investment agreements; making any change in security for the bonds; engaging in post-issuance credit enhancement transactions (*e.g.*, bond insurance, letter of credit) or hedging transactions (*e.g.*, interest rate swap, cap); terminating or appointing successor trustees; releasing any liens; or reissuing the bonds.
6. **Remedial Action.** In the event that it is determined that any use of bond proceeds or bond-financed facilities is inconsistent with the character of the status for federal income tax purposes of the bonds, the Tax Compliance Officer shall consult with Outside Counsel for the purpose of determining the nature and extent of any remedial action necessary or proper for the Issuer to take with respect to such bonds or bond-financed facilities according to Treasury Regulations Section 1.141-12 or other remedial actions authorized by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue under 1.141.12(h).

C. Recordkeeping. Responsibility for Records Maintenance

1. The Tax Compliance Officer shall be responsible for maintaining records related to bonds of the Issuer.
2. The Tax Compliance Officer shall maintain a central list of records related to each issue of bonds of the Issuer. The list shall identify:
 - a. The name and date of the document related to the issue,
 - b. The person or office responsible for the document, and
 - c. The physical or electronic location of the document.

D. Bond Records to be Maintained

1. The following records shall be maintained for each outstanding bond issue for the term of the outstanding bond issue plus three years:
 - a. Basic records relating to the bond transaction, including the trust indenture, loan, lease, or other financing agreement, the relevant

IRS Form 8038 (including Forms 8038-G, 8038-GC, 8038-B, or 8038-TC, as applicable) with proof of filing, and bond counsel opinion shall be maintained by the Tax Compliance Officer;

- b. Documentation evidencing the expenditure of bond proceeds, such as construction or contractor invoices and receipts for equipment and furnishings, as well as records of any special allocation made for tax purposes shall be maintained by the Tax Compliance Officer;
- c. Documentation evidencing the lease or use of bond-financed property by public and private sources, including, but not limited to, service, vendor, and management contracts, research agreements, licenses to use bond-financed property, or naming rights agreements shall be maintained by the Issuer office executing such agreement for use of bond-financed property; and
- d. Documentation pertaining to investment of bond proceeds, including the yield calculations for each class of investments, actual investment income received from the investment of proceeds, and rebate calculations shall be maintained by the Tax Compliance Officer's Office.

- 2. The Tax Compliance Officer shall maintain the Issuer's audited financial statements for not less than seven years.

IV. Training Requirements, Policy Review and Miscellaneous Matters

A. Training. Within six months of the adoption of this Policy, and on an as-needed basis thereafter, the Auditor as the acting Tax Compliance Officer and Disclosure Officer, in addition with any respective designees, if any, shall undergo training regarding basic federal securities law and tax concepts relating to bonds and records required to be maintained under this Policy.

B. Annual Review. On an annual basis, or sooner if deemed necessary, the Continuing Disclosure Working Group and the Tax Compliance Working Group shall review this policy and assess the Issuer's compliance with this Policy and shall make changes to this Policy as appropriate to ensure compliance with any covenants in the bond documents or the requirements of federal tax and securities laws and any other applicable law.

C. Miscellaneous

- 1. **Internal Use Only.** This Policy is intended for the internal use of the Issuer only and is not intended to establish any duties in favor of or rights of any person other than the Issuer.
- 2. **Waiver of Procedures.** The officers and employees charged by this Policy with performing or refraining from any action may depart from this Policy

when they in good faith determine that such departure is in the best interests of the Issuer and consistent with the duties of the Issuer under applicable laws. If a Disclosure Officer or Tax Compliance Officer is charged by this Policy with taking or refraining from such action, any such departure shall require approval review of Outside Counsel.

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO
FINANCIAL OBLIGATION SUMMARY SHEET

This form may be used to gather information necessary to evaluate whether a financial obligation is material and must be disclosed to via the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board’s EMMA system. The information requested should be inserted below. In some cases, it may be appropriate to attach a schedule or copy the applicable section from the relevant documents.

The term *financial obligation* means a:

(A) Debt obligation; (B) Derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (C) Guarantee of either of the foregoing.

Such term does not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with SEC Rule 15c2-12.

Generally speaking, any obligation that is essentially a vehicle to borrow money (*e.g.*, a lease-purchase agreement) should be considered a *financial obligation*.

1. Loan amount and date incurred	
2. Final maturity date of the loan	
3. Debt service schedule, if including principal amortization, interest rate(s), interest calculations (<i>attach separate sheet if necessary</i>)	
4. Legal security and/ source of payment	
5. Interest rate method of calculation, if variable	
6. Use of loan proceeds	
7. Covenants, events of defaults and remedies	
8. Amortization modification provisions, or information about payment acceleration or other non-standard payment considerations	
9. Any other information that an issuer believes to be important to lenders or investors in the obligations of the Issuer	

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO
PRIVATE BUSINESS USE CONTRACT REVIEW WORKSHEET

City Department: _____

Contracting Parties: _____

Type/Title of Agreement: _____

Agreement Not Subject to Private Use Limitation

- ___ Relates solely to construction of bond-financed facility
___ Relates to property that was not financed with proceeds of a bond issue
___ Does not relate to use or function of property
___ Includes incidental services only (janitorial, office equipment repair, or similar services)
___ Compensation consists solely of reimbursement of actual and direct expenses incurred by the service provider while providing services under the agreement

Agreement Satisfies Safe Harbors for Management/Service Contracts with Outside Service Providers (See definitions on page B-4)

If the arrangement with an outside service provider is not either an "Eligible Expense Reimbursement Arrangement" or an "Other Permissible Arrangement" (both as described below), then Bond Counsel should be consulted.

Eligible Expense Reimbursement Arrangement

___ To be an Eligible Expense Reimbursement Arrangement, the compensation paid to the outside service provider must consist solely of reasonable overhead and the reimbursement of actual and direct expenses paid by the outside service provider to unrelated parties.

Other Permissible Arrangement

To be an Other Permissible Arrangement, all six of the following elements must be present:

1. Financial Requirements

- _____ Compensation payments to the service provider (including any reimbursement for actual and direct expenses paid by the service provider and related administrative overhead expenses) are reasonable compensation for services rendered during the term of the contract; and
- _____ The outside service provider does not share in the net profits of the managed facility; and
- _____ The outside service provider is not forced to share net losses from the operation of the managed facility.

2. Term of the Contract

- _____ The term of the contract is no longer than the lesser of (i) 30 years, or (ii) 80% of the weighted economic life of the managed property, which term is retested as of the date of any material modification of the contract.

3. Control of the Managed Property

- _____ The approval of the City is required for each of the following:
 - _____ the annual budget of the managed property;
 - _____ capital expenditures with respect to the managed property;
 - _____ any disposition of the managed property or any portion thereof;
 - _____ rates charged for use of managed property (or methodology for setting such rates); and
 - _____ the general nature and type of use of the managed property (for example, the type of services).

4. Risk of Loss

- _____ The City bears the risk of loss upon damage or destruction of the managed property.

5. Tax Position of Outside Service Provider

- _____ The outside service provider expressly agrees that it is not entitled to and will not take any tax position that is inconsistent with being an outside service provider to the City with respect to the managed property.

6. Rights of the City

_____ The outside service provider does not have any role or relationship with the City that might limit the ability of the City to exercise its rights under the contract.

Agreement Requires Further Review by Bond Counsel

_____ Ownership (including agreement that transfers title at end of the term)

_____ Lease, license, or any other agreement which creates exclusive or priority rights to use any portion of a bond-financed property or which creates an economic benefit for the third-party user

_____ Agreement with governmental entity or 501(c)(3) organization

_____ Research agreement

_____ Management or service contract falling outside safe harbors listed above (provide explanation)

Reviewer: _____

Date: _____

Definitions:*Net Profits:*

Net profits under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). IRS Rev. Proc. 97-13 expressly provides that compensation agreements based on the following are not considered to be compensation based on a share of net profits:

- (a) a percentage of gross revenues (or adjusted gross revenues) of a facility or a percentage of expenses from a facility, but not both;
- (b) a Capitation Fee; or
- (c) a Per Unit Fee is generally not considered to be based on a share of net profits.
- (d) a productivity reward equal to a stated dollar amount based on increases or decreases in gross revenues (or adjusted gross revenues), or reductions in total expenses (but not both increases in gross revenues (or adjusted gross revenues) and reductions in total expenses) in any annual period during the term of the contract

Periodic Fixed Fee:

A stated dollar amount for services rendered during a specific period of time. The stated dollar amount may automatically increase according to a specified, objective, external standard that is not linked to the output or efficiency of the facility (e.g., the Consumer Price Index). Capitation fees and per-unit fees are not periodic fixed fees.

Capitation Fee:

A fixed periodic amount for each person for whom the service provider assumes the responsibility to provide all needed services for a specified period so long as the quantity and type of services actually provided to covered persons varies substantially. For example, a capitation fee includes a fixed dollar amount payable per month to a medical service provider for each member of a health maintenance organization plan for whom the provider agrees to provide all needed medical services for a specified period. A capitation fee may include a variable component of up to 20% of the total capitation fee designed to protect the service provider against risks such as catastrophic loss.

Per Unit Fee:

A fee based on a unit of services provided specified in the contract or otherwise specifically determined by an independent third party, such as the administrator of the Medicare program. For example, a stated dollar amount for each specified medical procedure performed, car parked, or passenger mile is a per-unit fee. Separate billing arrangements between physicians and hospitals generally are treated as per-unit fee arrangements.



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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL FOR THE PROVISION OF 2026 - 2027 MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director is authorized to accept the proposal and enter into an agreement with Medical Mutual for the provision of 2026-2027 healthcare insurance coverage, based on the proposal attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for the further reason that to secure health insurance coverage for City employees before the current policy lapses on May 31, 2026, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



MEDICAL MUTUAL®

PROPRIETARY & CONFIDENTIAL

Proposal For:

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON - WorkSpring (19 Months)

Effective Date: 6/1/2026

End Date: 12/31/2027

County: Knox

State: Ohio

Quote ID: 0147561-05

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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MEDICAL MUTUAL®

It is Medical Mutual Services' position that the information contained in this response constitutes trade secrets protected by O.R.C. §1333.61, et seq. This information would provide an economic benefit to our competitors. Medical Mutual Services takes steps to keep the information confidential by marking it as "proprietary" and by using non-disclosure agreements, where applicable, to protect its confidentiality when it is released. O.R.C. §1333.62 protects against misappropriation of trade secrets by allowing courts to enjoin disclosure.

Under O.R.C. §149.43(A)(1)(v) records are not public if the release of the records is prohibited by state or federal law. Since trade secrets are protected by the state law set forth in O.R.C. §1333.62, the exception against disclosure set forth in §149.43(A)(1)(v) applies to this response.



Benefit Highlights & Premium Rates	\$3400 HSA		\$1000 HRA		\$1000 HRA		\$1000 HRA	
Product / Network	SuperMed Plus		SuperMed Plus		SuperMed Plus		SuperMed Plus	
HSA Option	Yes		No		No		No	
Includes Major Med. Rx?	Yes		No		No		No	
Medical Benefit Description			HRA - EE \$100 / ER \$900		HRA - EE \$500 / ER \$500		HRA - EE \$100 / ER \$900	
	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK
Deductible Type	Embedded		Embedded		Embedded		Embedded	
Single Deductible	\$3,400	\$6,800	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Family Deductible	\$6,800	\$13,600	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Employer Coinsurance % *	100%	50%	80%	50%	80%	50%	80%	50%
Single Out of Pocket (Excludes Deductible)	\$0	\$6,800	\$6,150	\$19,450	\$6,150	\$19,450	\$4,000	\$19,450
Family Out of Pocket (Excludes Deductible)	\$0	\$13,600	\$12,300	\$38,900	\$12,300	\$38,900	\$8,000	\$38,900
Single Maximum Out of Pocket	\$3,400	\$13,600	\$7,150	\$21,450	\$7,150	\$21,450	\$5,000	\$21,450
Family Maximum Out of Pocket	\$6,800	\$27,200	\$14,300	\$42,900	\$14,300	\$42,900	\$10,000	\$42,900
Office Visit	100% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	\$20	50% After Deductible	\$20	50% After Deductible	\$20	50% After Deductible
Specialist Office Visit	100% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	\$40	50% After Deductible	\$40	50% After Deductible	\$40	50% After Deductible
Urgent Care Office Visits	100% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	\$75, Ded and coins.	50% After Deductible	\$75, Ded and coins.	50% After Deductible	\$75, Ded and coins.	50% After Deductible
Emergency Room Visits**	100% After Deductible		\$200 then coins.		\$200		\$200	
Inpatient Services	100% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	80% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	80% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	80% After Deductible	50% After Deductible
Prescription Drug Card Benefit Highlights	Major Medical Drug		Freestanding Drug		Freestanding Drug		Freestanding Drug	
Single Deductible	\$3,400		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Family Deductible	\$6,800		N/A		N/A		N/A	
	Retail	Mail Order	Retail	Mail Order	Retail	Mail Order	Retail	Mail Order
Generic Copay	N/A	N/A	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
Formulary Copay	N/A	N/A	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$30.00
Non-Formulary Copay	N/A	N/A	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$60.00
4th Tier Copay	N/A	N/A	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max
	OTHER		OTHER		OTHER		OTHER	

Rates Effective 6/1/2026 - 12/31/2027:	Enrolled	Rates	Enrolled	Rates	Enrolled	Rates	Enrolled	Rates
Single	0	\$957.91	45	\$1,103.46	45	\$1,084.99	45	\$1,135.50
Employee + Spouse	0	\$2,009.06	23	\$2,317.75	23	\$2,278.89	23	\$2,385.14
Employee + Child	0	\$1,722.39	6	\$1,986.59	6	\$1,953.29	6	\$2,044.34
Employee + Children	1	\$1,722.39	6	\$1,986.59	6	\$1,953.29	6	\$2,044.34
Family	0	\$2,869.13	86	\$3,311.29	86	\$3,255.73	86	\$3,407.60
Monthly Premium		\$1,722		\$411,574		\$404,671		\$423,541

Group Official Plan/Rate Selections	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here



Benefit Highlights & Premium Rates		\$1000 HRA	
Product / Network		SuperMed Plus	
HSA Option		No	
Includes Major Med. Rx?		No	
Medical Benefit Description		HRA - EE \$500 / ER \$500	
	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK	
Deductible Type		Embedded	
Single Deductible	\$1,000	\$2,000	
Family Deductible	\$2,000	\$4,000	
Employer Coinsurance % *	80%	50%	
Single Out of Pocket (Excludes Deductible)	\$4,000	\$19,450	
Family Out of Pocket (Excludes Deductible)	\$8,000	\$38,900	
Single Maximum Out of Pocket	\$5,000	\$21,450	
Family Maximum Out of Pocket	\$10,000	\$42,900	
Office Visit	\$20	50% After Deductible	
Specialist Office Visit	\$40	50% After Deductible	
Urgent Care Office Visits	\$75, Ded and coins.	50% After Deductible	
Emergency Room Visits**	\$200		
Inpatient Services	80% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	
Prescription Drug Card Benefit Highlights		Freestanding Drug	
	Retail	Mail Order	
Generic Copay	\$10.00	\$20.00	
Formulary Copay	\$40.00	\$30.00	
Non-Formulary Copay	\$70.00	\$60.00	
4th Tier Copay	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max	
OTHER			

Rates Effective 6/1/2026 - 12/31/2027:	Enrolled	Rates
Single	45	\$1,110.66
Employee + Spouse	23	\$2,332.89
Employee + Child	6	\$1,999.57
Employee + Children	6	\$1,999.57
Family	86	\$3,332.93
Monthly Premium		\$414,263

Group Official Plan/Rate Selections	Initial Here _____
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Rate Acceptance

Group Official Initial: _____ *Please initial next to the benefits that have been selected by the group.*

Group Official Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

* Some non-network services will be covered at a coinsurance less than what is shown.
 ** Emergency room visits that do not qualify as an emergency may be covered at a lesser amount. Coverage for emergency visits and emergency services may vary.

In accordance with Ohio law, coverage for dependents beyond the federal limiting age of 26 may necessitate additional premium on insured plans. Employers must disclose any funding of deductibles or coinsurance provided to employees. If funding is not disclosed, Medical Mutual reserves the right to adjust rates at any time during the contract period. This may result in higher than anticipated rate adjustments. Rates reflect the federally mandated fees. All fees are subject to state premium tax. Fees are subject to change. When a contract period spans more than one calendar year, the fees are averaged over the length of the period. Rates and premiums for periods beginning January 1, 2022 do not include potential or actual exposure due to section 4980I of the Internal Revenue Code -- Excise Tax on High Cost Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Any Excise tax determined to be payable on your plan(s) will be billed separately from health plan premium rates. The limiting age for dependent children is 26, except in the case of physical or intellectual disability. Effective January 1, 2016, Ohio law lowered the limiting age for dependent children from 28 to 26. However, as a large group customer you still have options available to you. You may continue covering dependent children to age 28, reduce the age to 26 for both new and existing dependent children or reduce the age to 26 for new dependent children only. Please note that children with a physical or intellectual disability are not impacted by the change in Ohio law. Please contact your Medical Mutual representative to discuss your options in detail.

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON - WorkSpring (19 Months)
6/1/2026
Disclaimers & Contingencies

- Proposal expires in 60 days or upon effective date.
- Rates assume Medical Mutual is the only carrier, with 75% of net eligible employees enrolled.
- Rates are subject to change if enrollment varies by more than 10% from 167 contracts quoted.
- Ancillary coverages will be packaged with Medical coverage and not sold separately.
- Disclosure of disabled participants is required.
- Misrepresentation may result in rescission of coverage.
- Rates include standard reporting and administration.
- Employers must disclose any funding of deductibles or coinsurance provided to employees. If funding is not disclosed, Medical Mutual reserves the right to adjust rates at any time during the contract period. This may result in higher than anticipated rate adjustments.
- Covered employees will automatically have access to Medical Mutual's Essentials wellness program, which includes online health resources, health assessments, Weight Watchers discounts, 24/7 nurse line and tobacco cessation programs. If not already enrolled in a buy up program, additional wellness program options are available upon request for an additional fee.
- The rates in this proposal may include Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Fee (PCORI), Reinsurance Fee, Exchange Fee, and Market Share Fee when applicable which are federally mandated. Additionally, this policy, Medical Mutual, or you as a Plan Sponsor may become subject to taxes, fees or other charges imposed by State, Local, or Federal governments (collectively, "fees"). Medical Mutual reserves the right to adjust your premium or funding rate (or add the fees to the invoice) consistent with the effective date of the new fees imposed by the government. Adjustments may or may not be noted in a line item on monthly invoices. All fees are subject to change during the contract period.
- Change in enrollment of any one plan of more than 10% or the elimination of a plan may require rates to be adjusted.
- As required by the Affordable Care Act, employees must be notified at least 60 days before the effective date of a material modification if it impacts the contents of the SBC. Please be aware of this requirement when considering an off-renewal plan change or a change in carrier.
- Effective January 1, 2016, Ohio law lowered the limiting age for dependent children from 28 to 26. However, as a large group customer you still have options available to you. You may continue covering dependent children to age 28, reduce the age to 26 for both new and existing dependent children or reduce the age to 26 for new dependent children only. Please note that children with a physical or intellectual disability are not impacted by the change in Ohio law. Please contact your Medical Mutual representative to discuss your options in detail.

Rate Acceptance

Group Official Initial: _____ *Please initial next to the benefits that have been selected by the group.*

Group Official Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-46

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Finance & Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-177

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon did make the necessary inquiries that these billed amounts as indicated are legitimate and proper and did approve payment in the amounts shown; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the making of such contract or order and at the time of the execution of such certificate a sufficient sum appropriated for the purpose of such contract or order was in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to pay bills as follows:

1. To Bradley Payne, LLC in the amount of \$10,000.00 from line number 101.3600.54490, General Fund - Support for Capital Improvement.
2. To JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. in the amount of \$10,851.00 from line number 720.2820.53211, WasteWater Fund - Plant Chemicals.

SECTION 2: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the City, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.30, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-47

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Finance & Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-178

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to make supplemental appropriations as follows:

1. To 701.2700.53111, Dues/Supplies/Incidentals- Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,002.10, and to account 720.2800.53111, Dues/Supplies/Incidentals- Waste Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,002.10. (Unanticipated revenue was received from the collection of scrap metal).

2. To 406.3600.54111, TIF-Improvement Construction- Sandusky St Corridor TIF, in the amount of \$167,000.00. (Anticipated revenue received for prior years from property tax distributions, that needs to be properly recorded and applied).

3. To 101.1300.54111, Services Received - Auditor, in the amount of \$50,000.00 (9,457.85 in Carryover from Previous Year, Remainder from Unappropriated General Fund Balance).

4. To 101.1300.54467, Annual Report- Auditor, in the amount of \$46,000.00 (20,500 from carryover from previous year, Remainder from Unappropriated General Fund Balance).

SECTION 2: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the City, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.20, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-48

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Parks & Recreation
Hager, Jacklin
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-179

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PROPERTY FROM THE MOUNT VERNON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Development Company, Inc. acquired the former R & J Car Care, Inc. car wash at the southern end of South Gay Street. The Mount Vernon Development Company subsequently rehabilitated and redeveloped the property, to create a park overlooking the Kokosing River and City's viaduct; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Development Company, Inc. wishes to donate this property to the City so that the donated property will be part of Ariel Foundation Park and the bike trail connector, according to the terms of the Gift Agreement between the City and the Mount Vernon Development Company, Inc., dated December 30, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be and herewith is authorized and directed to accept the donation of property from the Mount Vernon Development Company, Inc as shown on Attachment A.

Section 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for further reason to confirm the acceptance of this gift and allow the City to negotiate an agreement for the continued upkeep of the property, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

Tracy & Mills, Surveyors

Thomas M. Tracy, PS
1941-2002
David R. Mills, PS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR:
R. & J. Car Care, Inc.
0.618 ACRE
February 2016

DESCRIPTION
APPROVED
JIM HENRY
KNOX COUNTY ENGINEER
JMS

The following real estate, situate in Lots 92 and 93 of the Original Plat of the City of Mount Vernon and part of unplatted Lands, Knox County, Ohio and being described as follows:

Commencing at a P.K. Nail found at the intersection of the south line of Howard Street (66') and the east line of Gay Street (66');

thence along the west line of Gay Street South 7 deg. 00' 00" West 82.74 feet to a P.K. Nail found;

thence North 82 deg. 55' 45" West 33.00 feet to a P.K. Nail set in the centerline of Gay Street (vacated) and being the northeast corner and beginning point of the tract herein described;

thence along the centerline of Gay Street and the along a west line of a 0.618 acre tract (City of Mount Vernon, D.V. 1263, Pg. 497) South 7 deg. 00' 00" West 143.94 feet to an iron pin found;

thence along a north line of said 0.618 acres South 71 deg. 06' 55" West 171.68 feet to a point in the Kokosing River;

thence North 62 deg. 21' 05" West 2.71 feet to a point on the east line of Parcel # 66-50112.000 (City of Mount Vernon, D.V. 268, Pg. 468);

thence along the east line of said tract North 7 deg. 00' 00" East, passing through an iron pin set at 90.00 feet, a total of 205.46 feet to a P.K. Nail set on the south line of Gay Street (60');

thence along the south line of said street South 79 deg. 25' 00" East 58.07 feet to a P.K. Nail set at the P.C. of a 121.44 foot radius curve to the left;

thence along said curve an arc distance of 68.57 feet (Chord = North 84 deg. 24' 30" East 67.66 feet to a P.K. Nail set;

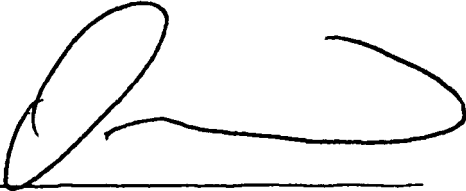
Exhibit A

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Tracy & Mills, Surveyors

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thence South 85 deg. 21' 11" East 33.03 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.618 acre, as surveyed in February 2016 by Tracy & Mills, Surveyors, 10 E. Vine Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio, David R. Mills, Surveyor #7157, Ohio. North based on Survey Record Volume R, page 158. Note: Iron pins set are 5/8" x 30" rebar with plastic cap stamped Tracy and Mills.



David R. Mills Surveyor # 7157
Date: February 24, 2016



DESCRIPTION
APPROVED
CAMERON KEATON
KNOX COUNTY ENGINEER



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City of Mount Vernon
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Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-49

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Parks & Recreation
Hager, Jacklin
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-180

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE AMERICAN TRAILS “TRAILS CAPACITY PROGRAM;” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of high-quality trails, green spaces, and outdoor infrastructure in enhancing quality of life, promoting public health, supporting tourism, and strengthening community connections; and

WHEREAS, the American Trails organization administers the Trails Capacity Program, a national grant initiative that funds trail maintenance, stewardship training, and research projects on public lands accessible to the community;

WHEREAS, the Trails Capacity Program provides financial assistance, typically ranging from approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project, to support local governments, nonprofits, and community partners in improving and maintaining publicly accessible trail systems;

WHEREAS, eligible projects include trail maintenance, community engagement, stewardship training, and initiatives that enhance responsible trail use and accessibility for a broad range of users;

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon Public Works Department is committed to maintaining and enhancing the City’s trail infrastructure, parks, and public spaces for the benefit of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, securing external grant funding will allow the City to leverage additional resources, expand maintenance capacity, and implement improvements that may otherwise be delayed or unfunded; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Trails Capacity Program aligns with the City’s goals related to recreation, economic development, environmental stewardship, and community well-being;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the Mount Vernon City Council hereby supports the submission of a grant

application by the Public Works Department to the American Trails Capacity Program.

Section 2: That the City of Mount Vernon affirms its commitment to:

- Maintaining and improving local trail infrastructure;
- Supporting safe, accessible, and inclusive recreational opportunities; and
- Partnering with organizations that promote stewardship and responsible use of public lands.

Section 3: That the Mayor and/or the Public Works Director are hereby authorized to prepare, execute, and submit all necessary documentation associated with the grant application.

Section 4: That, if awarded, the City agrees to comply with all grant requirements, including project implementation, reporting, and community engagement expectations.

Section 5: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for further reason to comply with the deadline of the grant application, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-50

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Finance & Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-181

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO CREATE ADDITIONAL LINES PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.09(F).

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 5705.09(F) requires each subdivision to establish a special fund for each class of revenues derived from a source other than the general property tax, which the law requires to be used for a particular purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to rename this fund in order to reflect changes in the staffing structure of the Safety Service office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to rename the following line within the 2300 Fund - Service Director fund from “101.2300.53214 - Safety Officer” to “101.2300.53214 – Community Dev / PIO.”

SECTION 2:

This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the City, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.30, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-51

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Finance & Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-182

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to make supplemental appropriations as follows:

1. From account 101.3600.54452, Infrastructure Improvements, to account 101.2300.53214, Community Dev / PIO, in the amount of \$44,000.00.

SECTION 2: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the City, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.20, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-52

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Parks & Recreation
Hager, Jacklin
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-183

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PROPERTY AND MONEY FROM THE SCHNORMEIER GARDENS FOUNDATION.

WHEREAS, the City plans to move the Veteran’s Walk of Honor to American Heritage Park; and

WHEREAS, the Schnormeier Gardens Foundation wishes to donate the Silent Battle Monument and pay the associated costs for the installation of the monument as the centerpiece of the relocated Veteran’s Walk of Honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be and herewith is authorized and directed to accept the donation of the Silent Battle Monument and cash for the installation of the monument from the Schnormeier Gardens Foundation.

PASSED: _____, 2026
Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026
Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Employee & Community
Relations

Scheduled

Keener, Ruckman
Category: Ordinance

Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk

ORDINANCE 2026-8

Doc ID: 2026-111

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SERVICES AND RESOURCE COORDINATOR; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the following exempt professional position is hereby authorized within the salary range and upon the appropriation times listed below:

	Pay Grade	Min	Mid	Max
Services and Resource Coordinator	1	\$21.57	\$25.88	\$30.20 (per hour)

The salary authorized by this Ordinance shall be payable bi-weekly.

SECTION 2: The salary range listed is the base salary range for the position. The position is eligible for annual longevity increments:

For the first five (5) years, \$400.00.

Annual Longevity Increments after five (5) years:

Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$500.00	\$550.00	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$700.00

The effective date of eligibility for an annual longevity increment shall be the anniversary date of employment with the City in a non-bargaining unit position.

SECTION 3: Exempt employees are expected to work as necessary, including outside of normal business hours, in the completion of their duties. Exempt employees will work with their supervisor in establishing their work schedule. The normal work week for non-exempt employees shall be forty (40) hours in pay status work on five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days, Monday through Friday, exclusive of the time allotted for meals, during the period starting at 12:01 A. M. Sunday to 12:00 P. M. Midnight, Saturday, unless otherwise set by the employee's supervisor or appointing authority.

SECTION 4: This position shall be entitled to the benefits outlined in the Mount Vernon Employee Handbook effective August 2021, as amended.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for the further reason that this position serves as a central connection point between residents, City services, and community resources, and is necessary for the unhindered operation of the City, and said position shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 183.013 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 183.013 of the City Codified Ordinances shall be amended as follows (additions in **bold**, deletions in ~~striketrough~~):
183.013 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

(A) The first one percent (1%) of the funds collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be credited in the following manner:

(1) Such part thereof as shall be necessary to defray all the costs of collecting the tax and the cost of administering and enforcing the provisions thereof.

(2)—(a) Not more than **Fifty-four percent (54%)** ~~fifty-two (52%)~~ of the net available income tax receipts shall be placed in the General Fund and used to defray operating expenses in and of the City.

~~(b) A provision shall be made for a sufficient amount of income tax receipts to be deposited into the Bond Retirement Income Tax Fund to retire the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds for the construction of a maintenance building for the street department, the water department and the wastewater department. At such time the bonds have been fully retired, this provision shall be repealed, and the receipts shall be credited to the General Fund.~~

(3) At least **fifteen percent (15%)** ~~nineteen and one-half percent (19.5%)~~ of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for capital improvements of the City, including, but not limited to, development and construction of sewers; to provide for improvement and maintenance of public buildings; for equipment necessary for police, fire, street, and service departments; and to provide for parks and playgrounds.

(4) At least three percent (3%) of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for street construction, maintenance and repair funds.

(5) At least one percent (1%) of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for the police pension fund.

(6) At least one percent (1%) of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside

for the fire pension fund.

(7) At least four percent (4%) of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for the cemetery fund.

(8) At least **eleven percent (11%)** ~~nineteen and one-half percent (19.5%)~~ of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for the roads and bridges fund.

(9) At least eleven percent (11%) of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Fund.

Section 2. Any provision in legislation previously adopted which is in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed.

Section 3. The amendment of Section 183.013 as set forth in this Ordinance shall become effective on the first day of the month immediately following the Ordinance’s effective date.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety, and to establish the allocation of city income tax for the upcoming fiscal year, and said Ordinance shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



SCHEDULED

Ordinance 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING VEHICLE STORAGE WITHIN THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Mount Vernon finds it necessary to regulate the storage of large equipment to maintain the aesthetic character and safety of residential neighborhoods.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the title of Chapter 1309 of the Codified Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows (deletion is in ~~strikethrough~~):

~~Motor~~-Vehicle Storage

Section 2. That Section 1309.02 of the Codified Ordinances be replaced with the following:

1309.02 STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND BOATS

(a) Definitions

- (1) Recreational Vehicle (RV): Includes recreational homes, campers, and travel trailers designed for temporary living quarters.
- (2) Boat: Any vessel or watercraft, including its transport trailer.
- (3) Utility Trailer: A non-recreationalized vehicle designed to be pulled by another, used for transporting goods, equipment, or materials.
- (4) Enclosed Utility Trailer: A utility trailer characterized by a permanent roof and side walls that fully enclose the cargo area.
- (5) Total Trailers: The cumulative count of all boat trailers, RV trailers, and utility trailers on a single property.
- (6) Improved Surface- a surface constructed of concrete, pavers, asphalt, gravel, or other substance as approved by city zoning ordinances.

(b) Storage Location and Limits

- (1) Driveway Storage: Boats, campers (RVs), and Enclosed Utility Trailers may be stored on an improved surface, provided they meet the specific requirements in subsection (c) and the size restrictions in subsection (d).

- (2) General Utility Trailer Restrictions: Except as provided in subsection (3) below, utility trailers are strictly prohibited from being stored in any front yard or driveway. They must be stored:
 - (A) Within a completely enclosed garage; or
 - (B) In the rear yard, provided they are screened from public view.
 - (3) Exception for Enclosed Utility Trailers: An enclosed utility trailer may be stored in a driveway if it meets the following criteria:
 - (A) The trailer box length is under fourteen (14) feet. Any enclosed utility trailer fourteen (14) feet or longer shall be subject to the same restrictions as general utility trailers defined in subsection (2);
 - (B) It is stored in well maintained condition with no visible rust, damage, or structural wear; and
 - (C) It displays no business logos, commercial advertisements, or professional signage.
 - (4) Temporary Utility Trailer Storage: Standard (non-enclosed) utility trailers may be parked in a driveway for up to 72 hours for purposes of use, loading, or maintenance. Moving or repositioning the trailer does not reset this time limit. A minimum of 48 hours must pass between storage events.
 - (5) Storage on a Public Way: No person shall park or leave standing any trailer on a public street for more than 72 hours. After 72 hours, the trailer must be moved at least 500 feet off the public way for at least 24 hours before returning.
 - (6) Numerical Limit:
 - (A) No more than two (2) total trailers may be stored on any residential lot at one time, regardless of type or location.
 - (B) No more than one (1) such unit shall be permitted to be stored in a driveway at any time.
 - (C) Of the two permitted trailers, only one (1) may be a utility trailer.
- (c) Maintenance and Aesthetic Restrictions
- (1) Maintenance Requirements:
 - (A) All stored vehicles and trailers must be in good repair, operable, and bear a current, valid license plate and registration.
 - (B) Enclosed Utility Trailers stored in driveways must be kept in a well-maintained aesthetic condition as determined by the City Inspector or Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer.
 - (C) Vehicles must not be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes while stored.
 - (D) No fixed connections to water, gas, or sanitary sewer are permitted.
 - (2) Visual Standards:
 - (A) Stored items must be kept clean. Accumulation of debris under or around the vehicle is prohibited.
 - (B) Enclosed Utility Trailers stored in driveways must be free of all business logos, commercial branding, or promotional decals.

(d) Driveway Placement and Fit

- (1) Encroachment Prohibited: No unit parked in a driveway shall extend into or over any public right-of-way, including sidewalks or streets.
- (2) Dimensional Fit: The unit must appropriately fit within the designated improved surface driveway. It shall not be parked on grass or unimproved surfaces.
- (3) Safety Clearances: Units must be parked in a manner that does not obstruct the view of traffic for vehicles exiting the driveway or traveling on adjacent roadways.

(e) Removal

- (1) Notice to Remove. Whenever there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the provisions of this section exists, the City Inspector, Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer and/or the Chief of Police, or their designees, shall give, or cause to be given, written notice to the registered owner of any vehicle that is in violation of this section, or to the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the private property upon which such vehicle is located, or to both the registered owner and the owner or person in lawful possession of such private property, by certified mail with return receipt or by personal service, that such vehicle violates the provisions of this section and that within five days, the vehicle is to be removed to a place of lawful storage or to be housed in a building where it will not be visible from the street.
- (2) Removal by City. In addition to any other penalty prescribed in Chapter 1399, if the registered owner of any vehicle which is in violation of this section, or the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the private property upon which the same is located, fails, neglects or refuses to remove or house such vehicle in accordance with the notice given pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e)(1), the City Inspector, Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer and/or the Chief of Police may remove and dispose of such vehicle as provided in Chapter 359.
- (3) Right of Entry. The City Inspector, Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer and/or the Chief of Police, any contracting agent of the City, any employee of such contracting agent, and any authorized officer, employee or agent of the City, are expressly authorized to enter upon private property for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this section. No person shall interfere, hinder or refuse to allow them to enter upon private property for such purpose and to remove any vehicle pursuant to this section. Any person to whom notice was given pursuant to subsection (e)(1) hereof shall have the right to remove or house such vehicle at his own expense at any time prior to the arrival of the City Inspector, Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer and/or the Chief of Police or their designees for the purpose of removal.

Section 3. That Section 1399.03 of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows (additions are in **bold**, deletions are in ~~striketrough~~):

1399.03 ~~MOTOR~~ VEHICLE STORAGE VIOLATIONS.

- (a) Whoever violates Section 1309.01 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(b) Whoever violates Section 1309.02 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor **for a first offense. Any subsequent violation within a 12-month period shall constitute a fourth degree misdemeanor. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.**

(c) **In any instance where the City incurs any expenses or fines, including but not limited to legal costs and fees, because of any person or entity's violation or failure to comply with any provisions and requirements in chapter 1309, the expenses incurred, plus an administrative fee which shall be no more than the expenses incurred shall be recovered from the person or entity.**

(d) **Any amounts owed to the City of Mount Vernon pursuant to any provision or requirements of chapter 1309, whether for work completed by the City or for assessed penalties or expenses, may be certified by the City Inspector or his designee as a lien against the property with the Knox County Auditor for collection in the same manner as property taxes and assessments.**

Section 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety by properly regulating storage of vehicles within the City, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

ORDINANCE 2026-12

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Land Use & Development
Jacklin, Keener
Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk

Doc ID: 2026-155

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1102 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 1102.03 of the City Codified Ordinances shall be amended as follows (deletion is in ~~striketrough~~):

In addition to any other authority granted to the City Council by ordinance or State law, the City Council shall have the following powers and duties, as it relates to this code:

- (a) Initiate, hear, review, and make decisions related to amendments to the text of this code or the zoning map;
- (b) Hear, review, and make decisions related to Planned Developments in accordance with Chapter 1107: Planned Development Districts;
- (c) Review and accept, where appropriate, any proposed dedication of streets, utilities, and other public improvements required by this code;
- (d) ~~Establish fees for development review procedures, certificates, and permits outlined in this code;~~
- ~~(e) Perform any other duties related to the administration and enforcement of this code as authorized by this code and the ORC.~~

SECTION 2. That Section 1102.06 of the City Codified Ordinances shall be created as follows:

1102.06 Control Board

In addition to any other authority granted to the Control Board by ordinance or State law, the Control Board shall have the powers and duties to establish fees for development review procedures, certificates, and permits as it relates to this code.

SECTION 3: Any provision in legislation previously adopted which is in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety, and to establish a process to appropriately assess fees for development within the City, and said Ordinance shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026
Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026
Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
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Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
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ORDINANCE 2026-13

Doc ID: 2026-161

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS #66-07885.000 AND #66-05577.000 FROM R-1 – SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO GB – GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Mount Vernon has received an application for rezoning certain property within the City of Mount Vernon, specifically Parcels #66-07885.000 and #66-05577.000, also known as 804 Coshocton Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Planning Commission for the City of Mount Vernon met on April 9, 2026 and voted 5-0 to approve the zoning change for Parcels #66-07885.000 and #66-05577.000, from R-1 – Single Family Residential District, to GB – General Business District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the City of Mount Vernon hereby amends the zoning classification of Parcels #66-07885.000 and #66-05577.000, also known as 804 Coshocton Avenue. The zoning will be indicated:

<u>PARCEL NO.</u>	<u>PROPOSED ZONING</u>
#66-07885.000, #66-05577.000,	GB – General Business District

SECTION 2: That the zoning classification be recorded in Title XI of the Planning and Zoning Codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

Development Services Manager

40 Public Square

Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Phone 740-393-2033 | dsm@mtvernonoh.gov

To: City Clerk

April 10, 2026

Municipal Planning Commission

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Case Number: 2026-MPC-10

Request for Zoning Amendment on parcels 66-07885.000 and 66-05577.000 from R-1 to GB

An application from O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC and OWN, Inc. on behalf of Genevieve Growdon to amend the zoning district of parcels 66-07885.000 and 66-05577.000 from R-1 to GB was submitted for review by the Municipal Planning Commission for a recommendation to City Council.

A public hearing was held and testimony ensued about the proposed zoning amendment. Following testimony:

Tanner Salyers made a motion to recommend to Council to approve the Zoning Amendment from R-1 to GB. Greg Yashnyk seconded the motion.

The vote resulted in a 5-0 vote in support of the Zoning Amendment from R-1 to GB. (Yes: Starr, Salyers, Hawkins, Ellsworth, Yashnyk)

Per §1103.03 Council shall consider the recommendation of the Municipal Planning Commission for the Application for Zoning Amendment and determine the final approval or denial.

Warm Regards,

Lacie Blankenhorn

Lacie Blankenhorn

Development Services Manager



City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

Application for Zoning Amendment

<i>Applicant's Information</i>			
Owner's Name, Address, Phone, and Email Address			
Agent's Name, Address, Phone, and Email Address			
<i>Site Information</i>			
Site Address	Legal Description		
Parcel Number	Deed Volume and Page Number		
<i>Use of Property</i>			
Present Use 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP	Present Zoning District		
Proposed Use	Proposed Zoning District		
<i>Documents to be Submitted</i>			
<p>The following documents must also be submitted with this application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A statement of the reason(s) for the proposed amendment. 2. A vicinity map at a scale approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer showing property lines, thoroughfares, existing and proposed zoning, and such other items as the Zoning Enforcement Officer may require. 3. A statement on the ways in which the proposed amendment relates to the comprehensive plan. 4. The \$200.00 filing fee as established by ordinance. 			
<p>I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application and on any sketches, drawings or other documents submitted with this application is true and exact.</p>			
Date:		By:	
<i>Filing Information</i>			
Filing Date	Fee deposit \$200.00	Date Paid	Receipt Number

This form revised 06-03-2024

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STATEMENT
APPLICATION FOR ZONING AMENDMENT

PARCEL NUMBER: 66-07885.000 & 66-05577.000

OWNER: O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC

ZONED: R-1

PROPOSED ZONING: GB

ADDRESS: 804 COSHOCTON AVE

O'Reilly Auto Parts will provide numerous benefits to the community by supplying automotive parts and accessories that support the transportation needs of residents and local businesses, while also creating permanent employment opportunities and contributing to the City's income and property tax base. Retail establishments of this type provide stable jobs and support ongoing economic activity within the community.

The subject property located at 804 Coshocton Avenue, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, is situated within an established commercial corridor characterized by existing business and retail uses. The surrounding area reflects a pattern of development consistent with the General Business (GB) district and is adequately served by major streets and supporting infrastructure appropriate for commercial activity. Rezoning the parcel from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to GB (General Business) will allow the property to be developed in a manner consistent with the existing commercial character of the corridor and in accordance with the City of Mount Vernon Zoning Ordinances.

Adjoining Properties:

- West: Thomas D Brown - 802 Coshocton Ave PPN: 66-03059.000 - a single family home zoned R-1 owned by Thomas D Brown
- East: O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC - PO Box 9167 Springfield, MO 65801 PPN: 66-05247.000; zoned GB
- North: Knox Community Hospital - medical offices - 1220 Yauger Road, PPN: 66-09867.000; zoned O/I

- South: David & Betty Sue Willits - 105 Marita Dr Mount Vernon, OH 43050 PPN:66-04343.000
000 - a single family home zoned R-1 owned by David & Betty Sue Willits

Margaret Woldford – 107 Marita Dr Mount Vernon, OH 43050 PPN: 66-00054.000
a single family home zoned R-1 owned by Margaret Woldford

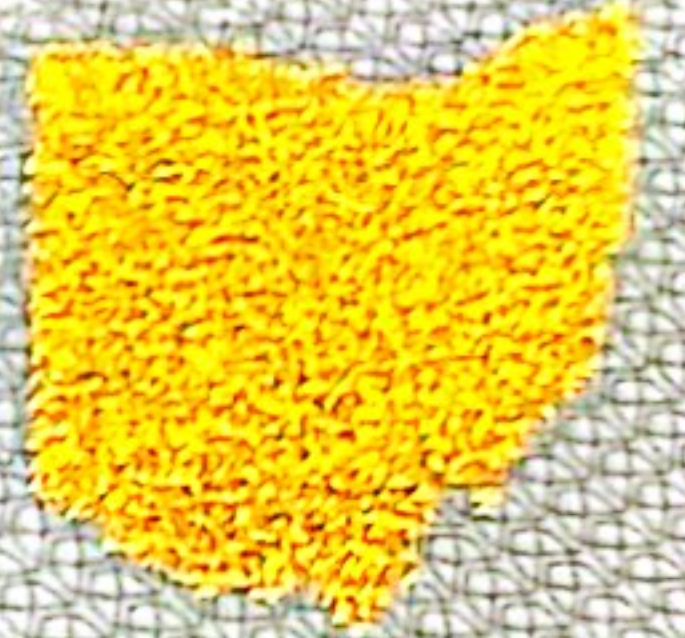
By reutilizing a developed parcel, O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC is ensuring responsible growth in the City of Mount Vernon upon a parcel that is already sandwiched between two O/I parcels.

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USA

Mike DeWine, Governor
DRIVER LICENSE

Charles L. Norman, Registrar

NOT FOR
FEDERAL ID



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GENEVIEVE I

8 1237 BRANDON AVE
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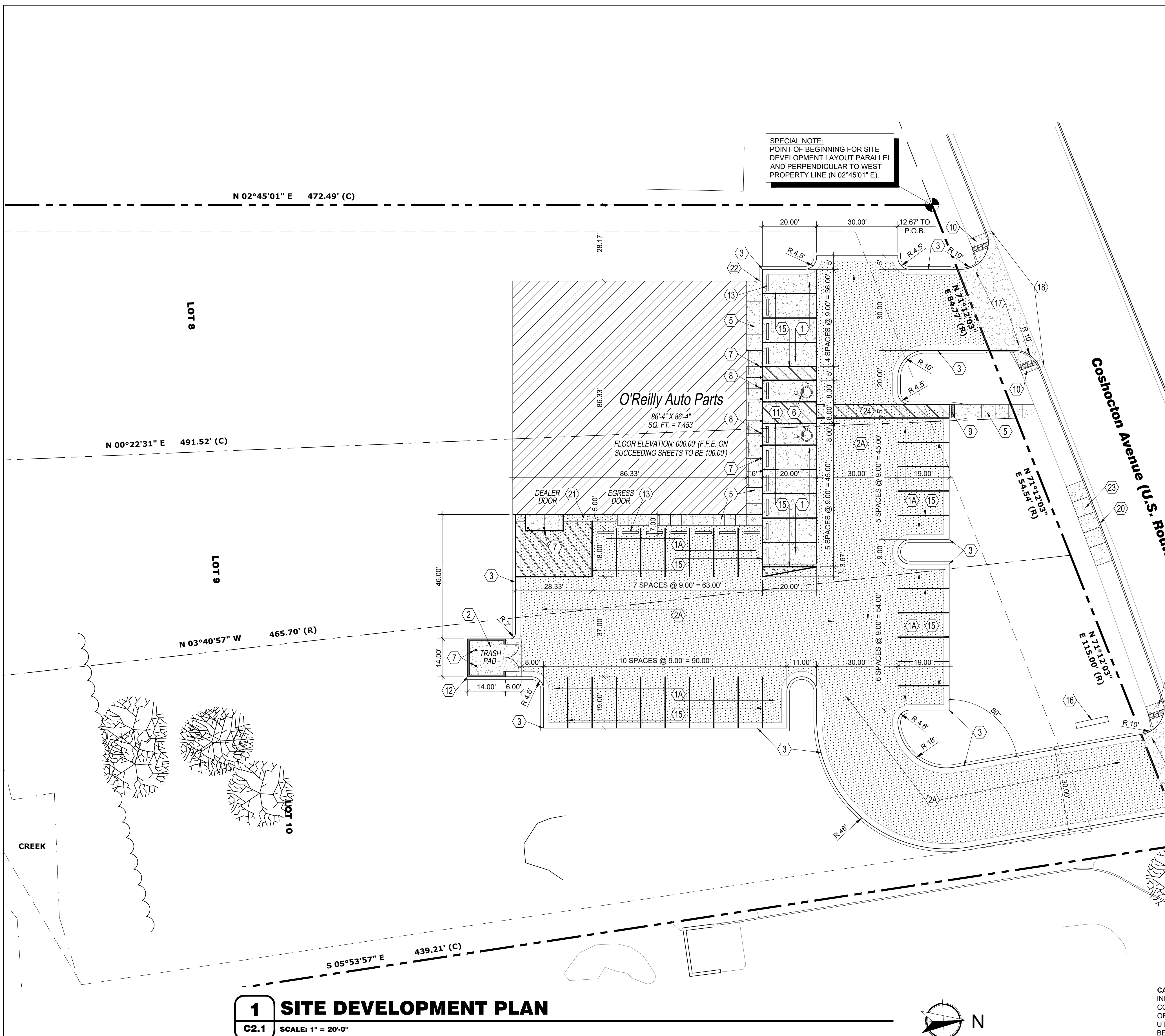
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WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

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ZONING CODE	
ZONING CLASSIFICATION:	XX (XXX)
PROPERTY AREA:	(REFER TO SURVEY)
PAVEMENT AREA:	20,234 SQ. FT.
PARKING SUMMARY	
PARKING FORMULA:	1 SP. PER XX SQ. FT. GFA
SPACE SIZE:	9' x 20'
SPACES REQUIRED:	15 (7,453/500 = 14.9)
SPACES PROVIDED:	39
H.C. SPACES PROVIDED:	2

SYMBOLS LEGEND

NOTE: REFER TO SURVEY FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS SYMBOLS LEGEND.

	NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
	AREA OF CONCRETE
	AREA OF PAVING
	EXISTING MONUMENT SIGN LOCATION
	NEW CONCRETE PAVING BLOCK
	NEW LIGHT POLE LOCATION
	NEW FENCE CONSTRUCTION

- ### GENERAL NOTES
- REFER TO PROJECT MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS. ALL ON SITE CONCRETE TO BE 4,000 PSI.
 - SITE DIMENSIONS TO FACE OF CONCRETE FOUNDATION, SIDEWALK, CURB GUTTER LINE, PROPERTY LINE, OR CENTER LINE OF STRIPING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 - COORDINATE WORK WITH OTHER SITE RELATED DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS.
 - REFER TO STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR BUILDING DIMENSIONS AND LAYOUT OF SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO BUILDING PERIMETER.
 - PRIOR TO INSTALLATION, CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY LOCATIONS OF LIGHT POLES, LANDSCAPING, AND UTILITIES DO NOT CONFLICT WITH SITE SIGN LOCATION SHOWN. IF CONFLICT IS DISCOVERED, CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.

- ### KEY NOTES
- CONCRETE PAVING (STANDARD DUTY) AT PARKING AREAS, REFER TO DETAIL 1/C2.2.
 - ASPHALT PAVING (STANDARD DUTY) AT PARKING AREAS, REFER TO DETAIL 1A/C2.2.
 - CONCRETE PAVING (HEAVY DUTY) AT REFUSE AREA, REFER TO DETAIL 1/C2.2.
 - ASPHALT PAVING (HEAVY DUTY) AT DRIVE AREAS, REFER TO DETAIL 2A/C2.2.
 - CONCRETE CURB, REFER TO DETAIL 3/C2.2.
 - NOT USED.
 - CONCRETE SIDEWALK, REFER TO DETAIL 5/C2.2 AND STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR LAYOUT ADJACENT TO BUILDING PERIMETER.
 - ACCESSIBLE PARKING SYMBOL PAVEMENT STRIPING, REFER TO DETAIL 6/C2.2.
 - STEEL BOLLARD, REFER TO DETAIL 7/C2.2. PROVIDE (2) AT REFUSE CONTAINER AREA, (2) AT SECTIONAL OVERHEAD FREIGHT DOOR, AND (8) AT FRONT ENTRY. REFER TO STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR LAYOUT OF BOLLARDS ADJACENT TO BUILDING PERIMETER.
 - ACCESSIBLE PARKING SIGN, REFER TO DETAIL 8/C2.2.
 - DETECTABLE WARNING SURFACE, REFER TO DETAIL 9/C2.2.
 - ACCESSIBLE CONCRETE CURB RAMP TO BE INSTALLED PER CITY AND / OR STATE DESIGN STANDARDS. IF NO STANDARDS PROVIDE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION PER DETAIL 10/C2.2.
 - ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE WITH ACCESSIBLE AISLE (ADA COMPLIANT) TO SLOPE 2% MAXIMUM IN ALL DIRECTIONS. PROVIDE PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO MATCH STRIPING COLOR UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNING ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS.
 - REFUSE ENCLOSURE, REFER TO 1/C2.3.
 - CONCRETE BUMPER BLOCK (8" W X 5" H X 6'-0" LONG) ANCHORED TO PAVING WITH (2) 1"-6" LONG #4 REBAR.
 - PARKING LOT LIGHTING, REFER TO UTILITY SITE PLAN FOR TYPE AND CONSTRUCTION.
 - 4" WIDE PAVEMENT STRIPING AS SHOWN USING HIGHWAY MARKING PAINT - YELLOW (2 COATS).
 - SITE SIGN, REFER TO SHEET SG1.1 FOR TYPE, CONSTRUCTION AND LOCATION. SIGN OWNER FURNISHED AND INSTALLED (REFER TO SCOPE OF WORK SCHEDULE). REFER TO UTILITY SITE PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
 - CONCRETE DRIVE APRON TO BE INSTALLED PER CITY AND / OR STATE DESIGN STANDARDS. IF NO STANDARDS PROVIDE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION PER DETAIL 2/C2.2.
 - LIMITS OF NEW PAVING. MATCH EXISTING PAVEMENT TRANSITION ELEVATIONS. AT TRANSITIONS OF NEW CONCRETE TO EXISTING CONCRETE PAVEMENT, EPOXY DOWEL 6" MINIMUM INTO EXISTING WITH #4 X 1'-6" SMOOTH DOWELS MATCHING NEW PAVEMENT REINFORCEMENT SPACING. PROVIDE SEALANT AT JOINTS.
 - ROLL DOWN CURB END TRANSITION SLOPING 1:2.
 - CONCRETE CURB IN RIGHT-OF-WAY TO MATCH EXISTING PER CITY AND / OR STATE DESIGN STANDARDS.
 - CONCRETE PAVING APRON TO BE PROVIDED WHERE ASPHALT PAVEMENT USED, REFER TO DETAIL 4/C2.2.
 - BULLNOSE CURB, REFER TO DETAIL 2/C2.2.
 - CONCRETE SIDEWALK IN RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE INSTALLED PER CITY AND / OR STATE DESIGN STANDARDS. IF NO STANDARDS PROVIDE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION PER DETAIL 5/C2.2.
 - 5' WIDE MINIMUM DESIGNATED ACCESSIBLE ROUTE. SLOPE 5% MAXIMUM IN DIRECTION OF TRAVEL WITH 2% MAXIMUM CROSS SLOPE. PROVIDE PAVEMENT STRIPING AS INDICATED.

1 SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

C2.1 SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"

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SPECIAL NOTE:
PRIOR TO CONTRACT CLOSEOUT, CONTRACTOR SHALL SECURE THE SERVICES OF A REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR TO PROVIDE SITE SURVEY OF COMPLETED PROJECT CONDITIONS AND SUBMIT FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OWNER. REFER TO PROJECT MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.



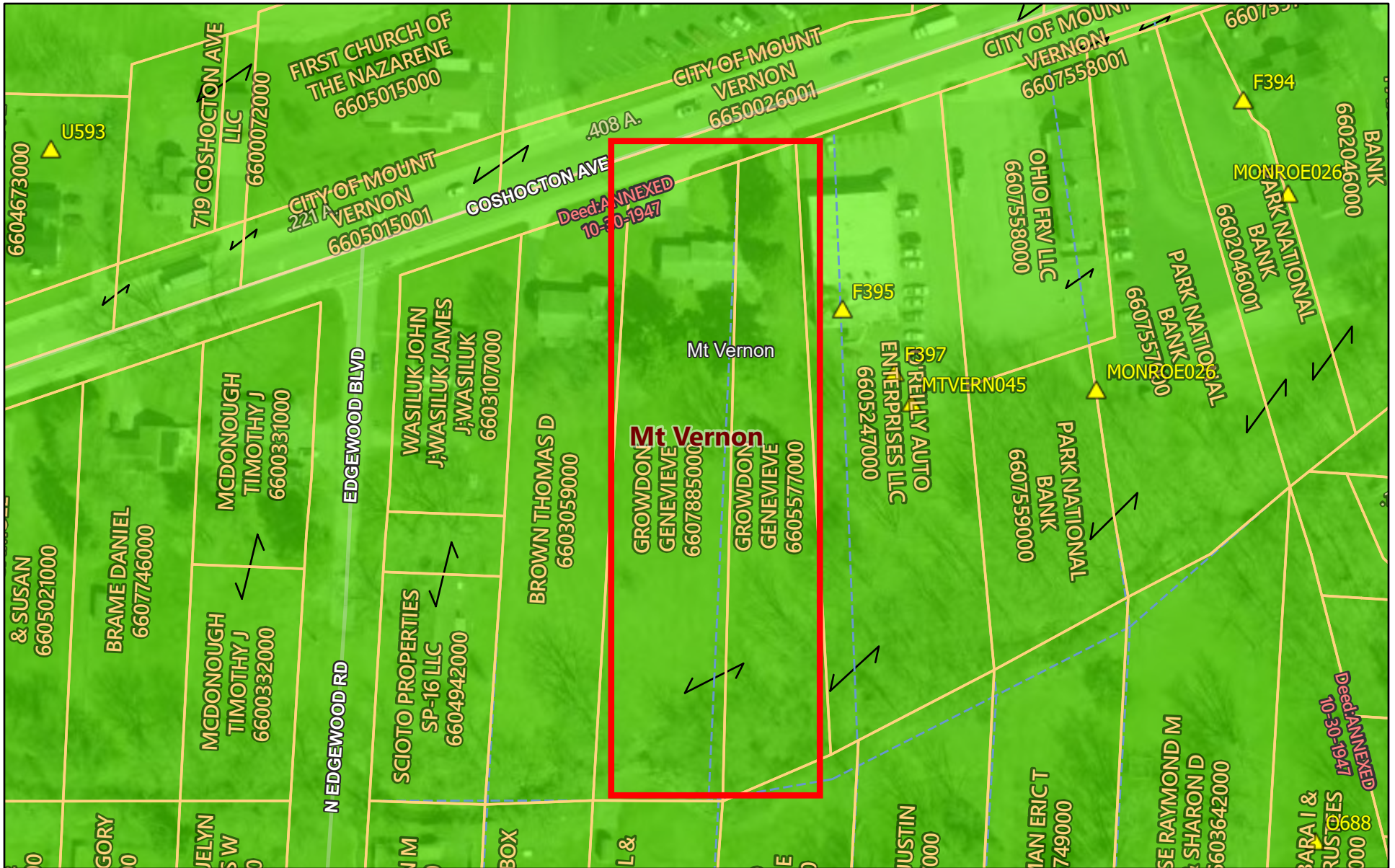
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PROJECT:
NEW O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STORE
COSHOCKTON AVE
MT. VERNON, OH
SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN






O'Reilly AUTO PARTS
CORPORATE OFFICES
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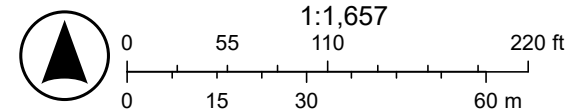
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City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

ORDINANCE 2026-14

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Employee & Community
Relations
Keener, Ruckman
Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-162

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE FEBRUARY 2026 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, certain provisions within the Codified Ordinances should be amended to conform with current State law as required by the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, various ordinances of a general and permanent nature have been passed by Council which should be included in the Codified Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Council has heretofore entered into a contract with the Walter H. Drane Company to prepare and publish an annual revision; and

WHEREAS, the codification of such ordinances, together with the new matter to be adopted, the matters to be amended and those to be repealed are before the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the editing, arrangement and numbering or renumbering of the following ordinances and parts of ordinances are hereby approved as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Mount Vernon, Ohio, so as to conform to the classification and numbering system of the Codified Ordinances, to-wit:

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>C.O. Section</u>
2025-21	7-28-25	755.01 to 755.09
2025-23	8-25-25	1309.01 to 1309.05, 1309.99
2025-25	8-11-25	149.01 to 149.06, 505.11
2025-30	10-27-25	Ch. 305 Appx. A
2025-33	11-17-25	August 2025 Replacement Pages
2025-38	12-22-25	187.02

SECTION 2. That, the following sections and chapters are hereby added, amended or repealed as respectively indicated in order to comply with current State law.

Traffic Code

- 301.02 Agricultural tractor and traction engine. (Added)
- 301.03 Alley. (Added)
- 301.04 Arterial street or highway. (Added)
- 301.05 Autocycle. (Added)
- 301.06 Beacon. (Added)
- 301.07 Bicycle. (Added)

Traffic Code (Cont.)

- 301.08 Bicycle box. (Added)
- 301.09 Bicycle lane. (Added)
- 301.10 Bicycle signal face. (Added)
- 301.11 Bicycle signal sign. (Added)
- 301.12 Bikeway. (Added)
- 301.13 Bus. (Added)
- 301.14 Business district. (Added)
- 301.15 Busway. (Added)
- 301.16 Cab-enclosed motorcycle. (Added)
- 301.17 Chauffeured limousine. (Added)
- 301.18 Child care center. (Added)
- 301.19 Commercial tractor. (Added)
- 301.20 Controlled-access highway. (Added)
- 301.21 Crosswalk. (Added)
- 301.22 Driver or operator. (Added)
- 301.23 Driveway. (Added)
- 301.24 Electric bicycle. (Added)
- 301.25 Electronic. (Added)
- 301.26 Emergency vehicle. (Added)
- 301.27 Explosives. (Added)
- 301.28 Expressway. (Added)
- 301.29 Farm machinery. (Added)
- 301.30 Flammable liquid. (Added)
- 301.31 Freeway. (Added)
- 301.32 Funeral escort vehicle. (Added)
- 301.33 Gross weight. (Added)
- 301.34 Highway maintenance vehicle. (Added)
- 301.35 Highway traffic signal. (Added)
- 301.36 Hybrid beacon. (Added)
- 301.37 In-road warning light. (Added)
- 301.38 Intersection. (Added)

301.39 Lane-use control signal. (Added)
301.40 Laned highway. (Added)
301.41 Limited driving privileges. (Added)
301.42 Local authorities. (Added)
301.43 Low-speed micromobility device. (Added)
301.44 Median. (Added)
301.45 Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter. (Added)
301.46 Motor vehicle. (Added)
301.47 Motorcycle. (Added)
301.48 Motorized bicycle or moped. (Added)
301.49 Motorized wheelchair. (Added)
301.50 Multi-wheel agricultural tractor. (Added)
301.51 Natural resources officer. (Added)
301.52 Operate. (Added)
301.53 Parked or parking. (Added)
301.54 Pedestrian. (Added)
301.55 Person. (Added)

Traffic Code (Cont.)

301.56 Pole trailer. (Added)
301.57 Police officer. (Added)
301.58 Predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense. (Added)
301.59 Private road. (Added)
301.60 Public safety vehicle. (Added)
301.61 Railroad. (Added)
301.62 Railroad sign or signal. (Added)
301.63 Residence district. (Added)
301.64 Ridesharing arrangement. (Added)
301.65 Right-of-way. (Added)
301.66 Road service vehicle. (Added)
301.67 Roadway. (Added)
301.68 Roundabout. (Added)
301.69 Rural mail delivery vehicle. (Added)
301.70 Safety zone. (Added)
301.71 School bus. (Added)
301.72 Semitrailer. (Added)
301.73 Shared-use path. (Added)
301.74 Shoulder. (Added)
301.75 Sidewalk. (Added)
301.76 Site roadway open to public travel. (Added)
301.77 Standing. (Added)
301.78 State. (Added)
301.79 State highway. (Added)
301.80 State route. (Added)

- 301.81 Stop. (Added)
- 301.82 Stop intersection. (Added)
- 301.83 Stopping. (Added)
- 301.84 Street or highway. (Added)
- 301.85 Through highway. (Added)
- 301.86 Thruway. (Added)
- 301.87 Traffic. (Added)
- 301.88 Traffic control device. (Added)
- 301.89 Traffic control signal. (Added)
- 301.90 Trailer. (Added)
- 301.91 Train. (Added)
- 301.92 Truck. (Added)
- 301.93 Two-stage bicycle turn box. (Added)
- 301.94 Type A family child care home. (Added)
- 301.95 Urban district. (Added)
- 301.96 Vehicle. (Added)
- 301.97 Waste collection vehicle. (Added)
- 301.98 Wildlife officer. (Added)
- 313.02 Through Highways; Stop and Yield Right-of-Way Signs. (Amended)
- 313.03 Traffic Signal Indications. (Amended)
- 313.04 Lane-Use Control Signal Indications. (Amended)
- 313.09 Driver's Duties Upon Approaching Ambiguous or Non-Working Traffic Signal. (Amended)

Traffic Code (Cont.)

- 313.10 Unlawful Purchase, Possession or Sale. (Amended)
- 313.11 Portable Signal Preemption Devices Prohibited. (Amended)
- 313.12 Bicycle Symbol Signal Indications. (Added)
- 331.33 Obstructing Intersection, Crosswalk or Grade Crossing. (Amended)
- 331.35 Occupying Travel Trailer, Fifth Wheel Vehicle, or Manufactured or Mobile Home While in Motion. (Amended)
- 331.38 Stopping for School Bus; Discharging Children. (Amended)
- 331.39 Driving Across Grade Crossing. (Amended)
- 331.401 Slow-Moving Vehicles or Equipment Crossing Railroad Tracks. (Added)
- 331.45 Restrictions on the Operation of School Buses. (Amended)
- 333.01 Driving or Physical Control While Under the Influence. (Amended)
- 333.03 Maximum Speed Limits; Assured Clear Distance Ahead. (Amended)
- 333.11 Electronic Wireless Communication Device Use Prohibited While Driving. (Amended)
- 335.09 Display of License Plates or Validation Stickers; Registration. (Amended)
- 337.24 Motor Vehicle Stop Lights. (Amended)
- 341.01 Commercial Drivers Definitions. (Amended)
- 371.01 Right of Way in Crosswalk. (Amended)

- 371.03 Crossing Roadway Outside Crosswalk; Diagonal Crossings at Intersections. (Amended)
- 371.11 Persons Operating Motorized Wheelchairs. (Deleted)
- 371.12 Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices. (Amended)

General Offenses Code

- 513.12 Drug Paraphernalia. (Amended)
- 517.01 Gambling Definitions. (Amended)
- 525.02 Falsification. (Amended)
- 529.08 Hours of Sale or Consumption. (Amended)
- 533.15 Dissemination of Private Sexual Images. (Repealed)

Fire Prevention Code

- 1519.04 Possession, Sale or Discharge Prohibited; Exceptions. (Amended)
- 1519.06 Safety Requirements for Fireworks Showroom Structures. (Amended)
- 1519.07 Manufacturing or Wholesale Sale Without a License; Prohibitions. (Amended)
- 1519.08 Purchasers to Comply with Law; Unauthorized Purchases. (Amended)

SECTION 3: That the complete text of the sections listed above are set forth in full in the current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances which are hereby attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A. The listing above of each new section by reference to its title shall constitute sufficient publication of new matter contained therein.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, and said Ordinance shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting 4/27/2026 7:30 PM
Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan

Scheduled

Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk

ORDINANCE 2026-15

Doc ID: 2026-163

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE VACATION OF AN UNDEVELOPED, PLATTED ALLEY IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City Municipal Planning Commission, after reviewing the matter, has recommended to accept the petition to vacate an undeveloped, platted alley, between parcels #66-04770.000 and #66-04771.000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the petition to vacate a portion of an undeveloped, platted alley, further explained in Exhibit A, be and herewith is accepted.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason of promoting timely development within the City, and said Ordinance shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

Development Services Manager

40 Public Square

Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Phone 740-393-2033 | dsm@mtvernonoh.gov

To: City Clerk

April 10, 2026

Municipal Planning Commission

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Case Number: 2026-MPC-11

**Request to Vacate a platted undeveloped alley between parcels 66-04770.000 and 66-04771.000
East of Whiteheirs ST**

A petition to vacate a platted undeveloped alley between parcels 66-04770.000 and 66-04771.000 located east of Whiteheirs ST was submitted on behalf of Julius Joe Schwarcz and Sherry Anne Schwarcz by Jeremy R. Abrams of Kidwell, Cunningham, & Abrams, Ltd. for review by the Municipal Planning Commission for a recommendation to City Council.

A public hearing was held and testimony ensued about the proposed zoning amendment. Following testimony:

Anne Ellsworth made a motion to recommend to Council to approve the Petition to Vacate. Todd Hawkins seconded the motion.

**The vote resulted in a 5-0 vote in support of the Petition to Vacate.
(Yes: Starr, Salyers, Hawkins, Ellsworth, Yashnyk)**

Per §1103 Council shall consider the recommendation of the Municipal Planning Commission for the Petition to Vacate and determine the final approval or denial.

Warm Regards,

Lacie Blankenhorn

Lacie Blankenhorn
Development Services Manager

PETITION TO VACATE ALLEY
R.C. § 711.39

To: Mount Vernon City Council

The undersigned petitioners hereby petition to vacate the alley between Parcel Number 66-04770.000 and Parcel Number 66-04771.000, and respectfully represent unto the Mount Vernon City Council as follows:

1. That the petitioners, Julius Joe Schwarcz and Sherry Anne Schwarcz, are the owners in fee simple title to Parcel Numbers 66-04770.000 and 66-04771.000.
2. The territory described herein is located in the County of Knox in the State of Ohio, and the City of Mount Vernon.
3. There exists on said Parcels and said Alley an Easement to the City of Mount Vernon, which Easement was recorded in Volume 246, Page 97 of the Knox County, Ohio, Deed Records.
4. The undersigned, being a duly authorized representative of the petitioners, hereby petitions to Vacate the Alley described in the attached Survey:

Parcel One:

Situate in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Knox and State of Ohio:
And being all of Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 in White's Heir Sub-Division.
Parcel Numbers: 66-04770.000

Parcel Two:

Situate in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Knox and State of Ohio:

And being all of Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 in White's Heir Sub-Division.

Parcel Numbers: 66-04771.000

Jeremy R. Abrams, Attorney at Law, Kidwell, Cunningham, & Abrams, Ltd., 112 North Main Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, hereby represents the petitioners.

Please take notice that, simultaneously with the filing of this petition, our agent, Jeremy R. Abrams, Attorney at Law, is also filing a list of all adjoining property owners.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned property owners hereby affix their signature on the date so indicated.

Petitioners:

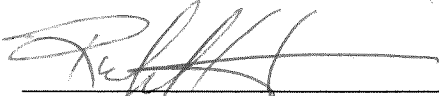

Julius Joe Schwarcz Date Signed 3/23/2026


Sherry Anne Schwarcz Date Signed 3/23/26

LIST OF ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS

Richard Hansen, Sr. – 126 N. Center Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050 PN 66-04526.000


Approved by:



Richard Hansen, Sr.

Willow Branch Properties LLC – 208 Whiteheirs Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050 PN 66-03048.000

Approved by:

By: 
Bryan McCreary

Member of Willow Branch Properties LLC

TRACY & MILLS, SURVEYORS

DAVID R. MILLS, PS
SURVEYOR #7157

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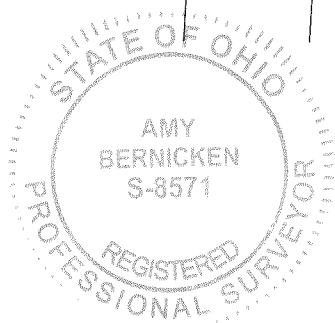
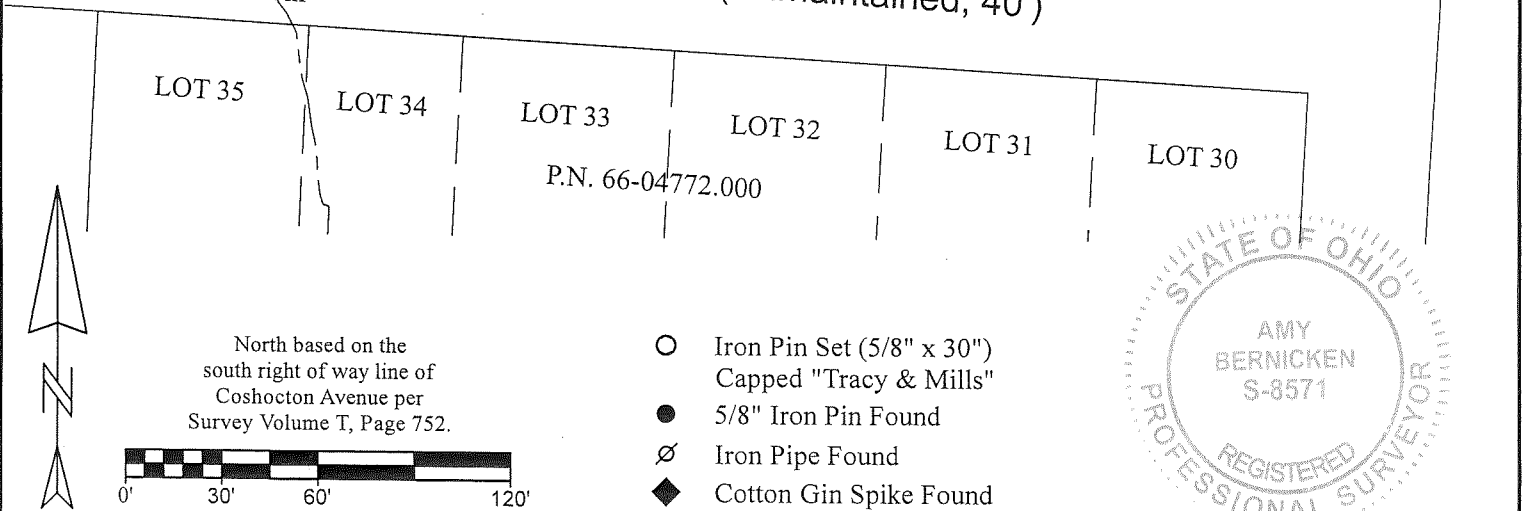
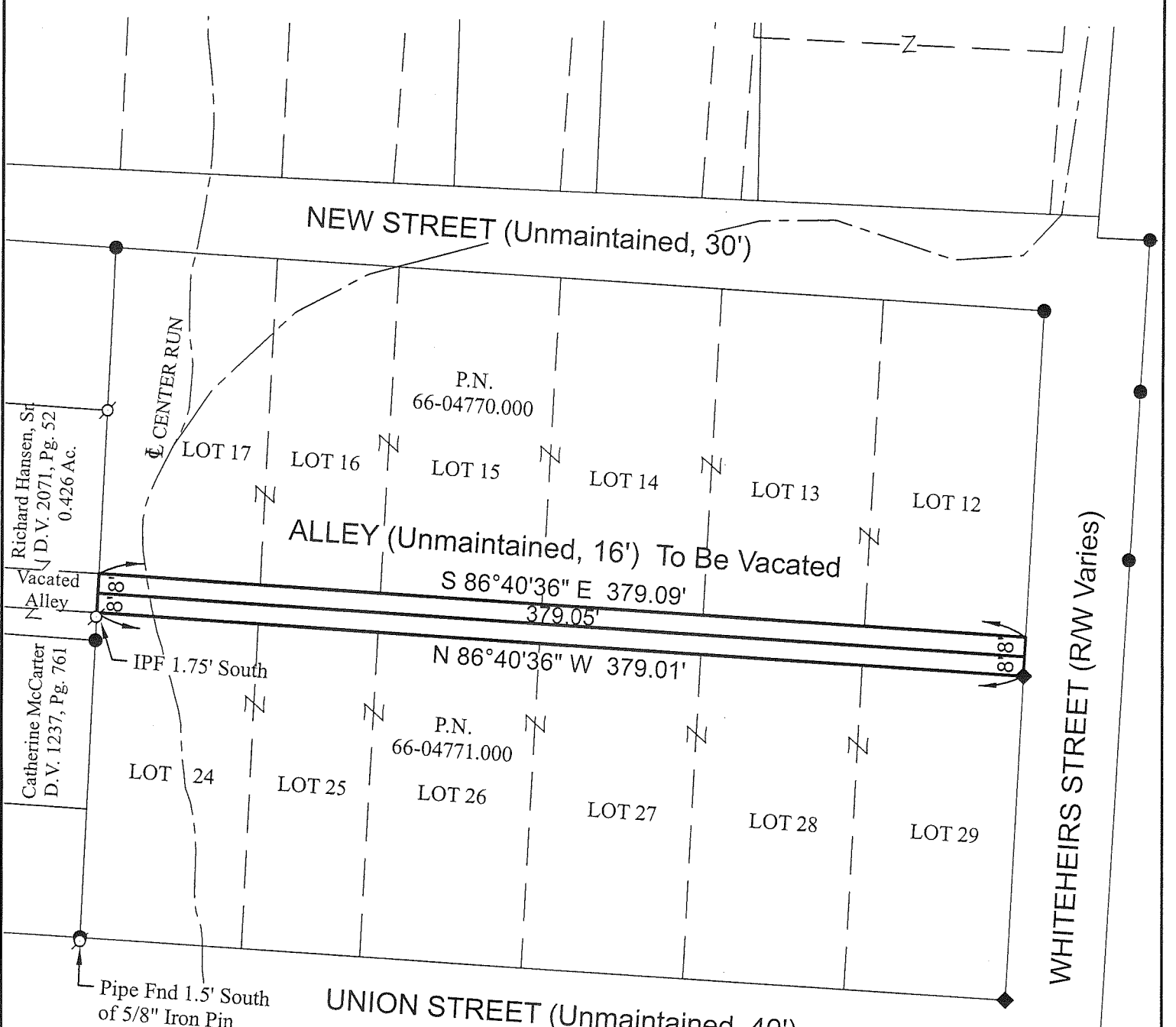
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SURVEYOR #8571

THOMAS M. TRACY, PS
1941-2002

SURVEY FOR: **Julius & Sherry Schwarcz. Deed Volume 1974, Page 217.**
LOCATION: **All of Lots 12-17 & 24-29 in Whites' Heirs Subdivision,
City of Mount Vernon, U.S.M.L., Knox County, Ohio**

Date: March 17, 2026
Scale: 1" = 60'

PARCEL # 66-04770.000
66-04771.000



CERTIFICATION: We hereby certify that the foregoing survey was prepared from actual field measurements, in accordance with Chapter 4733-37, Ohio Administrative Code.

David R. Mills, Surveyor No. 7157
Amy Bernicken, Surveyor No. 8571

