



**City Council
Legislative Session**

Agenda

**September 14, 2026
7:30 PM**

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
September 14, 2026

Time	Topic Under Discussion	Committee
6:35 – 6:45 p.m.	Annexation Process	Land Use & Development - Jacklin
6:45 – 6:55 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-30 Enterprise Fleet Management	Finance & Budget - Mahan
6:55 – 7:00 p.m.	Resolution 2026-90 Supplemental Appropriations	Finance & Budget - Mahan
7:00 – 7:15 p.m.	Center Run Creek Footbridge on E Chestnut	Parks & Recreation - Hager

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pastor Ben Driver, Mount Vernon Church of Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

City Council Minutes August 24, 2026
City Council Special Meeting Minutes September 7, 2026

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition to Add Sidewalks Along Teryl Drive and Eastwood Drive, Received on August 24, 2026

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Budget Committee Report August 24, 2026
E-Bike Survey and Report August 24, 2026
Employee & Community Relations Committee Report August 24, 2026

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-90

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

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-93

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HOLISTICALLY YOURZ LLC TO LEASE THE PROPERTY WITH THE STREET ADDRESS OF 46 PUBLIC SQUARE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-94

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MAXWELL LEANING AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-95

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-96

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY'S USE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER TECHNOLOGY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-97

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER FUNDS.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-98

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

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-26

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TWO INCENTIVE DISTRICTS AND DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICTS TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, AND EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; IDENTIFYING CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS MADE, TO BE MADE, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE, THAT WILL BENEFIT OR SERVE THE PARCELS IN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICTS; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH ARISTA VILLAS MOUNT VERNON, LLC AND OTHER AGREEMENTS; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-29

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-30

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR THE LEASING OF CITY VEHICLES.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-31

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1305 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-32

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 511 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-33
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES IN THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-34
AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF 1.519 ACRES,
PARCEL NUMBER 49-00510.000, FROM MONROE TOWNSHIP INTO THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CITY SERVICES
TO THE ANNEXED PARCEL AND PROVIDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST
INCOMPATIBLE USES UNDER EXISTING TOWNSHIP ZONING; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 9, 2026

Mount Vernon City Council Committee Meeting Schedule September 14, 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.
Mount Vernon News - WMVO - WNZR

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August 24, 2026

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
August 24, 2026

Time	Topic Under Discussion	Committee
6:45 – 6:55 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-29 Fire Department Employees	Employee & Comm. Relations - Keener
6:55 – 7:05 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-30 Contract with Enterprise Fleet Management	Finance & Budget - Mahan
7:05 – 7:15 p.m.	E-Bike Survey Results	Streets & Public Buildings - Severns

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Others in Attendance: Mayor Matt Starr, Auditor Dan Brinkman, Treasurer David Stuller, Law Director Rob Broeren, City Clerk Zac Sherman, City Inspector Scott Zimmerman, Public Utilities Director Aaron Reinhart, Public Information Officer Madison Sarver, Maureen Hall, David Hall, Cheryl Splain, Greg Yashnyk, Nate Hines, Joshua Morrison, Mark Bowen, Adam Burkam, 9 others. Severns made a motion to excuse Ms. Keener. Mahan seconded. Keener excused by unanimous voice vote.

INVOCATION

Rev. Charles Wilson, St. Paul Episcopal Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes City Council Legislative Session August 10, 2026

Severns made a motion to excuse approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026 minutes. Mahan seconded. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Budget Committee Minutes August 10, 2026

Land Use and Development Public Hearing Minutes August 10, 2026

Reports received without comment.

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Myron Scott - Sidewalks

Myron Scott spoke about adding sidewalks near where he lives on Teryl drive, along Eastwood Drive, and down to the gas station. It's a nice way for people in the home to get out and about.

Summer spoke as well, noting that folks who are unstable or in a wheelchair cannot get off the road when traffic is incoming, which creates an unsafe situation if they wish to walk. The area in question is from Eastwood Drive over to Teryl Drive.

Mark Bowen spoke regarding Flock Cameras. His areas of concern: since Mount Vernon has acquired the cameras, should the police force be downsized? Data retention for some flock participants are down to 7 days from 30. Has Mount Vernon done the same? The Police Chief mentioned that someone is auditing the camera usage. Where is the oversight if it is done from within? Flock recommends a third party for audits. LPRs are misreading plates and ruining lives. If Council has the City's best interests in mind, shouldn't the cameras be bagged and addressed? He noted that some people are more interested in making a name for themselves than in addressing community concerns.

Josh Morrison spoke regarding Flock Cameras. He noted that it has been a month since he addressed Council. He appreciates that the City is looking at changing policies regarding ALPR usage since that time. He requests that the City turn the cameras off and end the contract with Flock. The Knox County Sheriff and hundreds of Cities across the country have dropped contracts. Regarding privacy, the Chief of Police said that people shouldn't have an expectation of privacy when they're driving. The Fourth Amendment doesn't stop on the road. Citizens are told that without these cameras, crimes will increase. Mount Vernon will become a soft target. Flock cameras have assisted the City with around forty cases. Those cases matter, but does it justify collecting data on thousands of people who are not criminals? Put people's names on usage. Release audits. Who has access to the information in the system? Are the safeguards working? Being told to just "trust us" is not sufficient. Turn the cameras off.

Adam Burkam asked who hires and fires for City positions? He noted that he had a property broken into, and was told by the Chief of Police that he (Morgan) decides what gets investigated. He has video of City employees breaking into his property, stealing things, and defacing the property] He talked to the Safety Service Director, and then a week later, his property was broken into again. Suspicious. Police are following him, and harassing him. Code Enforcement and Safety Service need to be held accountable for trespassing. There was no warrant. Code Enforcement tore down Burkam's fence so that they could send him a letter that the fence was broken. In regards to Flock Cameras: are the two outside city limits the City's or the township's?

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-87

A RESOLUTION RENAMING SHELLMAR PARK IN HONOR OF JOHN FRANCIS.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

LeNan Hager made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-87 to its third and final reading. Taylor Jacklin seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. LeNan Hager made a motion to adopt. Taylor Jacklin seconded. Hawkins noted that he served with Mr. John Francis from 2012-2023. Francis worked diligently to reduce drug proliferation in the second ward. He was instrumental in transforming Shellmar Park into what it is today. During that process, he invited people to Riverside Shelter House for multiple listening sessions. The Shelter House would be packed. John Francis went to the people, and it is fitting to honor him in this way. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
SECONDER:	3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin
AYES:	LeNan Hager, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-89

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

Ruckman gave Resolution 2026-89 its first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-90

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

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

Mahan gave Resolution 2026-90 its first reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on August 24.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-91

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 2026-91 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan noted that this is a current bill for services rendered. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Auditor Brinkman noted that this is for new software. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan

SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-92

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) PACKAGE NO.2 FOR CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF THE MOUNT VERNON POLICE STATION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT A, PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

Mahan gave Resolution 2026-90 its first reading, and requested a Special Meeting of Council on September 7th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss this Resolution.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-29

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Ruckman gave Ordinance 2026-29 its second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-30

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR THE LEASING OF CITY VEHICLES.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

Mahan gave Ordinance 2026-30 its second reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on September 14. He requested that Streets/Engineering Department Heads be present to discuss their views on the proposed Enterprise Fleet Management plan.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-31

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1305 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

Ruckman gave Ordinance 2026-31 its first reading.

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Starr:

Congratulated Dan Brinkman and Brittany Whitney on their new baby, and Tanner and Randi Salyers on their new baby. Thank you to Mrs. Hager for covering Bill Barbour Day at Irish Hills. Local stars will be presenting tomorrow at the Washington Forum, Cheryl Splain amongst them. One thing that stood out about the E-Bike discussion was the focus on education. Mount Vernon is ahead of the curve on this; the City had 68 youngsters participate in Safety Town, which was done in conjunction with the police and school district. The Music and Arts Festival was great. Looking forward to the last First Friday in September. The City will have a booth there. He wished all a Happy Labor Day, noting that he will see Council for a short meeting that evening.

Auditor Daniel Brinkman:

Thanked God and his wife for the birth of Michael Lawrence.

Treasure David Stuller:

Congrats to Dan and Tanner. Noted that he served with John Fancis. Noted that he is surveilled all the time, and has had his identity stolen. Flock cameras do not rise to that same level of concern.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Taylor Jacklin:

Noted that he is concerned about Flock Cameras and that his image is captured in stores. There are closed-loop ALPRs. The problem with Flock is that it is a cloud-based service. Anyone can search it. It doesn't have to be Mount Vernon's police officers. This creates a level of accountability that Mount Vernon is not prepared for.

Mel Severns:

Congratulations to all those families who are having babies. He asked Mr. Brinkman to give some information on what TIF money has done for the City of Mount Vernon. He asked for that info because there will be a vote on the Arista Villas TIF upcoming. It is important to see how much the TIF has done to improve Mount Vernon.

Brinkman: since the beginning of 2020, 10.7 million has been spent through Coshocton TIF. Water mine improvements, retaining walls, battery backups for lights. Streets improvements. Cleaning stormwater pond. Traffic signal retiming. Strategic plan initiatives. Wastewater Treatment Plant phosphorous designs. Underground videography. Sidewalks, resurfacing, pedestrian crossings, Cattle Dam work, ramps.

Jay Mahan:

Congrats to Zac, Tanner, and Dan on the additions to their families. He added his support to a third-party audit to Flock Cameras. Increasing safeguards at the State-level is important too, and the penalties therein. Noted that he appreciates Council's willingness to meet on September 7. The final number for GMP 2 will be available before that day.

Dale Miller:

Thank you to the community members who came out to speak today. Apologized to Mr. Morrison for not having answered his emails yet. When Miller has the answers, he will get them to Morrison and the public. He seconded Mr. Jacklin's sentiments regarding the Flock Cameras. As ALPRs are investigated more, there will be another committee meeting on it, and the City will move toward resolution.

John Ruckman: Requested that Resolution 2026-89 be added to the Special Meeting on September 7th. He noted that Council has already authorized this WPCLF in the past, but need to reauthorize it again.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Severns made a motion to adjourn. Mahan seconded. Adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:17 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council

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September 7, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER

Present	Excused
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	

Others in Attendance: Mayor Matt Starr, Safety Service Director Tanner Salyers, Auditor Dan Brinkman, City Clerk Zac Sherman, Public Utilities Director Aaron Reinhart, David Hall, Maureen Hall, Cheryl Splain, Cigarette Parks, Greg Yashnyk, two others.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-89

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO
APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR
CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; DESIGNATING A
DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.**

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

John Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-89 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 the WPCLF has been discussed before, and is a beneficial program for the City. Salyers noted that the WPCLF program is an EPA program. It was utilized last year by the City. The wastewater plant is at end-of-life and there is a mandate from the EPA to reduce the plant's phosphorous output into the Kokosing River. This legislation is akin to a pre-approval letter; it is not a commitment to spend funds. Guaranteed Maximum Prices will come later, and Council will have the opportunity to approve or reject those.

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
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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-92

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) PACKAGE NO.2 FOR CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF THE MOUNT VERNON POLICE STATION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT A, PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to amend RESOLUTION 2026-92 to add the amount \$20,430,427.00 in Section 1. Mel Severns seconded. Amended by unanimous roll call vote.

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-92 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote.

James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Cigarette Parks, Pizzuti Solutions, spoke, noting that GMP-1 let the City start on long-lead items for the Police Station project. GMP-2 is the remainder of all costs associated with the project. The addition of approximately \$600,000 is due to soil remediation needs at the site. Initial boring made reference to non-compacted soils. Once the stile team got into the soil, they determined that the soil wasn't suitable for compaction. The two options were to replace all the soil (costly) or add a cement stabilization solution, which will cost around \$600,000. This adds two weeks to the timeline, but is necessary, and comes at the recommendation of the Geo-technical engineer for the project. If this recommendation isn't followed, the liability will shift from the Construction Manager at Risk to the City. In addition, subcontractors would have the opportunity to leave the project. There are also \$373,000 (approximately) of contingencies built into the project, in case there is another unexpected need.

Salyers noted that other building sites throughout the City have had similar soil issues and needs. So, even building on a different site would not necessarily have precluded this issue.

Brinkman noted that the total cost of the project is still well below the \$29 million ceiling approved by Council.

Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt as Amended
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

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Keener made a motion to adjourn. Severns seconded. Adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council

A Petition to Add Sidewalks in the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio Along Teryl Drive
and Eastwood Drive.

Currently, there are no sidewalks on Teryl Drive. This makes walking along that road dangerous. This petition is for any resident who believes it would benefit the City and its citizens to have a sidewalk on Teryl Drive, connecting to Eastwood Drive, and all the way to the BP Gas Station.

Sign your name below.

M. J. H. Scott

I am in favor of sidewalks along Teryl Drive and Eastwood Drive:

Anna Gans-Medzger 205 Marita Dr

John Wyatt 202 Marita Dr

Robert A. Benthone 310 Korneddedr

Angie Hall 303 Teryl Drive

Olivia Smith 305 Teryl Dr

Beatrice Cline 305 Teryl Dr

Terril Brown 305 Teryl Dr

Rose Feigley 305 Teryl Dr

CARRIE Keller 305 Teryl Dr,

M. J. H. Scott

306 Teryl Drive



2026-2027

Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2026 – 6:52 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Amber Keener, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
David Stuller, Treasurer
Daniel Brinkman, Auditor
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk
Bret Yutzy, Enterprise Fleet Management

Ordinance 2026-30 Contract with Enterprise Fleet Management

Bret Yutzy, Enterprise Fleet Management, presented before Council (see attached). He said that managed replacement can bring \$329k in savings over 10 years. Enterprise brings a proactive rather than reactive strategy to long-term fleet maintenance. The Police fleet is not included in the model presented before Council. The maintenance cost per vehicle per month is currently \$67.83 for the City. With Enterprise Fleet Management, it will be about \$47.54 per vehicle per month. Maintenance can be handled locally. If the City chooses to exit the program, sold vehicles from the leased fleet would return to the City as equity.

Respectfully submitted,

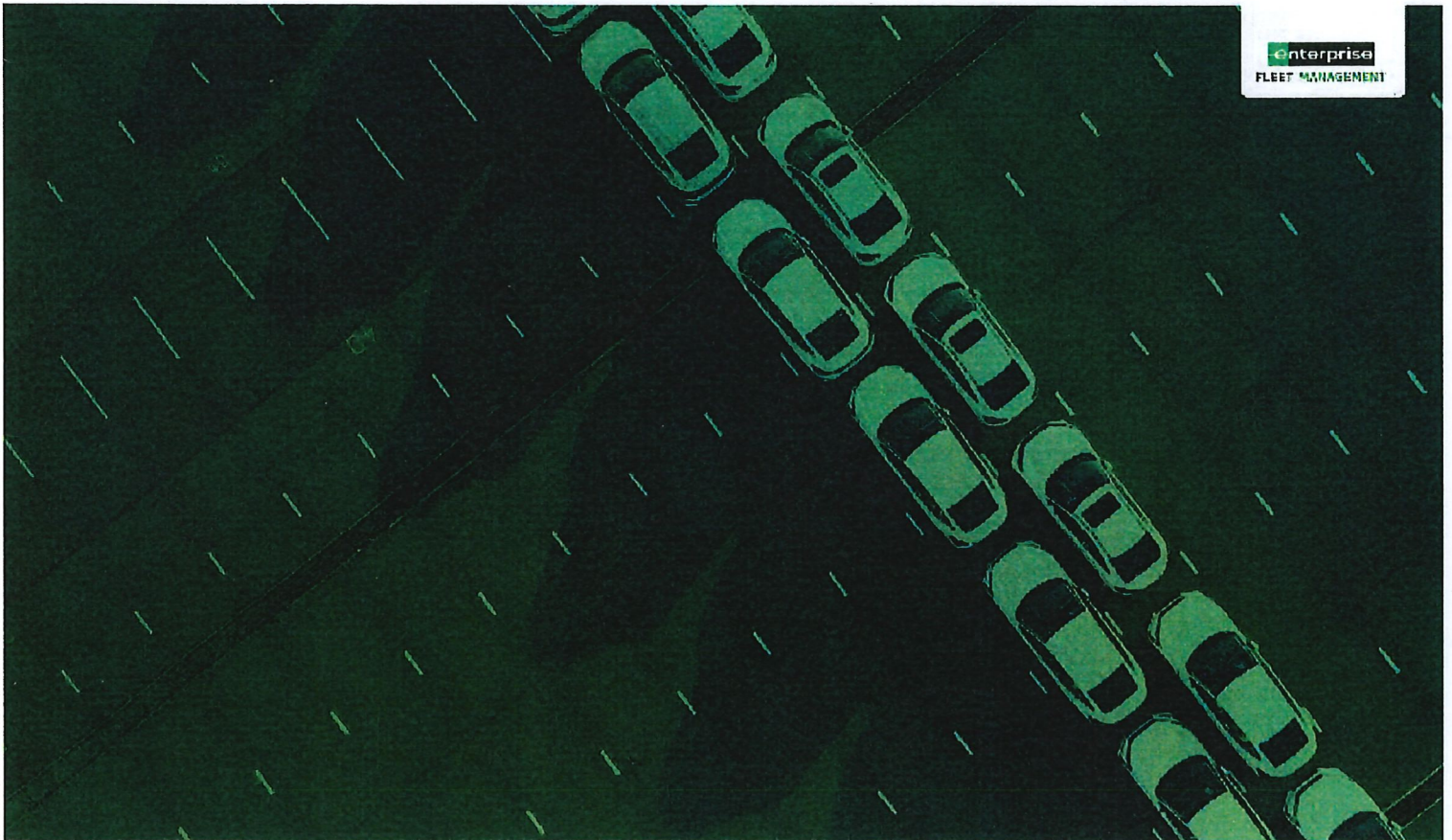
Jay Mahan, Chair
Finance & Budget
Mount Vernon City Council
JM/zs



FLEET MANAGEMENT

Fleet Synopsis

PREPARED FOR:



Current fleet age is negatively impacting the overall budget and fleet operations

- 36% of the current light and medium duty fleet is over 10 years old
- Resale of the aging fleet is significantly reduced
- Newer vehicles have a significantly lower maintenance expense
- Newer vehicles have increased fuel efficiency with new technology implementations
- Challenged by inconsistent yearly budgets
- Reactive Fleet Plan

Identify an effective vehicle life cycle that maximizes potential equity at time of resale creating a conservative savings of over \$329,286 in 10 years

- Shorten the current vehicle life cycle from 11.7 years to 5 years
- Free up more than \$293,025 in capital from the salvage of 27 vehicles in the first year
- Significantly reduce Maintenance to an average monthly cost of \$47.53 vs. current \$67.833
- Provide a lower sustainable fleet cost that is predictable year over year
- Reduce the overall fuel spend through more fuel efficient vehicles
- Leverage an open-ended lease to maximize cash flow opportunities and recognize equity.

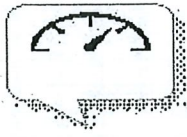
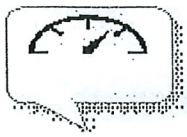
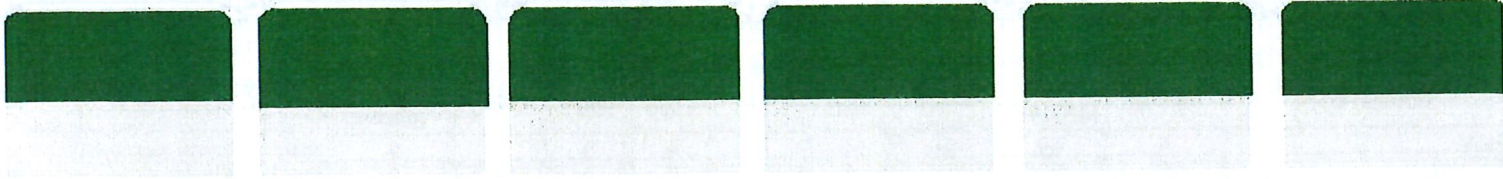
Increase employee safety with newer vehicles

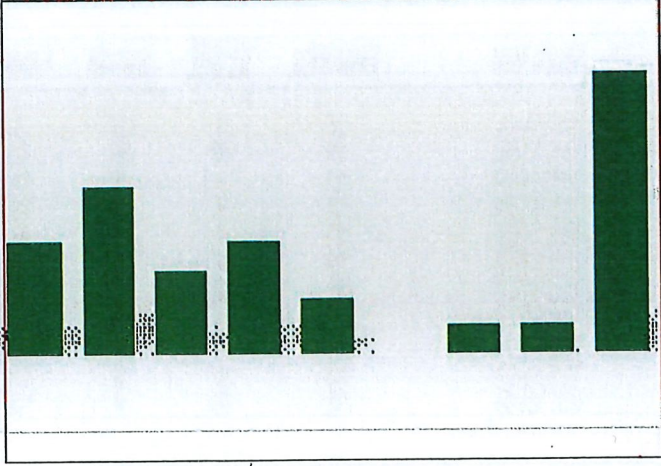
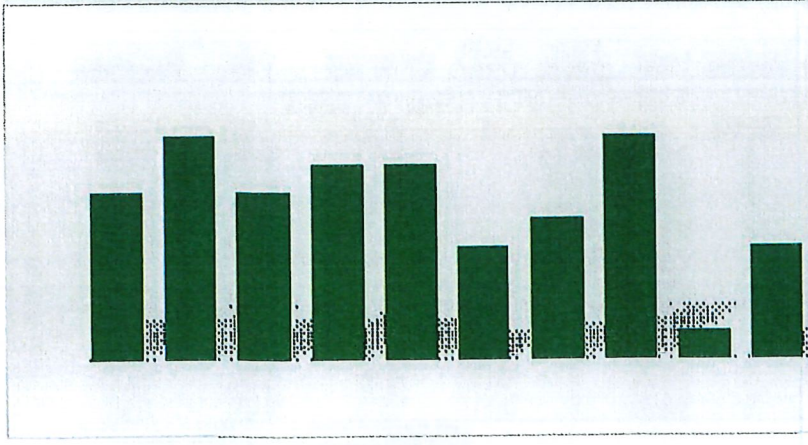
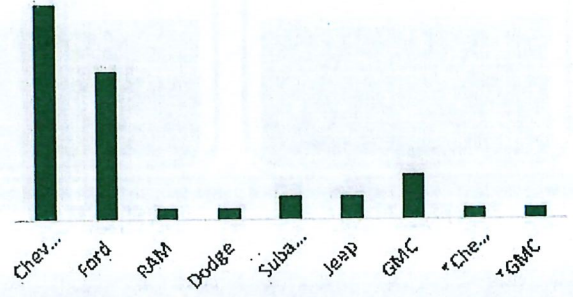
- 6 vehicles predate Anti-Lock Brake standardization (2007) 7% of Total Fleet
- 10 vehicles predate Electronic Stability Control standardization (2012) 11% of Total Fleet
- 17 vehicles predate Rear Automatic Braking (2016) 20% of Total Fleet
- 20 vehicles predate standardization of back up camera (2018) 23% of Total Fleet
- ESC is the most significant safety invention since the seatbelt

Piggyback SOURCEWELL Contract # 030122 that addresses the following:

Access to all fleet management services as applicable to the needs of City of Mount Vernon
Supports the need for fleet evaluation on a quarterly basis assessing costs and reviewing best practices

By partnering with Enterprise Fleet Management, City of Mount Vernon will be better able to leverage its buying power, implement a tighter controlled resale program to lower total cost of ownership and in turn minimize operational spend. City of Mount Vernon will reduce fuel costs by 20% and reduce maintenance costs from \$67.83 on average to \$47.53 per unit. Leveraging an open-end lease maximizes cash flow and recognizes equity from vehicles sold creating an internal replacement fund. Furthermore, City of Mount Vernon will leverage Enterprise Fleet Management's ability to sell vehicles at an average of 10% above Black Book value. By shifting from reactively replacing inoperable vehicles to proactively planning vehicle purchases, City of Mount Vernon will be able to replace all of its vehicles over the course of 5 years while creating a sustainable savings of \$3,041,17.





Replacement Criteria

^a Fiscal Year 2026 = 7 years old and

older, or odometer over 80,000

*Fiscal Year 2027 = 6 years old and

older, or odometer over 80,000

* Fiscal Year 2028 = 5 years old and

*Fiscal year 2020 = 5 years old and older, or odometer over 70,000

†Fiscal Year 2020 – 1 year old and

*Fiscal Year 2029 = 4 years old and older, or odometer over 60,000

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* Underutilized = Annual Mileage less than 4,000

Vehicle Type	Year 1 Qty	Term	Annual Mileage	Monthly Cost (Lease Rate)	Full Mileage	Annual Cost (including Maintenance)	Lease Cost Year 1	Full Cost Year 1	Corporate market capped payment	One time Admin Asset Cost (by Quantity)
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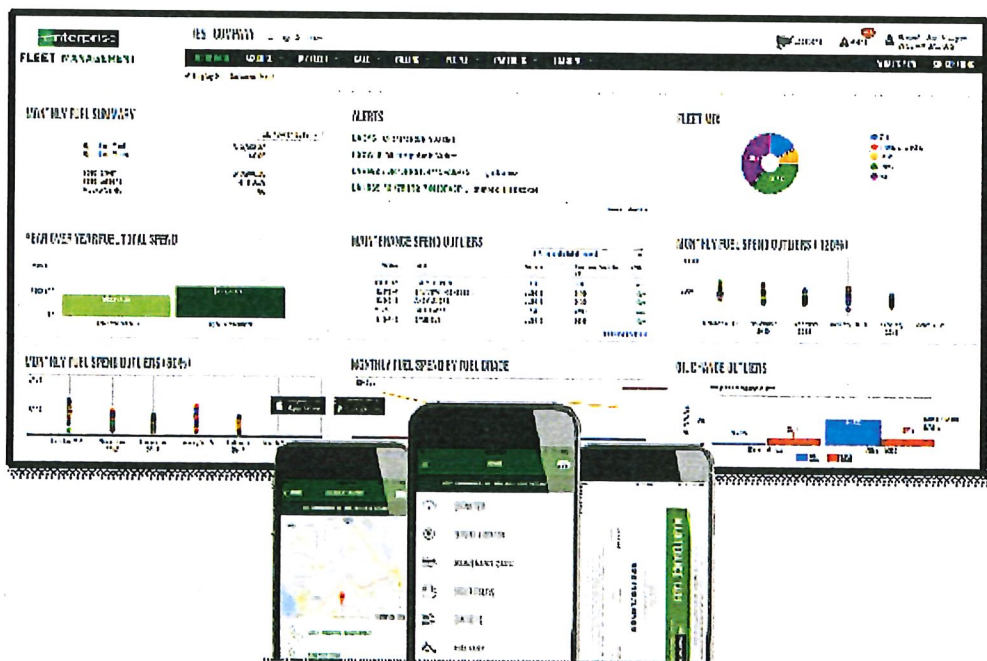
36% of all vehicles are older than 10 years of age and do not contain the most up to date safety features, such as electronic stability control, airbag standardization and anti-lock brake control.

City of Mount Vernon will have a dedicated, local account team to proactively manage and develop your fleet while delivering the highest level of customer service to facilitate your day-to-day needs."

Your dedicated Account Team meets with you 3-4 times a year for both financial and strategic planning. Account team will provide on-going analysis – this will include most cost-effective vehicle makes/models, cents per mile, total cost of ownership, and replacement analysis.

Enterprise Fleet Management's website provides vehicle tracking, reporting, and metrics. Our website can be customized to view a wide range of data so that you may have a comprehensive and detailed look at all aspects of your fleet and the services provided. Our Mobile App gives drivers all of the convenience and functionality they need.

- Consolidated Invoices - Includes lease, maintenance, and any additional ancillaries
- Maintenance Utilization - Review the life-to-date maintenance per vehicle
- Recall Information - See which units have open recalls
- License & Registration - See which plate renewals are being processed by Enterprise and view status
- Alerts - Set customizable alerts for oil changes, lease renewals, license renewals, and billing data
- Lifecycle Analysis - See data regarding all transactions for the lifecycle of the entire fleet, with drill-down capability to specific lease or transaction

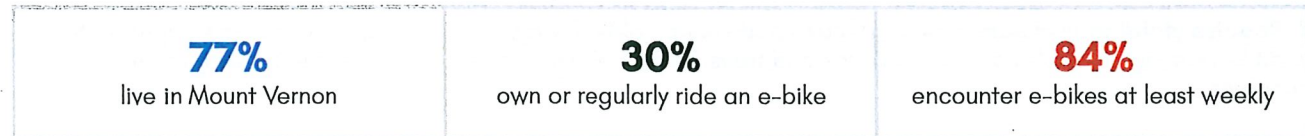


MOUNT VERNON, OH PUBLIC SURVEY ON E-BIKES

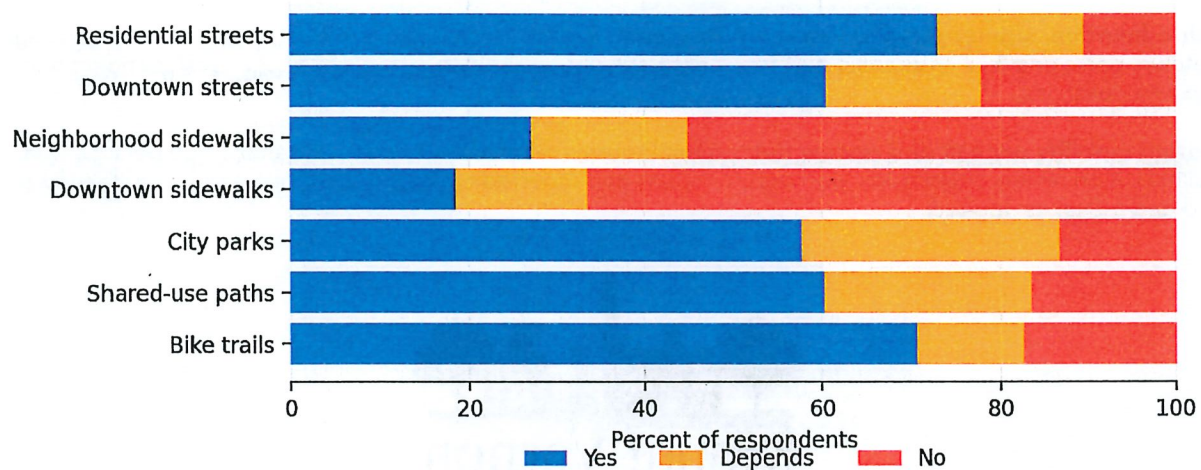
City Council Briefing | 430 survey responses

EXECUTIVE TAKEAWAY: Respondents generally support e-bike access on streets, bike trails, shared-use paths and parks, while asking for stronger safeguards where e-bikes mix closely with pedestrians. Speed control, yielding, youth safeguards, clear rules and consistent enforcement are the strongest policy signals.

Survey profile & public-safety context

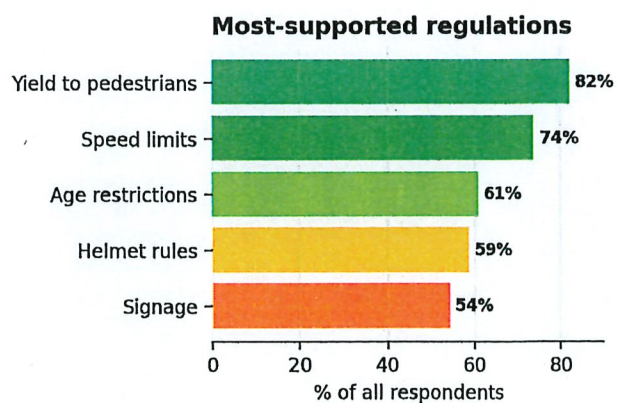
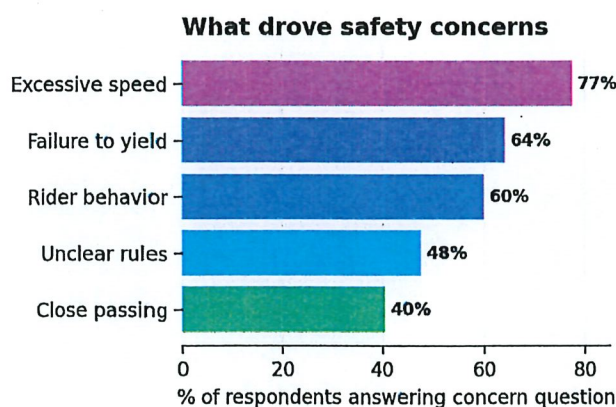


Where respondents say e-bikes should be permitted



SAFETY EXPERIENCE: 55% reported an e-bike situation that felt unsafe; another 9% answered "Maybe." Thirty percent reported witnessing a collision or near collision.

What the feedback points to...



COUNCIL INTERPRETATION: The survey does not point toward a broad e-bike ban. It points toward location-specific access rules and behavior-based safeguards, especially in pedestrian-heavy areas. Sidewalks are the clearest conflict point with 67% opposed e-bikes on downtown sidewalks and 55% opposed them on neighborhood sidewalks.

Recommendations for Council consideration

1. Adopt a location-based operating framework: Generally allow e-bikes on streets, bike trails & shared-use paths. Use designated routes in parks, and make sidewalks the most restrictive environment, particularly downtown.

2. Set context-sensitive speed rules: Use lower limits in pedestrian-heavy areas. Sidewalk-speed responses clustered around walking speed, 8 mph and 10 mph, supporting a low-speed standard wherever sidewalk or high-conflict use is permitted.

3. Require yielding and safe passing: Make pedestrian right-of-way, safe passing distance and appropriate audible warning core rules on shared paths and trails. These behaviors directly address the leading safety concerns.

4. Address youth operation and vehicle classification: Set clear age/helmet expectations consistent with state law and distinguish compliant e-bikes from higher-speed e-motos, electric dirt bikes, mopeds and similar devices.

5. Pair education, signage and focused enforcement: Publish simple rules by location and vehicle type; sign downtown, parks and trail entrances; and focus enforcement on speeding, failure to yield, reckless riding and traffic-law violations.

6. Protect mobility access and review outcomes: Preserve reasonable access for seniors and persons with disabilities, then review complaints, warnings/citations and reported crashes or near misses after a defined pilot period and adjust as needed.



E-Bikes & Shared Public Spaces
Public Survey Findings and Policy Recommendations
City of Mount Vernon, Ohio - City Council Report

KEY STATISTICAL TAKEAWAYS

Survey responses analyzed	430
Pedestrian safety rated very/extremely important	84.7%
Support e-bikes on residential streets	73.0%
Oppose e-bikes on downtown sidewalks	66.5%

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The public is not asking City Council to ban e-bikes. The survey instead points toward a regulatory framework that recognizes e-bikes as a legitimate form of recreation and transportation while establishing predictable rules for shared public spaces.

E-bikes are already a visible part of daily life in Mount Vernon. A large majority of respondents reported encountering them daily or weekly, and the respondent pool included pedestrians, motorists, cyclists, trail users, park users, seniors, parents and e-bike riders. This breadth makes the survey useful for identifying areas of agreement as well as places where opinions remain divided.

Support is strongest for e-bike use on residential streets, downtown streets, bike trails and shared-use paths.

Opposition is strongest on downtown and neighborhood sidewalks.

Across the survey, safety concerns focused less on the existence of e-bikes and more on how they are operated: excessive speed, failure to yield, rider behavior, rider age and uncertainty about what types of electric vehicles are legally considered e-bikes.

The clearest policy consensus is therefore behavioral and location-specific. Respondents favor pedestrian yielding, reasonable speed limits, clear route rules, signage, education and targeted enforcement. Age and helmet requirements also received broad support, although any local regulation in those areas should be reviewed for consistency with Ohio law.

RESPONDENT PROFILE

The survey sample is weighted toward Mount Vernon residents and frequent users of public spaces. Older adults are also strongly represented in the response pool.

That composition is important when interpreting the results. Seniors, pedestrians and trail users are among the groups most affected by interactions in shared spaces, while e-bike riders themselves also contributed substantial first-hand experience. The survey should therefore be read as a measure of public-space expectations, not only rider preferences.

The Point: Most respondents live in Mount Vernon, and older adults are strongly represented. Their responses place particular emphasis on rule predictability, pedestrian priority and safe passing behavior.

PUBLIC SPACE USAGE

Respondents reported regular use of City streets, sidewalks, paths, parks and trails. The highest-contact locations identified in the presentation were the Kokosing Gap Trail, Ariel-Foundation Park, Downtown/Public Square and neighborhood sidewalks.

These locations create different kinds of interactions. Downtown sidewalks involve dense pedestrian activity and limited maneuvering room; trails and shared-use paths mix walkers, runners, dogs, traditional bicycles and e-bikes; streets place e-bike riders in traffic with larger and faster motor vehicles.

A single rule for every setting is therefore unlikely to fit the public feedback.

The Point: Rules should be designed around the City's highest-contact environments and should distinguish between streets, sidewalks, trails, paths and park routes.

E-BIKE USE AND EXPOSURE

E-bikes are common even among people who do not personally ride them. According to the survey, 83.7% of respondents encounter e-bikes daily or weekly, and roughly three in ten respondents own or regularly ride one.

Among riders, use is not limited to a single purpose. Recreation and exercise are prominent, but respondents also reported transportation, family recreation, errands and commuting. This reinforces the need to treat e-bikes as both a recreational amenity and a mobility tool.

The Point: Most e-bike use is recreational or exercise-oriented, but a meaningful share also supports transportation, errands, commuting and family mobility.

SAFETY EXPERIENCES

A majority of respondents reported that they had felt unsafe or possibly unsafe around an e-bike, although reports of near-collisions were less common. That distinction matters: the survey shows a strong perception of risk, but it does not indicate that every e-bike interaction results in an actual incident.

The responses point toward targeted risk conditions. Concern rises where speeds are high, pedestrians are present, riders fail to yield, sight lines are limited, or users are unsure what rules apply. The policy response should therefore focus on those conditions rather than treating all e-bike operations as inherently unsafe.

The Point: The safety concern is real but targeted. The data supports addressing specific risk conditions and unsafe behaviors instead of broadly prohibiting e-bikes.

WHERE SAFETY CONCERNS OCCUR

Reported safety issues cluster on streets and sidewalks, with trails and shared-use paths also appearing prominently. Crosswalks and parking lots were identified as additional conflict points. Each setting creates a different type of risk.

On streets, the concern may involve vehicle interaction and rider visibility.	On
sidewalks, the concern is speed and proximity to pedestrians.	On
trails and paths, conflicts often occur when users of different speeds share a narrow corridor.	
Crosswalks, parking lots and driveways are transition points where users may not anticipate one another.	

The Point: Policy should focus not only on location, but also on behavior at conflict points such as intersections, crosswalks, driveways, trail passing zones and downtown sidewalks.

LEADING RISK FACTORS

The strongest safety signals are about how e-bikes are operated. Respondents repeatedly identified excessive speed, rider age, pedestrian traffic, location and e-bike type or classification as important factors.

This provides a practical basis for regulation. Speed can be tailored to the context; yielding can be mandatory wherever pedestrians are present; route restrictions can address crowded locations; and clear definitions can prevent electric dirt bikes, scooters, mini-bikes or other devices from being treated as ordinary pedal-assist bicycles.

The Point: Speed, rider age, pedestrian traffic, location and vehicle classification are the most defensible foundations for a local regulatory framework.

LOCATION-BY-LOCATION ACCESS

Residential streets - YES	73.0%
Bike trails - YES	70.7%
Downtown streets - YES	60.5%
Shared-use paths - YES	60.2%
Downtown sidewalks - NO	66.5%
Neighborhood sidewalks - NO	55.1%

The survey shows a clear distinction between streets and trails, where support is relatively high, and sidewalks, where opposition is substantially stronger.

The middle ground appears in parks, school zones and parking lots, where respondents are more likely to favor conditional access rather than an absolute yes or no.

These results support a location-based ordinance instead of a single citywide rule.

The Point: The access framework should distinguish streets and trails from sidewalks, while using conditional rules in parks, school zones, parking lots and other mixed-use areas.

SIDEWALK POLICY AND SPEED

Sidewalk permission is the most contested issue in the survey, and respondents generally expect e-bikes to operate slowly whenever sidewalk use is permitted. Downtown sidewalks generated the strongest opposition to e-bike access, reflecting the concentration of pedestrians, storefront activity, outdoor seating, intersections and limited passing space.

A practical compromise is to prohibit or strongly restrict riding on downtown sidewalks, while allowing carefully defined exceptions where riding in the street would present a safety or accessibility concern. In any location where sidewalk riding is permitted, pedestrian right-of-way and walking-speed operation should be explicit requirements.

The Point: A reasonable compromise is to restrict downtown sidewalk riding, preserve narrow safety or accessibility exceptions, and require walking-speed operation with pedestrian yielding wherever sidewalk riding is permitted.

PARKS, TRAILS, AND DESIGNATED ROUTES

Respondents generally support e-bike use in parks, but often with route limits or designated areas. This suggests that blanket park prohibitions would go farther than the survey supports, while unrestricted access to every path or facility would not address the safety concerns raised by respondents.

A mapped and posted route system would allow the City to distinguish paved and shared routes from narrow, congested, pedestrian-oriented or environmentally sensitive areas. Signage can also communicate speed expectations, dismount zones and pedestrian priority at locations where conflicts are most likely.

The Point: Use a posted map showing where e-bikes are allowed, restricted or required to dismount within parks and trail systems.

REGULATIONS WITH THE MOST PUBLIC SUPPORT

The public favors clear behavioral standards before broad prohibition. The strongest mandate is for rules that are easy to understand and directly connected to safety: yield to pedestrians, control speed, pass safely, obey traffic rules and understand where e-bikes are permitted.

Age and helmet provisions also received broad support in the survey and may warrant inclusion if legally permissible. Education and signage should be paired with enforcement so that residents have a clear opportunity to understand new rules before citations become the primary compliance tool.

The Point: Begin with rules respondents already understand: slow down, yield, pass safely, follow traffic laws and know where e-bikes are allowed.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND TRADEOFFS

Pedestrian safety - top-two importance	84.7%
Disability mobility - top-two importance	78.1%
Senior mobility - top-two importance	76.7%
Consistent enforcement - top-two importance	60.2%
Recreation - top-two importance	59.1%

Pedestrian safety is the dominant value in the survey, but it is not the only one. Mobility for people with disabilities and seniors also ranks very highly, and recreation remains important to a majority of respondents. This cautions against framing the issue as pedestrians versus e-bike riders. Many residents want both safe pedestrian spaces and practical mobility options.

The Point: The ordinance should give pedestrians the highest level of protection while preserving mobility for seniors, people with disabilities and recreational users.

OPEN-ENDED FEEDBACK

Written comments reinforce the quantitative results. Speed, sidewalks and enforceability dominate the narrative feedback. Many residents also distinguish legal pedal-assist e-bikes from scooters, gas-powered bicycles, mini-bikes and electric dirt bikes, underscoring the need for clear definitions.

Youth operation and parent responsibility also appeared repeatedly.

At the same time, responsible riders urged the City not to punish safe e-bike use because of unsafe behavior by a subset of users.

The common thread is a desire for rules that target the behavior creating the risk.

The Point: Public comments support clear definitions, visible signage and staged enforcement focused on reckless operation, repeat violations and prohibited locations.

RECOMMENDED POLICY FRAMEWORK

- **Define vehicles clearly** - Distinguish Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 e-bikes from scooters, mini-bikes, electric dirt bikes, mopeds and other motorized devices.
- **Prioritize pedestrians** - Require e-bike operators to yield to pedestrians at all times on sidewalks, paths, crosswalks, parks and trails.
- **Set speed rules by context** - Use walking-speed expectations on sidewalks where riding is permitted, lower posted speeds in congested areas, and trail/path limits appropriate to width and level of use.
- **Restrict sidewalk riding** - Prohibit riding on downtown sidewalks except for dismounted walking or clearly defined safety/accessibility exceptions.
- **Post allowed routes** - Create maps and signage for parks and trails showing permitted routes, restricted areas and dismount zones.
- **Pair education with enforcement** - Begin with public education and signage, then focus enforcement on reckless operation, failure to yield, excessive speed and use in prohibited locations.

The Point: These recommendations align with the most consistent survey signals: pedestrian yielding, speed control, clear classifications, sidewalk restrictions, signage, education and targeted enforcement.



2026-2027

**Employee & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2026 – 6:46 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Amber Keener, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Nathan Hines, Ast. Fire Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zac Sherman, City Clerk

Ordinance 2026-29 Fire Department Employees

Ast. Fire Chief Nathan Hines noted that the Ordinance increases staffing in the Fire Department by two individuals.

Broeren clarified that the Ordinance properly names the position of Community Risk Reduction Inspector, which has been budgeted and approved by Council, but not officially created. It then adds two firefighters to the existing force. So, in total, three positions are created.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ruckman, Acting Chair
Employee & Community Relations
Mount Vernon City Council
JR/zs



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 8/24/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Daniel Brinkman

RESOLUTION 2026-90

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 account 401.2500.55516 (Capital Improvement Fund – Public Buildings & Land) in the amount of \$70,000.00 (Unappropriated Fund Balance).
2. To account 401.3600.55511 (Capital Improvement Fund – Equipment) in the amount of \$130,309.00 (\$70,000 of this is unappropriated balance in the 401, the other \$60,309 is from a grant for which the City is already approved).

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, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

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3. To account 710.3210.55514 (Storm Water Fund – Line Maintenance / Repairs) in the amount of \$60,000.00 (Unappropriated Fund Balance).
4. To account 710.3210.53111 (Storm Water Fund – Materials & Supplies) in the amount of \$6,000.00 (Unappropriated Fund Balance).
5. To account 710.3210.55520 (Storm Water Fund – Catch Basin Repairs / Maint) in the amount of \$6,000.00 (Unappropriated Fund Balance).
6. To account 405.2900.55514 (Roads & Bridges Capital Improvement Fund – Roads Asphalt) in the amount of \$231,506.86 (Unappropriated Fund Balance Excess Funds which were appropriated last year by Council).
7. To account 701.2720.54115 (Water Fund – Plant Services Received) in the amount of \$200,000.00 (Unappropriated Fund Balance).
8. To account 703.2700.55513 (Water Improvement Fund – Water Improvements) in the amount of \$40,014.00 (Unappropriated Fund Balance).
9. To account 707.2800.55515 (Wastewater Improvement Fund – Wastewater Improvements) in the amount of \$38,996.00 (Unappropriated Fund Balance).
10. To account 701.2720.55511 (Water Fund - Plant Equipment) in the amount of \$66,712.50 (Unappropriated Fund Balance – previously appropriated excess funds).
11. To account 720.2820.54118 (Waste Water Fund – Environmental Consultant (WW Plant)) in the amount of \$178,823.74 (Unappropriated Fund Balance – previously appropriated excess funds)
12. To account 720.2840.54118 (Waste Water Fund – Environmental Consultant (Distribution and Collection)) in the amount of \$95,000.00 (Unappropriated Fund Balance – previously appropriated excess funds)

Amended on 9/14/2026

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City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 9/14/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Kristen Goldner

RESOLUTION 2026-93

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE
DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACT WITH HOLISTICALLY YOURZ LLC TO LEASE THE PROPERTY
WITH THE STREET ADDRESS OF 46 PUBLIC SQUARE; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio owns the property with the street address of 46 Public Square in the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, the previous tenant vacated the property and the City has located a replacement tenant.

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 enter into a revised contract with Holistically Yourz LLC to lease the property with the street address of 46 Public Square in the City of 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 to allow the tenant to immediately use the property, pay the utilities on the property, pay the utilities on the property, and pay rent to 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

Meeting: 09/14/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Keener, Ruckman
Category: Appointment
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Zac Sherman

RESOLUTION 2026-94

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MAXWELL LEANING
AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

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 Maxwell Leaning, 516 E Gambier Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission, fulfilling the unexpired term of Julia Suggs, commencing immediately and expiring on April 27, 2031:

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, 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

Meeting: 9/14/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Robert Morgan

RESOLUTION 2026-95

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.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 721.01 and 721.15 authorize municipalities to dispose of personal property and vehicles no longer needed for municipal use.

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

Section 1: That the Council finds that the City of Mount Vernon Police Department owns the following vehicles that are no longer needed for public use. Council also finds that the value of each vehicle is in excess of \$1,000.00.

- 1) Blue-2008-Chevrolet-Impala VIN-2G1WB58KX81257621
- 2) Dark Blue-2011-Buick-Lacrosse VIN-1G4GC5ED5BF273638
- 3) Black-2003-GMC-Envoy VIN-1GKET16S736184791
- 4) Gray-1998-Honda-CRV VIN-JHLRD186XWC089239
- 5) Maroon-2007-Chrysler-Town&Country VIN-2A4GP54L27R278937
- 6) Red-2005-Dodge-Dakota VIN-1D7HW48N45S322179

Section 2: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be authorized and directed to sell or dispose of the vehicles pursuant to any method authorized by Revised Code Section 721.15.

Section 3: 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 of expediting the sale or trade of these items to return the proceeds to constructive use by 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

Meeting: 9/11/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Police, Fire, and Civil Defense
Miller, Hager
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Robert Morgan

RESOLUTION 2026-96

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY'S USE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE
READER TECHNOLOGY; 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 authorized and directed to take all action necessary to permit the City's current contractual arrangement with Flock Group, Inc. (dba Flock Safety) concerning Automated License Plate Reader ("ALPR") cameras, software, data hosting, network access, and related services to expire according to its existing terms without renewal or extension.

SECTION 2: Beginning on the date of the expiration of the City's contract with Flock Group, Inc., and continuing for twelve months or until further action of this Council, the City shall not sign a contract to install ALPR cameras within the City or allow any other person or entity to install ALPR cameras on City property.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and to allow the City to legally terminate or non-renew its current contract with Flock Group, Inc., 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

Meeting: 9/14/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Daniel Brinkman

RESOLUTION 2026-97

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY
OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER FUNDS.**

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 transfer funds as follows:

1. \$30,000.00 from account 710.3210.51111, Personnel, to account 710.3210.55514, Storm Water Fund – Line Maintenance / Repairs.
2. \$5,000.00 from account 710.3210.52121, P E R S, to account 710.3210.55514, Storm Water Fund – Line Maintenance / Repairs.
3. \$1,500.00 from account 710.3210.52126, Medicare & Social Security, to account 710.3210.55514, Storm Water Fund – Line Maintenance / Repairs.
4. \$100,000.00 from account 710.3210.54118, Environmental Consultant, to account 710.3210.55514, Storm Water Fund – Line Maintenance / Repairs.
5. \$70,000.00 from account 710.3210.55511, Equipment, to account 710.3210.55514, Storm Water Fund – Line Maintenance / Repairs.
6. \$20,000.00 from account 701.2720.54311, Training / Travel / Expenses, to Account 701.2720.54115, Water Fund -Plant Services Received.
7. \$36,000.00 from account 101.3600.54490, Support for Capital Improvement, to account 101.2500.54111, General Fund - Janitorial Contract.

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, 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

Meeting: 9/14/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Daniel Brinkman

RESOLUTION 2026-98

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 Knox County Land Reutilization Corp. in the amount of \$324,712.03 from line numbers 710.3210.55514 , Stormwater Fund – Line Maintenance / Repairs (\$309,060.36) and 406.3600.54111, TIF Improvements – Construction (\$15,651.67).

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, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



Mount Vernon

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 6/22/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Land Use & Development
Jacklin, Keener
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Darby Dooley

Ordinance 2026-26

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TWO INCENTIVE DISTRICTS AND DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICTS TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, AND EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; IDENTIFYING CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS MADE, TO BE MADE, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE, THAT WILL BENEFIT OR SERVE THE PARCELS IN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICTS; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH ARISTA VILLAS MOUNT VERNON, LLC AND OTHER AGREEMENTS AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; ~~AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.~~

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) Sections 5709.40, 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.82 and 5709.83 (the “TIF Statute”) provide that this City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio (the “City”) may, under certain circumstances, authorize one or more incentive districts within the City, and declare the Improvements (as defined below) to real property located within those incentive districts, to be a public purpose, exempt a percentage of such Improvements from real property taxation, identify certain public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in the process of being made, that will benefit or serve that real property, identify one or more specific projects being, or to be, undertaken in the incentive districts that place additional demand on the designated public infrastructure improvements, provide for payments in lieu of real property taxes by the owners of the real property, and establish a public improvement tax increment equivalent fund and accounts and subaccounts therein; and

WHEREAS, the real property comprising each of the Incentive Districts, defined below and described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein (the “Property” with each parcel comprising the Property being referred to individually as a “Parcel”) is located within the City and is (i) not more than three hundred (300) total acres in size, (ii) enclosed by a continuous boundary, and (iii) not currently subject to another real property tax exemption authorized pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.40(B) nor included within an existing incentive district established under R.C. Section 5709.40(C); and

WHEREAS, Arista Villas Mount Vernon, LLC (the “Developer”) intends to construct or cause to be constructed what is currently anticipated to include one hundred (100) single-family homes and appurtenances related thereto to be conveyed to future owners in fee simple (the “Project”) upon the Property, all as further described pursuant to that certain Development

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Agreement executed between the City and the Developer on **June 3**, 2026 and approved by this Council pursuant to Ordinance **2026-21** on **June 22**, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the public infrastructure improvements described by Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein (the “Public Infrastructure Improvements”) will benefit or serve the Parcels comprising each of the Incentive Districts, and as required by R.C. Section 5709.40(C)(3)(a), this Council has determined that the Project will place additional demand on the Public Infrastructure Improvements to be located at the Property and within each of the Incentive Districts; and

WHEREAS, as required by R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(5)(f), this Council has approved a written Economic Development Plan (the “Plan”) for each of the Incentive Districts and delineated an “overlay” (as defined by R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(6)) upon a map of the proposed Incentive Districts pursuant to its adoption of Resolution **2026-67** on **June 22**, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as required by R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(5)(f), the Engineer for the City has certified, effective **June 22, 2026**, that the public infrastructure serving each of the Incentive Districts is inadequate to meet the development needs of the Incentive Districts, all as further evidenced by the Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.40(C)(2)(a), the City held a public hearing on **August 10**, 2026, which such hearing occurred not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date on which this Council considered adoption of this Ordinance, notice of the public hearing was sent by first-class mail to each owner of each Parcel to be located within the boundaries of the proposed Incentive Districts not later than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing, and this Council has not received any written request for any Parcel to be excluded from inclusion in any Incentive District from any owner pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.40(C)(2)(a); and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to establish [two (2)] Incentive Districts (each an individual “Incentive District” and collectively, the “Incentive Districts”) inclusive of the Property, declare the Improvements to the Property to be a public purpose, and to exempt a percentage of such Improvements from real property taxation as provided in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the TIF Statute, the boundaries of the Incentive Districts are coextensive with the boundaries of, and will include only, the respective portions of one or more Parcels comprising the Property, as specifically identified and depicted by Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, under R.C. Section 5709.42, this Council has determined to require the owner or owners of each Parcel comprising the Property within each Incentive District, together with their successors and assigns (each an “Owner”, and collectively the “Owners”), to make service payments in lieu of real property taxes on the portion of the Improvements exempted from real property taxation pursuant to this Ordinance; and

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WHEREAS, under R.C. Section 5709.43, this Council has determined to establish a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of service payments in lieu of real property taxes (the “Arista Villas Incentive District TIF Fund”); and

WHEREAS, this Council desires that the Treasurer of Knox County, Ohio (the “County Treasurer”) forward service payments in lieu of real property taxes in the manner prescribed by Section 4 of this Ordinance, all in accordance with R.C. Sections 5709.42 and 5709.43; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Council to pay to the Mount Vernon City School District and the Knox County Career Center (the “School Districts”) certain compensation payments in the amount of the real property taxes that would have been payable to each of the School Districts if the Improvements had not been exempted from real property taxation pursuant to this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City sent notice of this Council’s intention to exempt the Improvements from real property taxation to the Boards of Education of each School District in accordance with R.C. Sections 5709.40(D) and 5709.83 and hereby ratifies the giving of such notice by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that the Public Infrastructure Improvements be constructed in conjunction with the Project and desires to enter into the tax increment financing agreement (the “TIF Agreement”) substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein, including as may be amended from time to time, all in order to set forth the manner in which the costs of the Public Infrastructure Improvements shall be paid; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided a forty-five (45) business day notice to the Board of Commissioners of Knox County, Ohio (the “County”) pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.40(E) prior to taking formal action to adopt this Ordinance and has determined to pay to the County, if applicable, certain compensation payments pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.40(E) either pursuant to one or more County Compensation Agreements (as defined herein) or the compensation payments that would be otherwise due to the County pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.40(E).

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio that:

SECTION I.

This Council hereby establishes each of the following Incentive Districts: Arista Villas Incentive District No. 1 and Arista Villas Incentive District No. 2. Each Incentive District consists of a portion of one or more Parcels comprising the Property. The boundaries of each Incentive District are depicted on Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein.

Pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.40(C), this Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City to declare the increase in the assessed value of each Parcel comprising the Property within each Incentive District after the effective date of this Ordinance (the “Improvements”) to be a public purpose and to authorize an exemption from real property taxation equal to one hundred percent (100%) of such

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Improvements (the “TIF Exemptions”). The TIF Exemption shall commence with respect to each Incentive District on the earlier of (i) the first tax year following the effective date of this Ordinance for which Improvements attributable to the construction of one or more structures totaling at least two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in true value first appear on the tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property within the boundaries of the individual Incentive District or (ii) tax year 2035 (the “Commencement Date”). The TIF Exemption shall end, with respect to each Incentive District, on the earlier of (i) thirty (30) years after the Commencement Date or (ii) the date on which the Public Infrastructure Improvements are paid in full and the City can no longer require Service Payments from the Owners, all in accordance with the requirements of the TIF Statute.

The Public Infrastructure Improvements described in Exhibit B hereto, made, to be made, or in the process of being made, are hereby designated as public infrastructure improvements that benefit or serve, or that will benefit or serve, the Incentive Districts. As required by R.C. Section 5709.40(C)(3)(a), this Council hereby determines that the Project will place additional demand on the Public Infrastructure Improvements to be located at the Property and within each of the Incentive Districts.

SECTION II.

Pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.42, this Council directs and requires each Owner of each Parcel comprising the Property included within each Incentive District to make annual service payments in lieu of real property taxes with respect to the Improvements allocable to each Parcel to the County Treasurer on or before the final dates for payment of real property taxes. Service payments in lieu of real property taxes, including any penalties and interest at the then current rate established under R.C. Sections 323.121 and R.C. 5703.47, will be charged and collected in the same manner and in the same amount as the real property taxes that would have been charged and payable against the Improvements if they were not subject to the TIF Exemptions authorized by this Ordinance. Such service payments in lieu of taxes, penalties, and interest, and any other payments with respect to Improvements that are received by the County Treasurer in connection with the reduction required by R.C. Sections 319.302, 321.24, 323.152 and 323.156, as the same may be amended from time to time, or any successor provisions, as the same may be amended from time to time (the “Property Tax Rollback Payments,” and together with the service payments in lieu of real property taxes, penalties, and interest described above, the “Service Payments”), will be allocated and distributed in accordance with Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION III.

This Council hereby establishes, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the TIF Statute, the Arista Villas Incentive District TIF Fund into which the City shall deposit all Service Payments collected with respect to the Property and received from the County Treasurer. Within

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the Arista Villas Incentive District TIF Fund, the Fiscal Officer of the City is hereby authorized to establish one or more accounts or sub-accounts associated with the applicable Incentive District, as may be required from time to time in the sole discretion of the Fiscal Officer, including the following separate sub-accounts:

1. Arista Villas Incentive District No. 1 TIF Fund Sub-Account; and
2. Arista Villas Incentive District No. 2 TIF Fund Sub-Account

The City, in its sole discretion, may utilize Service Payments deposited into the Arista Villas Incentive District TIF Fund and its associated accounts and sub-accounts for the purposes authorized by the TIF Statute, this Ordinance, and other generally applicable Ohio law, including, but not limited to, paying costs of the Public Infrastructure Improvements in a manner consistent with the TIF Agreement and, if applicable, one or more County Compensation Agreements. The Arista Villas Incentive District TIF Fund shall exist so long as Service Payments are collected and used for the purposes described above, after which the Arista Villas Incentive District TIF Fund and its associated accounts and sub-accounts are to be dissolved and any surplus funds remaining in the Arista Villas Incentive District TIF Fund shall be transferred to the City's general fund, all as set forth under R.C. Section 5709.43.

SECTION IV.

At the same time and in the same manner as real property tax distributions, the City requests that the County Treasurer distribute the Service Payments applicable to each Incentive District as follows:

FIRST, to the appropriate taxing authorities the portion of the Service Payments that represent payments required under R.C. 5709.40(F), as required by the County Treasurer pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.43(C); and

SECOND, to each of the School Districts the amount of the real property taxes that would have been payable to each of the School Districts if the Improvements had not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Ordinance; and

THIRD, the remainder to the City for deposit into the Arista Villas Incentive District TIF Fund.

The City shall then use the Service Payments for the following purposes, as identified and approved by the City from time to time:

FIRST, to the City on the date which is 30 business days after each semi-annual date on which the County Auditor settles real property taxes with the City (each, a "Payment Date") to reimburse the City's reasonable legal fees and administrative costs associated with administering the TIF Exemptions and carrying out its

ongoing obligations under the TIF Agreement (the “City’s Administrative Costs”), including without limitation any payment to third party administrators assisting the City in its administration of the tax increment financing program created by this Ordinance;

SECOND, to the Developer, to reimburse the Developer for all remaining costs associated with the Public Infrastructure Improvements constructed by, or on behalf of, the Developer until the Developer’s expenses have been reimbursed in full (the “Developer Reimbursement Amount”), all on the terms and conditions further provided in and described by the TIF Agreement; and

THIRD, payment of the costs of any Public Infrastructure Improvements defined by R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(8) and selected in the sole discretion of the City, made, to be made, or in the process of being made that will benefit or serve the Parcels of the Property included within the Incentive Districts, all as authorized under Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40 and more particularly defined by Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein, and

FOURTH, for any other lawful purpose pursuant to this Ordinance, the TIF Statute, its related laws and rules, and other generally applicable Ohio law.

SECTION V.

This Council hereby approves (i) the TIF Agreement to be executed by and among the City and the Developer, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein and (ii) one or more County Compensation Agreements, if applicable, to be executed between the City and the County pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.40(E)(2). The Mayor and the Fiscal Officer, together with their designees, are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the TIF Agreement and, if applicable, the one or more County Compensation Agreements authorized by this Ordinance, together with such changes as are not inconsistent with this Ordinance and as are not materially adverse to the City as may be approved by the Mayor, which such approval shall be evidenced conclusively by the execution of the TIF Agreement and the County Compensation Agreements authorized by this Ordinance by the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer. The Mayor and the Fiscal Officer, together with their designees, are authorized and directed to sign any other agreement, document, instrument, amendment, or certificate and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate or implement the transactions described in or contemplated by this Ordinance, the TIF Agreement, and, if applicable, the County Compensation Agreements.

SECTION VI.

This Council further authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer, or their designees, and other appropriate officers of the City to: (i)

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make such arrangements as are necessary and proper for the collection of Service Payments from the Owners of any of the Parcels comprising the Property and included within any of the Incentive Districts, (ii) facilitate the payment of the Service Payments from the County Treasurer to the City for deposit into the Arista Villas Incentive District TIF Fund, (iii) prepare and sign all agreements, documents, instruments, amendments, or certificates as may be necessary to implement this Ordinance from time to time, including, but not limited to, any applications for real property tax exemption and remission (Form DTE-24) that may be required with respect to each Incentive District; and (iv) take all other actions as may be appropriate to implement this Ordinance.

For the avoidance of doubt, R.C. Section 5709.911 shall govern the priority status of the TIF Exemptions authorized pursuant to this Ordinance. Pursuant to R.C. 5709.40(C), 5709.911, and the TIF Agreement, the City may apply for the TIF Exemptions authorized pursuant to this Ordinance.

SECTION VII.

Pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.40(I), the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer, together with their designees, are authorized and directed to deliver a copy of this Ordinance to the Director of the Ohio Department of Development (“ODOD”) within fifteen (15) days of its adoption. On or before March 31st of each year that a TIF Exemption authorized pursuant to this Ordinance remains in effect, the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer, together with their designees, are authorized to prepare and submit the status report required under R.C. Section 5709.40(I) to the Director of ODOD.

SECTION VIII.

In accordance with R.C. Section 5709.832, this Council hereby determines that no entity doing business upon any Parcel or any portion of any Parcel comprising the Property and included within any Incentive District shall deny any individual employment based on considerations of race, religion, sex, disability, color, national origin, or ancestry.

SECTION IX.

The City acknowledges that it has created, or has joined, an applicable Tax Incentive Review Council (the “TIRC”) with the membership of the TIRC constituted in accordance with R.C. Section 5709.85. The TIRC shall, in accordance with R.C. Section 5709.85, annually review all TIF Exemptions resulting from the declarations set forth in this Ordinance and any other such matters as may properly come before the TIRC, all in accordance with R.C. Section 5709.85.

SECTION X.

This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law including R.C. Section 121.22.

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SECTION XI. ~~That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, and safety in the City, and to specifically allow for the timely development of the Project at the Property, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.~~

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

EXHIBIT A

Description of Parcels

The parcels to be included within the Arista Villas Incentive Districts pursuant to the TIF Ordinance include those parcels of real property identified by the County Auditor of Knox County, Ohio as having the Permanent Parcel Identification Number 66-07961.000, as such parcels may be further sub-divided, combined, re-combined, re-numbered, or re-platted from time to time.

For ease of reference, the following maps of the parcels to be included within the Arista Villas Incentive Districts are provided below with the relevant portion of the parcels comprising the real property outlined in red as well as the respective overlays associated with the Arista Villas Incentive Districts.

The real property located within the Arista Villas Incentive Districts is estimated to include 39.92 acres of real property.

[See Attached]

Description of Incentive Districts

It is presently expected that the Developer will complete the Project in a series of one or more phases and sub-phases. Each of the Incentive Districts is composed of the portion of the Parcels comprising the Property, as follows:

[See Attached]

Arista Villas Incentive District 1

The Arista Villas Incentive District 1 is composed of the following Parcels of the Property that are, or will be, located within the area labeled Phase 1, below:

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Arista Villas Incentive District 2

The Arista Villas Incentive District 2 is composed of the following Parcels of the Property that are, or will be, located within the area labeled Phase 2, below:

EXHIBIT B

Public Infrastructure Improvements

The Public Infrastructure Improvements consist generally of acquiring and constructing the Public Infrastructure Improvements described below in accordance with the Ordinance to which this Exhibit B is attached, the TIF Statute, its related rules and laws, and other generally applicable Ohio law, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Any costs of the Public Infrastructure Improvements identified by, and on the terms of, the TIF Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein.
- Construction, reconstruction, extension, opening, improving, widening, grading, draining, curbing, or changing of, as well as the continued maintenance of, the lines and traffic patterns of roads, highways, streets, bridges (both roadway and pedestrian), traffic calming devices, sidewalks, bikeways, medians, and viaducts accessible to and serving the public, and providing lighting systems, signalization, and traffic controls, and all other appurtenances thereto; and
- Construction, reconstruction, or installation of, as well as the continued maintenance of, public utility improvements (including any underground publicly owned utilities), storm and sanitary sewers (including necessary site grading therefor), water and fire protection systems, and all other appurtenances thereto; and
- Construction, reconstruction, or installation of publicly owned gas, electric, and communication service facilities, and all other appurtenances thereto; and
- Construction or reconstruction of one or more public parks, including grading, trees and other park plantings, park accessories and related improvements, and all other appurtenances thereto; and
- Construction or installation of streetscape and landscape improvements including trees and shrubs, landscaping mounds and fencing, tree grates, planting beds, signage, curbs, sidewalks, street and sidewalk lighting, trash receptacles, benches, newspaper racks, burial of overhead utility lines and related improvements, and all other appurtenances thereto; and
- Construction of one or more public parking facilities, including public surface parking and public parking structures and related improvements, and all other appurtenances thereto; and
- Demolition and excavation, including demolition and excavation on private property when determined to be necessary for economic development purposes; and

- Acquisition of real estate or interests in real estate (including easements) necessary to accomplish the foregoing improvements; and
- Any ongoing administrative expenses relating to the Public Infrastructure Improvements as well as maintaining the Service Payments in the Arista Villas Incentive District TIF Fund, including, but not limited to, engineering, architectural, legal, and other consulting and professional services; and
- All inspection fees and other governmental fees related to the foregoing; and
- Any and all other costs of the Public Infrastructure Improvements, as determined by the City in its sole discretion and in accordance with the Ordinance to which this Exhibit B is attached, the TIF Statute, its related rules and laws, and other generally applicable Ohio law.

The Public Infrastructure Improvements specifically include the costs of financing the Public Infrastructure Improvements, including the items of “costs of permanent improvements” set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 133.15(B), and incurred with respect to the Public Infrastructure Improvements. “Costs” specifically include any reimbursement payments for the reimbursement of the costs of the Public Infrastructure Improvements and the debt service on any bonds or other obligations issued to finance the Public Infrastructure Improvements (including fees and administrative expenses of, and reserve funds necessary to pay or service any bonds or other obligations) (the “Debt Service”), all as determined by the City in its sole discretion and in accordance with the Ordinance to which this Exhibit B is attached, the TIF Statute, its related rules and laws, and other generally applicable Ohio law.

EXHIBIT C

Form of TIF Agreement

[See Attached]



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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ORDINANCE 2026-29

Meeting: 8/10/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee & Community Rel.
Keener, Ruckman
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Chad Christopher

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1: That the following positions are hereby authorized in the Mount Vernon Fire Department (additions are in **bold**, deletions are in strikethrough):

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Three Captains

Six Lieutenants

Not more than ~~34~~ **36** Firefighters and/or Firefighter/Paramedics

Not more than 25 Part-time Firefighter/EMTs

One Fire Marshall

One Community Risk Reduction Inspector

One EMS/Training Coordinator Lieutenant

Use of all above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Fire Department as appropriated.

SECTION 2: All ordinances which previously set the number of hourly employees in the Mount Vernon Fire Department are hereby repealed.

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 that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, and further to allow the City to provide additional firefighters to protect the City and its residents at the earliest possible date, the 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



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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2026-30

Meeting: 8/10/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance & Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Category
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Tanner Salyers

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR THE LEASING OF CITY VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, the Administration has reviewed the fiscal impacts of the City's fleet replacement needs and has determined that a structured fleet leasing program will assist the City in maintaining predictable long-term capital expenditures and operating costs; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that implementing a professionally managed fleet replacement program promotes sound financial planning by reducing unexpected capital costs, improving lifecycle management of municipal vehicles, and providing greater certainty in annual budget forecasting; and

WHEREAS, Council further finds that participation in a comprehensive fleet management program reduces the City's exposure to maintenance, reliability, and operational risks associated with aging vehicles while ensuring that City departments are equipped with safe and dependable transportation necessary to perform essential public services; and

WHEREAS, Enterprise Fleet Management is a party to a cooperative purchasing contract with Sourcewell that was competitively procured and provides government agencies with fleet management and vehicle leasing services at favorable pricing and terms.

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

SECTION 1: The Safety-Service Director is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and execute, subject to approval as to form by the Law Director, an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for the leasing and professional management of City vehicles through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program.

SECTION 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any committees thereof were conducted in meetings open to the public in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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Ordinance 2026-31

Meeting: 8/24/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Ruckman, Miller
Category: Amendment
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Scott Zimmerman

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1305 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 1305.23 of the City Codified Ordinances shall be amended as follows (deletion is in ~~strikethrough~~):

1305.23 DUMPSTERS.

The owner of a **single or** multifamily residential ~~or commercial~~ property may elect to place a leak proof dumpster equipped with a lid on the exterior property; however, any such dumpster shall be enclosed on all four sides by a fence or wall that is at least five (5) feet tall, with an access door. Refuse shall not exceed the capacity of the dumpster.

SECTION 2: That Section 1305.28 of the City Codified Ordinances shall be amended as follows (additions are in **bold**, deletions are in ~~strikethrough~~):

~~Repairs, maintenance work, alterations or installations which are caused directly or indirectly by the enforcement of the Maintenance Ordinances shall be executed and installed in a workmanlike manner.~~

A. General Standards: All repairs, maintenance work, alterations, or installations required-either directly or indirectly—by the enforcement of this Code shall be executed in a skilled and professional manner in accordance with generally accepted trade practices.

B. Removal of Defects: Prior to the application of any finish or covering, all decayed, rotted, or structurally unsound materials shall be removed and replaced. Surface preparation shall be sufficient to ensure the durability and integrity of the repair.

C. Material Compatibility: Replacement materials shall be of similar quality, texture, grain, and dimension to those used in the original construction of the structure. All new work shall be integrated with existing surfaces to ensure a cohesive and uniform appearance.

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 update definitions in the City's Property Maintenance Code to allow it to be enforced as intended, 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

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Ordinance 2026-32

Meeting: 9/14/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Fire, Police, and Civil Defense
Miller Hager
Category: Repeal
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Tanner Salyers

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 511 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, Chapter 511 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon was adopted by Ordinance 1987-04 on June 15, 1987 to regulate endemic false alarms which were hardwired into dispatch and required police response; and

WHEREAS, technological advancement and monitoring of the alarms by the property owner or a third-party limits police response to only those cases where there is an actual need; and

WHEREAS, after discussion, review, input from the Administration and further consideration, Council deems it acceptable and appropriate to repeal Chapter 511 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, State of Ohio in its entirety.

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

SECTION 1. That the entire Chapter 511 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, entitled False Alarms, as set forth in the attached Exhibit A, is hereby repealed.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

CHAPTER 511

False Alarms

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- 511.12 Liability.**
- 511.13 Exceptions.**
- 511.99 Penalty.**

CROSS REFERENCES

Knowingly make a false alarm - see GEN. OFF. 509.07

511.01 PURPOSE.

Although an alarm system is important as a deterrent to unlawful entry, continued malfunctioning or employee error compromise the effectiveness of the system. Frequent response by the Police and Fire Departments to these false alarms is not only expensive, but it creates a risk of injury to the responding officer and others and a risk of damage to property. Based upon these considerations, the purpose of this chapter is to regulate alarm supplies, subscribers, and users.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.02 DEFINITIONS.

(a) "False alarm" means any security signal communicated to the Police Department or Department which is not in response to actual or attempted burglary, holdup, assault, unlawful entry, fire, or other bona fide emergency requiring immediate police or fire response. False alarms include negligently or accidentally activated signals; signals which are the result of faulty, malfunctioning or improperly installed or maintained equipment; signals which are the result of improperly installed, secured or maintained windows, doors or similar general areas of the building; and signals which are purposely activated to summon the Police or the Fire Department in nonemergency situations. False alarms shall not include signals willfully activated by security alarm subscribers or users upon good faith belief that an actual or attempted burglary, holdup, assault, unlawful entry, fire or other bona fide emergency is about to occur or when the cause has been proven to be an act of God.

(b) "Security alarm system" means any device or system which transmits a signal visibly, audibly, electronically, mechanically or by the combination of these methods to indicate actual or attempted burglary, holdup, assault, unlawful entry, fire, or other bona fide emergency at a premises requiring an immediate response to the emergency at a premises requiring an immediate response to the scene by the Police Department. Security alarm systems include, but are not limited to, devices activated automatically, such as holdup alarms, but shall not include telephone lines maintained and operated by public utilities under the regulation of the Public Service Commission over which such signals might be transmitted.

(c) "Subscriber" means any user who employs the services of a central alarm system.

(d) "User" means any persons owning and/or operating a security alarm system.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.03 AUTHORITY TO INSTALL ALARM.

Any residence, lawful business, church, school or other similar structure located within the City may be equipped with an emergency alarm for the purpose of detecting an unauthorized intrusion, or fire, upon compliance with this ordinance. Existing installations shall be subject to the requirements of this chapter, including those pertaining to permits.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.04 ALARMS CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THE POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT ALARM PANEL.

(a) A permit is required to be obtained by an authorized person of any business, church, school, or residential household, to connect installed equipment to the Police or Fire Departments emergency panel.

(b) The Safety Service Director or his authorized representative may issue a permit or permits for such connection upon proper application by the authorized person pursuant to Section 511.03.

(c) Connection to the police or fire emergency alarm panels shall be contingent upon the applicant having obtained permission from the company which maintains the alarm panel in the Police or Fire Departments to make such connections. Permission shall not be denied provided equipment is compatible, and provided charges are paid by said company, and provided a permit has been issued by the Safety-Service Director or his authorized representative.

(d) A fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year shall be paid to the City for each permit, to be connected to the Police Department or the Fire Department alarm panel. Any charge, which remains unpaid thirty days after the date of invoice, shall result in cancellation of service.

(Ord. 2005-06. Passed 4-11-05.)

(e) Any alarm system may be used provided it is compatible with the alarm panel utilized by the Police Department or the Fire Department.

(f) Alarm fees for permits of subscribers and users are nonrefundable.

(g) Continued operation of any alarm system beyond thirty days of the permits expiration date shall be a violation of this chapter.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.05 LOCAL ALARMS.

(a) A local alarm is an alarm that is not connected to the Police or Fire emergency panels, and which, when activated sounds a horn, bell, buzzer or other type of audible alarm.

(b) A permit shall be required for the installation of a local alarm if the sound created by the alarm is audible beyond the premises served.

(c) The Safety-Service Director or his authorized representatives shall issue a permit for such an alarm upon proper application provided the intensity of sound does not exceed sixty-five decibels at any location outside the premises being served.

(d) A local alarm shall be equipped with a device which will reset or automatically disable itself after a thirty minute period of audible alarm.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.06 FALSE ALARMS.

(a) A charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed for the first false alarm received through local alarms, the Police Emergency Panel, the Fire Department Emergency Panel, or for a false alarm received on any other alarm service, which the city has been given permission to be installed. A charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be assessed for the second false alarm received within a twelve (12) month period. A charge of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be assessed for the third false alarm received within a twelve (12)

month period. Such fee shall be assessed against the holder of the permit for the alarm, which was falsely activated.

(b) No fee will be assessed for any “false alarm” to which there is no response by the Police Department or the Fire Department, or when the cause of the “false alarm” is determined to be an act of God. (Ord. 2005-06. Passed 4-11-05.)

(c) Any charge for a false alarm which remains unpaid thirty days after the date of invoice shall result in cancellation of the permit and shall be a violation of this chapter. (Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.07 PERMIT AND FEES.

(a) The nonrefundable permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) is the total permit fee, excluding any fees or costs as assessed by alarm manufacturers, suppliers, or installers, and shall be for that calendar year or the remainder of that calendar year, and shall cover the administrative costs. (Ord. 2005-06. Passed 4-11-05.)

(b) This fee shall be invoiced during the month of December for the permit to be in effect for the next calendar year. Any fees that remain unpaid thirty days after the date of invoice shall result in cancellation of the permit.

(c) Continued operation of any alarm system beyond the thirty days without a valid permit is in violation of this chapter. (Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.08 REVOCATION OF PERMITS.

(a) Failure to comply with any provision of this chapter may result in revocation of the subscriber's or user's permit.

(b) Grounds for revocation may be, but are not limited to:

(1) Failure to properly maintain an installation,

(2) When the number of false alarms for an installation exceeds five per calendar month or twenty per calendar year.

(c) The Chief of Police, or his designee, shall serve written notice upon the permit holder of intent to revoke the permit. Such notice shall be given not less than seven days prior to revocation. Such notice shall state the right of the permit holder to appeal to the Safety-Service Director within fourteen days from the date of the notice.

(d) If an appeal is filed in writing within fourteen days, the Safety-Service Director shall hold a hearing on the matter and shall render a decision on the basis of the facts presented. In the event no appeal is filed, the Chief of Police or his designee, shall transmit all pertinent information to the Safety-Service Director who shall cancel the permit.

(e) The permit holder may have an attorney present at the hearing if so desired. The administrative remedies must be exhausted before judicial procedures can begin.

(f) Upon revocation of the permit, the user or subscriber has twenty days to disconnect the alarm system or show good cause for an extension of this time to the Safety-Service Director.

(g) Operation of an alarm system or failure to disconnect an alarm system after revocation of the permit is in violation of this chapter. (Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.09 DUTIES OF ALARM SUBSCRIBERS OR USERS.

(a) It shall be the responsibility of alarm subscribers or users to instruct any employees or others who may have occasion to activate an alarm, that alarm systems are to be activated only in emergency situations to summon an immediate Police or Fire Department response. Alarm subscribers and users shall also instruct appropriate employees as to the operation of the alarm system; to include setting, activation and resetting of the alarm.

(b) Alarm subscribers and users shall be responsible for seeing that alarm systems are maintained in good working order and that defects that could cause false alarms are promptly repaired.

(c) Subscribers or users of security systems who have not contracted with a security alarm dealer for an alarm agent to respond to the scene of alarm activations shall indicate the telephone numbers of at least two responsible persons who are capable of deactivating and resetting the alarm system and of assisting the Police or the Fire Department to secure the premises, if necessary, and who may be notified by the Police Department or the Fire Department to respond to the scene. Such person or persons shall respond to the scene within one-half hour after being requested to do so by the Police or Fire Department, unless good cause is shown.

(d) No person shall install or maintain a security alarm system which does not have some safeguard which allows reasonable delay to halt or recall an accidental alarm activation before the alarm is communicated to the Police or Fire Departments for response to the scene.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.10 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) All equipment used in installations for which a permit is required shall meet the applicable standards of the Underwriters Laboratories and/or other recognized industry standard. Applicant may be required to submit evidence of the reliability and suitability of the equipment to be installed.

(b) The sensory mechanism used in connection with such devices must be adjusted to suppress false indications of fire or intrusion, so that the devices will not be actuated by impulses due to transient pressure change in water pipes, short flashes of light, wind noises such as the rattling or vibrating of doors or windows, vehicular noise adjacent to the installation or other forces unrelated to genuine alarms.

(c) Each permit application is to be accompanied by a copy of the operating instructions for the device.

(d) If any provision of this chapter is for any reason held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provision.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.11 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Safety-Service Director or his authorized representative shall make and enforce such rules and regulations pursuant to this Chapter 511, for the enforcement of the provisions hereof, and for the proper determination and collection of the fees and charges herein provided.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.12 LIABILITY.

The issuance of any permit or permits in conjunction with this chapter shall not constitute acceptance by the City of any liability to inspect, maintain or repair equipment, to answer alarms or for any personal injury or property damage resulting in any way in connection with any alarm system(s).

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.13 EXCEPTIONS.

(a) This chapter shall not apply to the use of security alarm systems by law enforcement personnel for law enforcement purposes.

(b) This chapter shall not apply to security alarm systems installed in motor vehicles, boats or aircraft.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.99 PENALTY.

In addition to being assessed for false alarms, whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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Meeting: 9/14/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee & Community Rel.
Keener, Ruckman
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Tom Hinkle

ORDINANCE 2026-33

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1: That the following positions are hereby authorized as indicated (additions are in **bold**, deletions are in ~~strikethrough~~):

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

65 Public Works Crew Leaders
2 Public Works Traffic Signal Technician
Not more than **15** ~~13~~ Maintenance Workers
2 Customer Support Specialist II

Use of the above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Public Works Department as appropriated.

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

SECTION 3: 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 to adjust the number of employees in the Department of Public Works to efficiently and effectively carry out tasks assigned to the Department rather than contracting the work to outside companies, 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 2026-34

Meeting: 9/14/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Land Use & Development
Jacklin, Keener
Category: Annexation
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Knox County Commissioners

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF 1.519 ACRES, PARCEL NUMBER 49-00510.000, FROM MONROE TOWNSHIP INTO THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CITY SERVICES TO THE ANNEXED PARCEL AND PROVIDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST INCOMPATIBLE USES UNDER EXISTING TOWNSHIP ZONING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023 provides the process for an Expedited Type 2 annexation where the annexed territory remains subject to the real estate taxation of the township, and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2026, the owner of 0.562 acres, Parcel Number 49-00510.000, located in Monroe Township filed a petition with the Knox County Board of Commissioners to annex the property into the City of Mount Vernon under the Expedited Type 2 process.

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

SECTION 1: That pursuant to Revised Code Section 709.023(D), the City of Mount Vernon consents to the annexation proposed in the owner's petition.

SECTION 2: That upon annexation into the City of Mount Vernon, the City shall provide the following services to the annexed parcel:

- a) Police Protection
- b) Fire Protection
- c) Emergency Medical Services
- d) Potable Water Service
- e) Wastewater Service
- f) Stormwater Utility Services

SECTION 3: That City Council finds that the annexation parcel is currently subject to Monroe Township Zoning, pursuant to Chapter 519 of the Revised Code. If the territory is annexed and becomes subject to zoning by the City of Mount Vernon, and City zoning permits uses in the annexed territory that the City determines are clearly incompatible with the uses permitted under current township zoning regulations in the adjacent land remaining within the township from which the territory was annexed, the City Council will require, in the zoning ordinance permitting the incompatible uses, the owner of the annexed territory to provide a buffer separating the use of the annexed territory and the adjacent land remaining within the township. "Buffer" includes open space, landscaping, fences, walls, and other structured elements; streets and street right-of-ways; and bicycle and pedestrian paths and sidewalks.

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 for the further reason that Revised Code Section 709.023(C) requires the City to act within 20 days of the filing of the annexation petition to state what municipal services it will provide to a parcel annexed through this process, therefore, it 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