



City of Lakewood City Council

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Docket of a Meeting of Lakewood City Council

Council Chambers
JULY 20, 2026 at 7:30 PM

The Regular Meetings of Lakewood City Council shall be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 P.M., except that when such meeting date falls on a holiday such meeting shall instead be held on the following day. A Docket and Agenda of the business proposed to be transacted by Council will be available in the Clerk's Office and on the [City's website](#) the Friday before a Council meeting.

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- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Reading and Disposal of the Minutes
 - i. Reading and disposal of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 6, 2026.
 - ii. Reading & disposal of the Minutes of the July 16, 2026 Community Conversation.
- V. Reports, legislation, and communications from Members of Council, the Mayor, and other City Officials.

Old Business

1. Report from Housing, Planning & Development Committee regarding meeting held July 13, 2026. (pg. 1)
2. **ORDINANCE 28-2026** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, clarifying that short-term rentals are a form of Bed and Breakfast Establishment pursuant to LCO 1161.03(c) and establishing additional criteria regulating this conditional use. (1st read & referred to HPD 07/06/26) (pg. 2)
3. Report from Public Safety Committee regarding meeting held July 20, 2026. (to be provided)

4. Report from Vice President Baker regarding Council Budget Priorities for 2027. (pg. 5)
5. **S. ORDINANCE 16-2026** – AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, submitting to the electors of the City of Lakewood an amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood in order to change the frequency with which the Civil Service Commission reviews elected official salaries. (1st read & referred to COW 2/17/26; 2nd reading 3/2/26) (pg. 8)
6. **S. ORDINANCE 17-2026** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, submitting to the electors of the City of Lakewood an amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood in order to add additional requirements to the process by which Council appoints new members to fill a vacancy. (1st read & referred to COW 2/17/26; 2nd reading 3/2/26) (pg. 10)
7. **S. ORDINANCE 18-2026** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, submitting to the electors of the City of Lakewood an amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood in order to change the manner in which legislation is amended and to remove the requirement that the entire ordinance or resolution be repealed then a new ordinance or resolution be enacted. (1st read & referred to COW 2/17/26; 2nd reading 3/2/26) (pg. 12)
8. **S. ORDINANCE 19-2026** – AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, submitting to the electors of the City of Lakewood an amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood in order to establish a process and requirement for ward redistricting in the City of Lakewood. (1st read & referred to COW 2/17/26; 2nd reading 3/2/26) (pg. 15)
9. **S. ORDINANCE 20-2026** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, submitting to the electors of the City of Lakewood an amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood in order to clarify the various paths in which the Charter can be amended. (1st read & referred to COW 2/17/26; 2nd reading 3/2/26) (pg. 17)

New Business

10. Communication from Vice President Baker, Councilmember Evans and Mayor George recognizing the 2026 Lakewood High School Varsity Baseball Team. (pg. 20)
11. **RESOLUTION 2026-38** - A RESOLUTION recognizing the Lakewood Rangers High School Varsity Baseball Team on its historic 2026 season, capturing back-to-back District Championships, winning the Cleveland West Conference Championship with an undefeated conference record, and completing one of the greatest baseball seasons in Lakewood High School history. (pg. 21)
12. Communication from Mayor George regarding Fourth of July Parade Winners. (pg. 23)

13. Communication from President Kepple regarding legal matters related to First Energy. (pg. 24)
14. Communication from Vice President Baker regarding legislation related to the Lakewood Shoreline Special Improvement District, Inc. (pg. 26)
15. **RESOLUTION 2026-37** – A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, declaring it necessary and determining to proceed with acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, improving, maintaining and repairing improvements necessary for making improvements to abate erosion along properties within the City included within the Lakewood Shoreline Special Improvement District, Inc., together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. (pg. 27)
16. **ORDINANCE 29-2026** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, levying special assessments for acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, improving, maintaining and repairing improvements necessary for making improvements to abate erosion along properties within the City included within the Lakewood Shoreline Special Improvement District, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto. (pg. 31)
17. Report from Vice President Baker regarding July meeting of the Lakewood Alive Board of Directors. (pg. 33)
18. Communication from Councilmember Strebog regarding transgender student athletes. (pg. 34)
19. Communication from Fire Chief Fairbanks regarding Ohio Division of EMS Grant Award. (pg. 35)

Liquor Permits

20. Liquor Permit – Cini Hospitality LLC @ 16806 Madison Ave. (pg. 36)

Public Comment

Public Comment Protocol

The public is invited to comment on an agenda item or to make comments unrelated to the agenda during the designated public comment period at the end of the meeting. Rules of decorum are outlined in LCO 121.08.

Written Comments

Please submit written public comment through the City's [eComment platform](#). Written comments must be submitted in advance of the meeting. Written comments not related to topics on the agenda may be submitted under the Public Comment portion of the agenda (at the end).

Requests to Speak in Person

The public is invited to attend the meeting and make comments in-person. Please use the signup sheets available in the auditorium. Staff members will be available to help you sign in.

Announcements



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July 20, 2026
Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, Ohio

Re: Housing, Planning & Development Committee Report – July 13th, 2026

Dear Colleagues,

On Monday, July 13th, the Housing, Planning & Development Committee met to discuss the topic of short-term rental regulation. Councilmember Bullock shared a proposal to clarify existing Bed and Breakfast regulations with additional criteria to be applied to short-term rentals, as described in proposed Ordinance 28-2026. The Committee took into consideration feedback from constituents and the various impacts of short-term rentals, both positive and negative, on neighborhoods and the community at large. The Committee reviewed regulations adopted by neighboring communities and agreed that it will be essential for Council to continue to carefully evaluate all factors in the process of determining the best path forward for Lakewood's specific needs. Considerations discussed included fees and taxation, safety concerns, local management requirements and impacts on affordable housing, as well as administrative requirements for enforcement.

The Committee will continue to collect data and feedback on all aspects of short-term rental regulation and will work with members of the City Administration as they consider the best path forward for Lakewood.

Sincerely,

Bryan Evans
Ward 2

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2026

BY: BULLOCK

AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, clarifying that short-term rentals are a form of Bed and Breakfast Establishment pursuant to LCO 1161.03(c) and establishing additional criteria regulating this conditional use.

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood has experienced a notable increase in the operation of short-term rental properties through online platforms such as Airbnb and Vrbo; and

WHEREAS, while short-term rentals can provide economic benefits and flexible lodging options, their proliferation may negatively impact the availability of long-term housing, neighborhood stability, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Council to preserve housing affordability, protect the character of residential neighborhoods, protect public safety, prevent chronic nuisances, ensure health and safety, and enhance quality of life for Lakewood residents; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this ordinance is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. LCO 1161.03(c), currently reading as follows:

“(c) Bed and Breakfast Establishment. In any commercial district or multiple-family residential district, a bed and breakfast establishment may be permitted as a conditionally permitted use subject to all or any of the following:

- (1) The building in which a bed and breakfast establishment is located is a single-family dwelling which serves as the principal residence of the applicant and is recognized as architecturally, historically or culturally significant;
- (2) The owner/operator of a bed and breakfast establishment shall live full-time on the premises. Such owner/operator shall be the record owner of no less than fifty percent (50%) interest of the property in question;
- (3) The architectural integrity of the structure, and arrangement of existing interior space must be maintained;
- (4) Only minimal outward modification is allowed and only if compatible with neighboring structures;
- (5) There shall be no more than three (3) guest rooms within a single-family dwelling that are utilized by bed and breakfast guest(s). A guest room shall contain no less than 100 square feet of living space, not including closets, for two (2) guests and thirty square feet for each additional guest up to a total of four (4) guests per room;
- (6) Bedrooms shall be an existing part of the primary residential structure and not specifically constructed or remodeled for rental purposes;
- (7) Each paying guest may stay at a bed and breakfast establishment for not more than three (3) consecutive nights at any single visit or more than a total of fourteen (14) nights in any given calendar year;
- (8) Parking for all vehicles, including vehicles owned by the owner/operator shall be in the garage or rear yard on an approved surface improved with concrete or asphalt;
- (9) There shall be at least one (1) off-street parking space for each guest room;
- (10) Only one (1) meal shall be served to each guest of the bed and breakfast establishment and that meal shall be breakfast. The sale or service of alcoholic beverages to paying guests is prohibited in a bed and breakfast establishment;
- (11) Only one (1) kitchen facility shall be permitted per structure for which a conditional use permit is granted to operate a bed and breakfast establishment. No cooking facilities shall be permitted in individual guest rooms nor shall guests have access to kitchen facilities for the purpose of preparing meals;
- (12) A minimum of one (1) full bathroom, including tub/shower, toilet and sink, shall be required for every two (2) guest rooms to be available for the exclusive use of bed and breakfast paying guest(s);
- (13) Rental of the bed and breakfast establishment for special gatherings such as wedding receptions and parties shall be prohibited;

(14) One (1) on-premise sign shall be permitted for each bed and breakfast establishment not to exceed two (2) square feet in area. The sign shall not be internally illuminated. Such sign(s) shall be limited to three (3) colors. The applicable standards of Chapter [1329](#) of the Building Code shall apply unless otherwise superseded by this section;

(15) No individual(s) who are nonresidents of the dwelling may be employed in the operation of a bed and breakfast establishment;

(16) The Bed and Breakfast establishment, shall within three (3) months of commencing operation, be listed with the Ohio Bed and Breakfast Association or similar recognized listing agency;

(17) The building complies with all state and local laws, including but not limited to *City* Fire, Health, and Housing Codes and the Ohio Building Code regulations for R-1 Use Group Structures;

(18) A Conditional Use Permit issued pursuant to this Section [1161.03\(c\)](#) shall expire thirty-six (36) months after the date of issuance.

Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter or this Section to the contrary, where the Commissioner determines, after compliance with the requirements of Section [1173.02](#), that a permit holder seeking renewal of a permit issued pursuant to this Section remains in compliance with the conditions of said permit, the Commissioner may issue such renewal.”

...is hereby repealed.

Section 2. New LCO 1161.03(c) is hereby established as follows:

(c) Bed and Breakfast Establishment. In any commercial district or multiple-family residential district, a bed and breakfast establishment, including a “short term rental” hereby defined as any rental unit that is not classified as a motel or hotel use and is rented for a period of 30 days or less, provided that it is located not within 1,500 feet of any school as defined by section 2925.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, may be permitted as a conditionally permitted use subject to all or any of the following:

(1) The building in which a bed and breakfast establishment is located is a single-family or two-family dwelling which serves as the principal residence of the applicant;

(2) The owner/operator of a bed and breakfast establishment shall live full-time on the premises. Such owner/operator shall be the record owner of no less than fifty percent (50%) interest of the property in question;

(3) The architectural integrity of the structure, and arrangement of existing interior space must be maintained;

(4) Only minimal outward modification is allowed and only if compatible with neighboring structures;

(5) There shall be no more than three (3) guest rooms within a single-family dwelling that are utilized by bed and breakfast guest(s). A guest room shall contain no less than 100 square feet of living space, not including closets, for two (2) guests and thirty square feet for each additional guest up to a total of four (4) guests per room;

(6) Bedrooms shall be an existing part of the primary residential structure and not specifically constructed or remodeled for rental purposes;

(7) Each paying guest may stay at a bed and breakfast establishment for not more than three (3) consecutive nights at any single visit or more than a total of fourteen (14) nights in any given calendar year;

(8) Parking for all vehicles, including vehicles owned by the owner/operator shall be in the garage or rear yard on an approved surface improved with concrete or asphalt;

(9) There shall be at least one (1) off-street parking space for each guest room;

(10) Only one (1) meal shall be served to each guest of the bed and breakfast establishment and that meal shall be breakfast. The sale or service of alcoholic beverages to paying guests is prohibited in a bed and breakfast establishment;

(11) Only one (1) kitchen facility shall be permitted per structure for which a conditional use permit is granted to operate a bed and breakfast establishment. No cooking facilities shall be permitted in individual guest rooms nor shall guests have access to kitchen facilities for the purpose of preparing meals;

(12) A minimum of one (1) full bathroom, including tub/shower, toilet and sink, shall be required for every two (2) guest rooms to be available for the exclusive use of bed and breakfast paying guest(s);

(13) Rental of the bed and breakfast establishment for special gatherings such as wedding receptions and parties shall be prohibited;

(14) One (1) on-premise sign shall be permitted for each bed and breakfast establishment not to exceed two (2) square feet in area. The sign shall not be internally illuminated. Such sign(s) shall be limited to three (3) colors. The applicable standards of Chapter 1329 of the Building Code shall apply unless otherwise superseded by this section;

(15) No individual(s) who are nonresidents of the dwelling may be employed in the operation of a bed and breakfast establishment;

(16) The Bed and Breakfast establishment, shall immediately register with the Building Commissioner and, within three (3) months of commencing operation, be listed with the Ohio Bed and Breakfast Association or similar recognized listing agency;

(17) The building complies with all state and local laws, including but not limited to City Fire, Health, and Housing Codes and the Ohio Building Code regulations for R-1 Use Group Structures;

(18) A Conditional Use Permit issued pursuant to this Section 1161.03(c) shall expire thirty-six (36) months after the date of issuance.

Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter or this Section to the contrary, where the Commissioner determines, after compliance with the requirements of Section 1173.02, that a permit holder seeking renewal of a permit issued pursuant to this Section remains in compliance with the conditions of said permit, the Commissioner may issue such renewal.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this ordinance, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor



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July 20, 2026

Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, Ohio

RE: Finance Committee Report Regarding Council Budget Priorities

Dear Colleagues,

Following President Kepple's June 15, 2026 communication regarding Council Budget Priorities, the Finance Committee met on June 22, June 29, and July 6 to conduct an initial review of every proposal submitted by members of Council. During those meetings, Councilmembers presented their priorities, Administration officials provided initial feedback, and the Finance Committee discussed implementation challenges, estimated costs, operational impacts, and opportunities for collaboration. The minutes of each of those meetings [are incorporated herein by reference](#) and provide an in depth review of the budget and policy discussions.

The purpose of these meetings was not to determine whether each proposal should ultimately be funded, but rather to better understand the scope of each proposal and determine where it best fits within the City's ongoing planning process. As was discussed often, the Budget is not Council's Budget or the Administration's Budget, but the City's Budget. Throughout both meetings, several themes consistently emerged.

1. Council and the Administration agreed that many proposals remain in the conceptual stage and will require additional research before they are ready for implementation. Several proposals also depend upon partnerships with outside organizations, grant opportunities, legal review, or completion of existing planning efforts.
2. There was broad agreement that Council should communicate its priorities to the Administration well in advance of formal budget deliberations. Early collaboration allows departments sufficient time to evaluate proposals, refine cost estimates, identify operational impacts, and determine whether existing work already advances Council's objectives. This is part of the reason for starting the process so early and providing this detailed communication.
3. The Finance Committee recognized that not every worthwhile idea should necessarily be viewed as a 2027 budget request. Some proposals are primarily policy initiatives requiring committee work or legislative development before funding decisions can be made. Others represent longer-term strategic investments that should remain part of the City's planning discussions over the next several budget cycles.

Accordingly, rather than treating every submission as an immediate budget request, the Finance Committee recommends organizing Council's priorities into three categories:

- **2027 Budget Priorities** – initiatives sufficiently developed to be considered during preparation of the 2027 budget;
- **Policy Priorities** – initiatives that should proceed through committee review, legislation, administrative collaboration, or additional study before significant budget appropriations are considered; and
- **Future Budget Priorities** – worthwhile initiatives that merit continued work but are unlikely to be fully developed for inclusion in the 2027 budget.

This framework reflects the discussions held by the Finance Committee and is intended to provide direction to the Administration as it works with Council to prepare the proposed 2027 budget. The process is intended to avoid proposed changes late in the process, although that is still something that is within Council's authority to do under the City Charter.

The Finance Committee further encourages individual councilmembers to continue working directly with City departments throughout the summer to refine proposals, improve cost estimates, identify outside funding opportunities, and resolve implementation questions. The Finance Committee also encourages referrals to the appropriate committees where additional policy development is warranted.

Attachment A is a summary that reflects what I believe to be the Finance Committee's consensus regarding where each proposal currently fits within the City's planning process. As work continues throughout the remainder of 2026, individual proposals may naturally move from one category to another.

The Finance Committee recommends that this report be accepted and filed and that the Administration utilize this framework as one tool in developing the proposed 2027 City Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kyle G. Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kyle" being the most prominent part.

Kyle G. Baker
Chair, Finance Committee

Attachment A

Finance Committee Assessment of Council Budget Priorities

Priority	2027 Budget Priority	Policy Priority	Future Budget Issue
Large Tree Preservation		✓	
School Zone Speed Enforcement		✓	✓
Traffic Calming Review & Enhancement	✓	✓	
Youth Athletics Coordinator	✓		
Property Tax Relief / Affordability	✓	✓	
Safer Streets Together Campaign	✓	✓	
Styrofoam Recycling		✓	✓
Ward 4 Community Engagement		✓	
Capital Budgeting Reform		✓	
Crossing Guard Expansion	✓	✓	
Expanded Park Bathroom Access	✓	✓	
Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator	✓	✓	
Affordable Housing Strategic Investment	✓	✓	
Block Clubs	✓		
Mental Health Response Team		✓	✓
Public Art Advancement	✓		
Community Handball Court	✓	✓	✓
Home Improvement Loan Program		✓	✓
Charter Amendment Education		✓	
Citywide Composting	✓	✓	
Implementation of Racial Equity Plan	✓	✓	✓
Community Circulator		✓	✓
Expanded Winter Sidewalk Maintenance	✓	✓	✓

Please substitute for the original

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2026

BY: KEPPLER

AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, submitting to the electors of the City of Lakewood an amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood in order to change the frequency with which the Civil Service Commission reviews elected official salaries.

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution permits City Council the authority to submit proposed amendments to the Charter to the electors of the City by a two-thirds vote of Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.5 of the Charter permits City Council the authority to submit proposed amendments to the Charter to the electors of the City by two-thirds vote of Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Council to place before the electors of the City a Charter amendment which, if adopted, would change the frequency with which the Civil Service Commission reviews the salaries of elected officials.

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this ordinance is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments in the deadline for submission of municipal charter amendments to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is Friday, September 4, 2026; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO, at least two-thirds of the members of Council concurring:

Section 1. This Council hereby determines to authorize and direct the submission to the electors of the City of Lakewood at the general election to be held at the usual places of voting in the City of Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the proposed amendments to Section 6.7 Salary Recommendations to increase the frequency with which the Civil Service Commission reviews the salaries of elected officials.

Section 2. Upon approval of the electors, Section 6.7 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, Salary Recommendations shall be amended to read as follows:

6.7 SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS

On or before March 1 ~~July 1~~ of each odd numbered year ~~in which a municipal presidential general election is held~~, the civil service commission shall review and make a written report to council, which report shall be filed with the clerk of council and the office of the mayor, setting forth the commission's recommendations for the salary and other compensation for the offices of mayor and members of council. Council shall place that report on the next docket at a regularly scheduled council meeting. If council takes no action or fails to decline to follow the suggestions within 90 days, the recommendations shall take effect as if council had adopted them by

ordinance approved by the mayor. However, no increase in salary under this section shall exceed 10 percent of the salary for the office of mayor or council, unless there has been no increase in salary for that office in the preceding 810 years.

Section 6.7 SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Section 3. The Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the City at the general election on November 3, 2026:

Shall Section 6.7, Salary Recommendations, of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood be amended to increase the frequency that the Civil Service Commission reviews and recommends elected official salaries ~~and removes a 10% cap on salary increases.~~

Section 4. The Clerk of this Council is instructed to file a certified copy of the Ordinance and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Section 5. If a majority of the electors vote in favor of adopting the above-stated amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, it shall become effective January 1, 2027.

Section 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 7. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this ordinance, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2026

BY: KEPPLER

AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, submitting to the electors of the City of Lakewood an amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood in order to add additional requirements to the process by which Council appoints new members to fill a vacancy.

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution permits City Council the authority to submit propose amendments to the Charter to the electors of the City by a two-thirds vote of Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.5 of the Charter permits City Council the authority to submit proposed amendments to the Charter to the electors of the City by two-thirds vote of Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Council to place before the electors of the City a Charter amendment which, if adopted, would establish in law the open process by which Council appoints new members to fill a vacancy.

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this ordinance is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments in the deadline for submission of municipal charter amendments to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is Friday, September 4, 2026; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO, at least two-thirds of the members of Council concurring:

Section 1. This Council hereby determines to authorize and direct the submission to the electors of the City of Lakewood at the general election to be held at the usual places of voting in the City of Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the proposed amendments to Section 2.2 Qualifications and Vacancies, which adds additional requirements when Council is filling a vacancy.

Section 2. Upon approval of the electors, Section 2.2 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, Qualifications and Vacancies, shall be amended to read as follows:

2.2 QUALIFICATIONS AND VACANCIES

(a) Qualifications. Each member of council shall have been for at least one year immediately prior to the date of taking office both a resident and registered voter of the city. Each member of council elected from a ward of the city shall be a resident of the ward from which the member was elected. All members of council shall continue to be residents and registered voters of the city and, if elected or appointed from a ward, shall be and continue to be a resident of that ward. Any member who ceases to possess those qualifications shall immediately forfeit his or her office. Council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members.

(b) Vacancy. Vacancies in council shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining council members. Prior to making any appointment, council shall first issue an open call for all interested candidates to submit applications and, upon council's review of the applications, shall hold candidate interviews in public session. In the event council does not appoint a successor within 60 days of the occurrence of a vacancy, the mayor may fill the vacancy. If the vacancy occurs more than two years and ~~30~~ 120 days before the ~~municipal primary election~~ filing deadline for the next term of that office, the appointee shall serve only until his or her successor is elected and qualified at the next regular municipal election. If the vacancy occurs afterward, the appointee shall serve until the end of the unexpired term of the former councilmember. Any vacancy that results from a recall election shall be filled in the manner provided by Article Nine.

Section 3. The Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the City at the general election on November 3, 2026:

Shall Section 2.2, Qualifications and Vacancies, of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood be amended to require that Council issue an open call for interested candidates, to interview candidates in public meetings and to clarify the term of the appointee.

Section 4. The Clerk of this Council is instructed to file a certified copy of the Ordinance and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Section 5. If a majority of the electors vote in favor of adopting the above-stated amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, it shall become effective January 1, 2027.

Section 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 7. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this ordinance, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2026

BY: KEPPLE

AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, submitting to the electors of the City of Lakewood an amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood in order to change the manner in which legislation is amended and to remove the requirement that the entire ordinance or resolution be repealed then a new ordinance or resolution be enacted.

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution permits City Council the authority to submit propose amendments to the Charter to the electors of the City by a two-thirds vote of Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.5 of the Charter permits City Council the authority to submit proposed amendments to the Charter to the electors of the City by two-thirds vote of Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Council to place before the electors of the City a Chater amendment which, if adopted, would change and simplify the drafting of ordinances and resolutions.

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this ordinance is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments in the deadline for submission of municipal charter amendments to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is Friday, September 4, 2026; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO, at least two-thirds of the members of Council concurring:

Section 1. This Council hereby determines to authorize and direct the submission to the electors of the City of Lakewood at the general election to be held at the usual places of voting in the City of Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the proposed amendments to Section 2.8 Enactment of Ordinances and Resolutions to allow the striking through of language being removed from an ordinance or resolution and underlining newly inserted language in an ordinance or resolution.

Section 2. Upon approval of the electors, Section 2.8 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, Enactment of Ordinances and Resolutions, shall be amended to read as follows:

2.8 ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

(a) Each proposed ordinance or resolution shall be in writing and shall not contain more than one subject, which shall be clearly stated in the title. General

appropriation ordinances may contain the various subjects and accounts for which moneys are appropriated. The vote on the passage of each ordinance or resolution shall be officially recorded and the official record shall be publicly available.

(b) No resolution of a permanent character or ordinance shall come to a vote until it has been read, by title, on three separate days. The requirement of reading on three separate days may be dispensed with by a two-thirds vote of all councilmembers. A majority of councilmembers present may require that an ordinance be read in full rather than by title.

No ordinance, resolution or section of an ordinance or resolution shall be ~~repealed~~, revised or amended unless the new ordinance or resolution contains the entire ordinance or resolution or section to be ~~repealed~~, revised or amended. ~~and the ordinance, resolution or section revised or amended is repealed. Revisions or amendments to an ordinance or resolution shall be clearly indicated by underlining any language inserted and by striking through any language that is removed.~~

(c) No ordinance or resolution shall under any circumstances be adopted or passed unless it has been read on three separate days, which (1) changes the amount of salary or compensation for any elected officer of the city; (2) amends any zoning ordinance; (3) grants, renews or extends a franchise or other special privilege; or (4) regulates the rate to be charged by a public utility for its services.

(d) The enacting clause of all ordinances passed by council shall be "Be it ordained by the city of Lakewood." The enacting clause of all ordinances submitted by initiative shall be "Be it ordained by the people of the city of Lakewood."

Section 3. The Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the City at the general election on November 3, 2026:

Shall Section 2.8, Enactment of Ordinances and Resolutions, of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood be amended to allow the revision or amendment of an ordinance or resolution by underlining inserted language and striking through language that is being removed.

Section 4. The Clerk of this Council is instructed to file a certified copy of the Ordinance and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Section 5. If a majority of the electors vote in favor of adopting the above-stated amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, it shall become effective January 1, 2027.

Section 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 7. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this ordinance, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2026

BY: KEPPLER

AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, submitting to the electors of the City of Lakewood an amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood in order to establish a process and requirement for ward redistricting in the City of Lakewood.

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution permits City Council the authority to submit proposed amendments to the Charter to the electors of the City by a two-thirds vote of Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.5 of the Charter permits City Council the authority to submit proposed amendments to the Charter to the electors of the City by two-thirds vote of Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Council to place before the electors of the City a Charter amendment which, if adopted, would require periodic ward redistricting where necessary.

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this ordinance is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments in the deadline for submission of municipal charter amendments to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is Friday, September 4, 2026; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO, at least two-thirds of the members of Council concurring:

Section 1. This Council hereby determines to authorize and direct the submission to the electors of the City of Lakewood at the general election to be held at the usual places of voting in the City of Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the proposed amendments by enacting new Section 7.2(i) Redistricting the Wards of the City to require periodic ward redistricting where necessary.

Section 2. Upon approval of the electors, Section 7.2(i) of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, Redistricting the Wards of the City, shall be enacted to read as follows:

7.2(i) REDISTRICTING THE WARDS OF THE CITY

(1) Commencing with the Federal census decennially taken in the closest proximity to January 1, 2030, and following each subsequent Federal decennial census, within six months after the proclamation of the Ohio Secretary of State announcing the population of cities of Ohio, the Planning Commission shall review and make, if necessary, appropriate redistrictings of the City into four wards which shall be as nearly equal in population as is possible. Each ward shall be composed of contiguous and compact territory, be bounded by natural boundaries or street lines, and be bounded by Lake Erie to the North and the Southern border of the City to the South. City Council shall place those divisions on the next docket at a regularly scheduled council meeting. If City Council takes no action or fails to decline to follow the suggestions within 90 days, the recommendations shall take effect as if City Council

had adopted them by ordinance approved by the Mayor.

(2) Any changes in ward boundaries shall become effective for the next regular municipal election, unless the new ward boundaries are adopted after the filing deadline for that election in which case they shall become effective for the following municipal election.

Section 3. The Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the City at the general election on November 3, 2026:

Shall new Section 7.2(i) Redistricting the Wards of the City, be adopted to require the Planning Commission to review the four wards of the City of Lakewood beginning with the adoption of this amendment and after every decennial Federal census to review the population of each ward and to change ward boundaries if necessary to ensure near equal population in each ward.

Section 4. The Clerk of this Council is instructed to file a certified copy of the Ordinance and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Section 5. If a majority of the electors vote in favor of adopting the above-stated amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, it shall become effective January 1, 2027.

Section 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 7. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this ordinance, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026

BY: KEPPLER

AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, submitting to the electors of the City of Lakewood an amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood in order to clarify the various paths in which the Charter can be amended.

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution permits City Council the authority to submit proposed amendments to the Charter to the electors of the City by a two-thirds vote of Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.5 of the Charter permits City Council the authority to submit proposed amendments to the Charter to the electors of the City by two-thirds vote of Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Council to place before the electors of the City a Charter amendment which, if adopted, would clarify the paths by which the Charter can be amended.

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this ordinance is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments in the deadline for submission of municipal charter amendments to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is Friday, September 4, 2026; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO, at least two-thirds of the members of Council concurring:

Section 1. This Council hereby determines to authorize and direct the submission to the electors of the City of Lakewood at the general election to be held at the usual places of voting in the City of Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the proposed amendments to Section 7.5 Charter Review Commission and Charter Amendments to clarify the paths by which the Charter can be amended.

Section 2. Upon approval of the electors, Section 7.5 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, Enactment of Ordinances and Resolutions, shall be amended to read as follows:

7.5 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AND CHARTER AMENDMENTS

(a) In January of 2024 and each 10th year thereafter, nine registered voters of the city shall be appointed as members of a charter review commission. Five members of the commission shall be appointed by council and four members shall be appointed

by the mayor. Members of the commission shall not hold any other office or position of employment with the city. The commission shall review the charter and within six months after the appointment of its members may recommend to council, by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the commission, revisions and amendments to this charter. Council may submit any proposed amendments recommended by the commission to a vote of the people in the manner provided under this charter and the state Constitution. Amendments shall be in the form provided by council.

(b) ~~Amendments to this charter may be submitted to the registered voters of the city by a two-thirds vote of all councilmembers and, upon petitions signed by 10 percent of the registered voters of the city proposing an amendment, shall be submitted to the voters by council.~~ Council may, by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of councilmembers, submit any proposed amendment to the charter to the registered voters of the city for approval; or, upon receipt of a petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the city setting forth any proposed amendment to the charter, council shall submit such proposed amendment to the registered voters of the city for approval. The submission of a proposed amendment to the registered voters shall be governed by the requirements of Article XVIII, Sections 8 and 9 of the Constitution of the state of Ohio ~~as to the submission of the question of choosing a charter commission~~; and notice of the proposed amendment may be mailed to the registered voters as provided by the Constitution or notice may be given pursuant to ordinances adopted by council. If any amendment is approved by a majority of those voting on the amendment, it shall become a part of the charter of the city, except that if two or more inconsistent amendments on the same subject are submitted at the same election and each is approved, only the amendment receiving the largest affirmative vote shall become a part of the charter. A copy of the charter or any amendment shall be certified to the secretary of state within 30 days after its adoption by the registered voters.

Section 3. The Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the City at the general election on November 3, 2026:

Shall Section 7.5 Charter Review Commission and Charter Amendments, of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood be amended to clarify that the Charter can be amended by (i) recommendation of the Charter Review Commission and upon two-thirds vote of Council to place the amendment on the ballot, (ii) by initiative of the electors of the city or (iii) by Council enacting legislation by two-thirds vote to place the amendment on the ballot.

Section 4. The Clerk of this Council is instructed to file a certified copy of the Ordinance and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Section 5. If a majority of the electors vote in favor of adopting the above-stated amendment to the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, it shall become effective January 1, 2027.

Section 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 7. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this ordinance, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor



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July 20, 2026

Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, Ohio

Re: Resolution Recognizing the 2026 Lakewood High School Varsity Baseball Team

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to introduce the accompanying resolution recognizing the remarkable accomplishments of the 2026 Lakewood High School Varsity Baseball Team and congratulating the players, coaches, families, volunteers, and supporters who made this historic season possible.

The Rangers completed one of the greatest seasons in school history, finishing 27-1 overall and 14-0 in the Cleveland West Conference to capture the Conference Championship and a second consecutive OHSA District Championship. They also became the only high school baseball team in Ohio to complete the regular season undefeated, finishing 25-0 before postseason play.

Under the leadership of Head Coach and Lakewood High School graduate Grant Graves and his tremendous coaching staff, the Rangers established a culture of excellence built on hard work, discipline, and teamwork. Their success reflects not only the dedication of the players and coaches, but also the support of parents, volunteers, the Lakewood High School Athletic Department, the Lakewood Community Baseball & Softball Association, youth baseball programs, and the many community members who support Ranger athletics.

The team's accomplishments inspired pride throughout Lakewood, culminating in their selection as Grand Marshals of the 2026 Lakewood Fourth of July Parade. This resolution celebrates not only an outstanding championship season, but also a team that represented Lakewood with integrity, sportsmanship, and pride. We respectfully ask for your support in recognizing one of the finest teams in the history of Lakewood High School athletics.

Sincerely,

Kyle Baker
Ward 1, Vice President

Bryan Evans
Ward 2, Council Representative

Meghan F. George
Mayor, City of Lakewood

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Lakewood Rangers High School Varsity Baseball Team on its historic 2026 season, capturing back-to-back District Championships, winning the Cleveland West Conference Championship with an undefeated conference record, and completing one of the greatest baseball seasons in Lakewood High School history.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Lakewood Rangers Varsity Baseball Team compiled an extraordinary 27-1 overall record, including a perfect 14-0 record in the Cleveland West Conference, earning the Conference Championship while becoming the only high school baseball team in Ohio to complete the regular season undefeated at 25-0;

WHEREAS, the Rangers captured their second consecutive OHSAA District Championship and advanced to the OHSAA Division II Regional Tournament, cementing Lakewood's place among the premier high school baseball programs in the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, throughout the season the Rangers established new school records for runs scored and home runs, outscored their opponents by a remarkable 270-56 margin during the regular season, and finished the regular season ranked as the top-ranked Division II team in Ohio;

WHEREAS, Head Coach Grant Graves, his coaching staff, the players, parents, volunteers, and the Lakewood High School Athletic Department have built a championship culture through tireless work on the practice field, in the weight room, and through strong partnerships with the Lakewood Baseball & Softball Association and the many youth baseball organizations that continue to grow the game throughout our community;

WHEREAS, the remarkable success of the 2026 Rangers inspired the entire City of Lakewood, culminating in the team and coaching staff being selected as the Grand Marshals of the 2026 Lakewood Fourth of July Parade, a fitting recognition of the pride and excitement they brought to our community;

WHEREAS, individual Rangers earned numerous postseason honors, including Drew Jones being named the 2026 OHSBCA Division II All-Ohio Player of the Year and NEOBCA Division II All-District Co-Player of the Year, while many additional Rangers received All-Conference, All-District, and All-State recognition for their outstanding accomplishments on the field; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Lakewood Rangers demonstrated excellence, perseverance, sportsmanship, and community pride while creating memories that will inspire future generations of Lakewood student-athletes, and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby recognizes and congratulates Head Coach Grant Graves, his coaching staff, and every member of the 2026 Lakewood Rangers Varsity Baseball Team on one of the finest seasons in the history of Lakewood High School athletics. That this

Council further recognizes the players, coaches, athletic trainers, administrators, parents, volunteers, alumni, and fans whose unwavering support helped make the 2026 season a source of tremendous pride for the entire City of Lakewood, and celebrates a program that continues to represent our community with excellence both on and off the field.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to present a certified copy of this resolution to Coach Grant Graves and his assistance coaches, the Lakewood High School Athletic Department, and the players on the 2026 Lakewood Ranger High School Varsity Baseball team.

Adopted: _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor



City of Lakewood
Office of the Mayor

Meghan F. George, Mayor

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July 15, 2026

City Council
City of Lakewood
12650 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, OH 44107

RE: 2026 Fourth of July Parade Winners

Dear Council Members:

The Fourth of July parade is one of Lakewood's proudest traditions, and this year's turnout was incredible yet again. It is always wonderful to see our residents, neighborhoods, and local businesses show up with so much energy and creativity to make the day special.

I am thrilled to recognize and congratulate this year's official Fourth of July parade category winners. These groups went above and beyond, putting in tremendous effort to make this year's event spectacular:

- **Best Color Guard:** 82nd Airborne Association-John Towle Medal of Honor Cleveland/Akron Chapter
- **Best Float:** STEM Handmade Soap
- **Most Original Entry:** Sew 4 Service
- **Best Bicycle:** Trikeable Treats
- **Most Spirit:** Dance Lakewood

Following our presentation to the 2026 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshals, the Lakewood High School Rangers Varsity Baseball Team and Coaching Staff, I invite representatives of the winning parade entrants to come forward to receive their plaques and to be recognized by the members of Lakewood City Council.

Sincerely,

Meghan F. George
Mayor, The City of Lakewood



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July 20th, 2026

RE: Litigation with First Energy

Dear Colleagues,

We are all entirely too familiar with First Energy's ongoing failures to provide the Lakewood community with reliable electricity. In addition to experiencing outages ourselves, we have heard from countless residents who have endured extreme hardship – losing medicine, food, and in some cases facing hospitalization and life-threatening conditions. These perpetual electrical failures are entirely unacceptable. They drain our city's resources as we work to support a community suffering from this wealthy corporation's neglect.

So what can we do?

Our response must be multi-faceted and include continued pressure on First Energy through the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as well as expanding resilient and sustainable solutions locally. Additionally, we can and should advocate for state-wide policies such as limiting the expansion of large-scale data centers to reduce strain on an already outdated system.

As we pursue these efforts, Council and the community must understand the legal process that has taken place so far, the steps ahead through PUCO, and the potential for additional litigation. This communication includes a timeline of some legal action taken by the City thus far. I intend to make a motion to refer it to Committee of the Whole and ask the Law Department to provide a briefing and answer questions about further litigation options. Understanding the public's justified interest in this topic, I hope to have as much dialogue as possible in open session; however, in the best interests of City representing those residents, some information may need to be provided in executive session in accordance with ORC 121.22(G)(3).

Litigation Timeline

In June of 2025, Mayor George, and the Cleveland City Council members representing the affected Cleveland wards formally petitioned PUCO to investigate the outages that occurred the week of June 23rd. On July 23, 2025, PUCO's investigation resulted in a [letter of Probable Non-Compliance](#) (PNC) to First Energy. The PNC found First Energy in probable non-compliance with certain sections of the Ohio Administrative Code for:

1. Failure to invest in necessary improvements to maintain adequate service following frequent reoccurrence of equipment failures at the same circuit/substation; and
2. Failure to maintain and implement a comprehensive plan to guide CEI's communications with customers, their communities, and their government agencies, to ensure that accurate and timely information is getting to the customers who need it.

The PNC laid out a corrective action plan, and in October, PUCO formally ordered First Energy (operating under the umbrella CEI) to install two new transformers at a Lakewood substation and complete inspection and repair of pole equipment no later than the end of 2026.



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Despite promising to rebuild trust with residents, First Energy petitioned PUCO to *lower* its reliability standards. The City of Lakewood filed legal intervention, with the Mayor and City Council both submitting formal documents opposing First Energy's request. Law Director Vargo represented Lakewood at the hearings, and on June 24, 2026, PUCO issued their [decision denying First Energy's request to lower reliability standards](#). The ruling repeatedly cites the high volume of complaints filed with PUCO from Lakewood residents as influential in the ruling, combating First Energy's claims of customer satisfaction based on their own internal survey.

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Interestingly, the day after the ruling denying their request to lower reliability standards, First Energy issued a press release announcing the delivery of two transformers to a Lakewood Substation, leaving out of the press release that they were ordered to do so by PUCO following Lakewood's complaint. Less than a week after issuing that press release, equipment failures at the Lauderdale substation caused thousands of Lakewood residents to suffer loss of crucial electricity during dangerously hot weather, in many cases for multiple days leading up to the 4th of July.

During this period, First Energy refused to put out a Press Release or social media posts educating residents about what was happening. They also cut off communication with City Councilmembers who were working hard to keep residents informed. We heard from many residents that the limited communications that they did receive from First Energy were inaccurate- informing them of rolling periods of electrical restoration that never came, or insultingly encouraging them to reduce electrical usage to relieve strain on a system that they couldn't use. The PNC corrective actions included providing PUCO staff with First Energy's steps to "improve communication to communities and customers who experience outages". I will be interested in the Law Department's input on whether First Energy is in compliance and our potential next steps.

On July 10th, PUCO Chair Jenifer French responded to the Mayor's recent letter requesting further investigation and financial penalties. In her [letter](#), Chair French stated that PUCO staff have begun to investigate, "the cause of these outages and whether or not they are related to items in the PNC corrective action plan that have or have not yet been completed, whether additional items should be added to the existing corrective action plan, and whether a new PNC should be issued."

Many residents have also expressed interest in pursuing legal action outside of the PUCO process, and I expect Councilmembers will be interested in exploring the potential for any such action. I look forward to an informative discussion, and I move to refer this communication to Committee of the Whole.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kepple
President of Council, Member at Large



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July 20, 2026
Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, Ohio

Re: Resolution of Necessity and Determination to Proceed (“Resolution”) and Assessing Ordinance (“Ordinance”) for the Lakewood Shoreline Special Improvement District, Inc. (“SID”)

Dear Colleagues,

By way of background, on April 4, 2022, Council authorized creation of a shoreline special improvement district under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 in response to petitions from eighteen Lakewood homeowners, and I was appointed to the SID Board of Directors (through Substitute Resolution 2022-29) later that year. The SID has met a few times and advanced shoreline projects since formation.

The attached Resolution declares it necessary and determines to proceed with acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, improving, maintaining, and repairing improvements necessary to abate shoreline erosion for certain properties included in the SID, together with all appurtenances. It also finds these projects are “public improvements” and “shoreline improvement projects” under R.C. 1710.01. The attached Ordinance levies the special assessments to fund those improvements on the lots and lands identified in the Resolution (including the schedule of assessments on file), adopting and confirming the assessments and noting that the SID may amend the schedule prior to City certification to the County Fiscal Officer.

Owners may pay all or a portion of their special assessment in cash prior to certification for collection with the County Fiscal Officer. Otherwise, the assessments will be paid in 15 annual (30 semiannual) installments, with interest on the unpaid balance, with issuance by such issuing authority as determined by the SID, in anticipation of collection of the unpaid assessments. Attachment A to the Resolution identifies the specific Assessment Parcels, including owners, street addresses, parcel numbers, and project cost amounts. For quick reference:

- Michael Zelina; 1041 Forest Cliff Dr.; PPN 311-13-072; Project Cost Amount \$487,450.
- Susan H. Krebs; 1040 Forest Cliff Dr.; PPN 311-13-073; Project Cost Amount \$182,000.
- Theodore J. Nagel and Megan A. Nagel, Trustees of the McKinley/Nagel Revocable Trust dated March 28, 2023; 1040 Erie Cliff Dr.; PPN 311-13-052; Project Cost Amount \$129,925.
- Pamela A. Diaquila, Trustee of the Pamela A. Diaquila Revocable Trust, U/A dated June 24, 2010, and Samuel V. Diaquila, Trustee of the Samuel V. Diaquila Revocable Trust, U/A dated June 24, 2010; 1039 Forest Cliff Dr.; PPN 311-13-074; Project Cost Amount \$154,600.

I am respectfully asking my colleagues to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the Ordinance and adopt both the Resolution and Ordinance on first reading tonight so that the financing can proceed to closing at the earliest possible date and address erosion threats without delay. This will allow the SID to proceed to closing and contractors can be paid from bond proceeds. It is critical to note that no city financing of any sort is required, and Lakewood is not acting as the bond issuer. Lakewood’s responsibilities are limited to passing the Resolution and Ordinance and working with the SID to certify the assessments to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer. In line with the above, the Resolution and Ordinance have included emergency language in order to permit effectiveness on passage and the Mayor’s signatures. Thank you for your consideration and continued support of these shoreline stabilization efforts.

Sincerely,

Kyle Baker
Councilmember, Ward 1

A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, declaring it necessary and determining to proceed with acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, improving, maintaining and repairing improvements necessary for making improvements to abate erosion along properties within the City included within the Lakewood Shoreline Special Improvement District, Inc., together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, property owners within the City petitioned Council to form a shoreline special improvement district to provide assistance in abating erosion along the shoreline of Lake Erie, and Council approved such petitions and joined in the formation of the Lakewood Shoreline Special Improvement District, Inc. (the “SID”); and

WHEREAS, owners of property within the SID have submitted a special assessment improvement petition to this Council in accordance with the Improvement Plan implemented by the SID requesting that erosion abatement improvements proceed on their property and that the City levy special assessments upon their property for the costs of those erosion abatement improvements pursuant to Chapters 727 and 1710 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Revised Code, municipalities have the powers of local self-government and to enact laws that are for the health, safety, welfare, comfort and peace of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this resolution is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately after it is approved by the Mayor, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments, in that it is urgently necessary to proceed to closing for the assessed properties at the earliest possible date in order to undertake shoreline improvement projects to address shoreline erosion issues posing an imminent threat to those properties; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared necessary to improve in the City of Lakewood the property listed on Attachment A hereto and incorporated by reference hereby (collectively, the “Assessment Properties”) by acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, improving, maintaining and repairing improvements necessary for making improvements to abate erosion, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the “Improvements”). It is hereby further determined to proceed with the Improvements as described herein.

SECTION 2. The plans, specifications and profiles of the Improvements and the estimates of cost of the Improvements as set forth in the Improvement Petition filed by the owner of the Assessment Properties to be improved and assessed and now on file in the office of the Clerk of this Council (which amounts may be amended by the SID prior to the City’s certification of same to the

County Fiscal Officer), are adopted and approved. It is hereby determined to proceed with the Improvements which shall be made and in accordance with those plans, specifications, profiles and estimates of cost for the Improvements and with the route and termini and other details and descriptions as set forth therein.

SECTION 3. This Council finds and determines that the Improvements constitute “public improvements” and “shoreline improvement projects” under Section 1710.01 of the Revised Code and are conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare of this City and its inhabitants, and the lots and lands to be assessed as described in Section 4 are specially benefited by the Improvements.

SECTION 4. The entire cost of the Improvement for each parcel shall be assessed in proportion to the benefits that may result from the Improvement upon each the Assessment Property.

SECTION 5. All claims for damages resulting from the Improvements that have been legally filed shall be inquired into after completion of the Improvements, and the Director of Law is authorized and directed to institute legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction to inquire into those claims.

SECTION 6. The special assessments to be levied on the Assessment Properties shall be paid in 15 annual (30 semiannual) installments, with interest on the unpaid balance of each special assessment at the same rate as shall be borne by the bonds to be issued on behalf of the City and SID, with such issuance of bonds hereby requested by the City by and through such issuing authority as determined by the SID, in anticipation of the collection of the unpaid special assessments; provided that, the owners of the Assessment Properties may pay all or a portion of the special assessment in cash prior to its certification for collection with the County Fiscal Officer.

SECTION 7. The Clerk of Council shall deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the County Fiscal Officer within 15 days after its passage.

SECTION 8. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 9. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this resolution, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor

ATTACHMENT A – ASSESSMENT PARCELS

Those parcels identified in the land records of the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio as follows:

Owner(s) / Petitioner(s)	Street Address	PPN(s)	Project Cost Amount
Michael Zelina	1041 Forest Cliff Dr.	311-13-072	\$487,450
Susan H. Krebs	1040 Forest Cliff Dr.	311-13-073	\$182,000
Theodore J. Nagel and Megan A. Nagel, Trustees of the McKinley/Nagel Revocable Trust dated March 28, 2023	1040 Erie Cliff Dr.	311-13-052	\$129,925
Pamela A. Diaquila, Trustee of the Pamela A. Diaquila Revocable Trust, U/A dated June 24, 2010, and Samuel V. Diaquila, Trustee of the Samuel V. Diaquila Revocable Trust, U/A dated June 24, 2010	1039 Forest Cliff Dr.	311-13-074	\$154,600

AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, levying special assessments for acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, improving, maintaining and repairing improvements necessary for making improvements to abate erosion along properties within the City included within the Lakewood Shoreline Special Improvement District, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto.

WHEREAS, property owners within the City petitioned Council to form a shoreline special improvement district to provide assistance in abating erosion along the shoreline of Lake Erie, and Council approved such petitions and joined in the formation of the Lakewood Shoreline Special Improvement District, Inc. (the "SID"); and

WHEREAS, property owners within the SID have submitted a special assessment improvement petition to this Council in accordance with the Improvement Plan implemented by the SID requesting that erosion abatement improvements proceed on their properties and that the City levy special assessments upon their properties for the costs of those erosion abatement improvements pursuant to Chapters 727 and 1710 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, this Council has declared the necessity and determined to proceed with the improvements as petitioned pursuant to its resolution heretofore adopted (the "Resolution of Necessity and Determination to Proceed"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Revised Code, municipalities have the powers of local self-government and to enact laws that are for the health, safety, welfare, comfort and peace of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this ordinance is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately after it is approved by the Mayor, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments, in that it is urgently necessary to proceed to closing for the assessed properties at the earliest possible date in order to undertake shoreline improvement projects to address shoreline erosion issues posing an imminent threat to those properties; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. The special assessments for the cost and expense of acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, improving, maintaining and repairing improvements necessary for making improvements to abate erosion, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the "Improvements") pursuant to the Resolution of Necessity and Determination to Proceed on file with the Clerk of Council, are adopted and confirmed. Those special assessments are levied and assessed on the lots and lands provided for in the Resolution of Necessity and Determination to Proceed in the

respective amounts set forth in the schedule of special assessments on file, which may be amended by the SID prior to the City's certification of same to the County Fiscal Officer, and which special assessments are in proportion to the special benefits, statutory limitations having been waived by the petitioning property owners. This Council finds and determines that the special assessments are in the same proportion to the estimated assessments as the actual cost of the Improvements is to the estimated cost of the Improvements as originally filed and upon which the estimated assessments were based.

SECTION 2. The special assessments shall be payable in cash prior to their certification to the County Fiscal Officer at the option of the owner, or shall be paid in 15 annual (30 semiannual) installments, with interest on the unpaid balance of each special assessment at the same rate as shall be borne by the bonds to be issued on behalf of the City and the SID, with such issuance hereby requested by the City by and through such issuing authority as determined by the SID, in anticipation of the collection of the unpaid special assessments. All cash payments shall be made to or at the direction of the Director of Finance of the City. All special assessments remaining unpaid at the expiration of the cash payment period shall be certified by or at the direction of the Clerk of Council to the County Fiscal Officer as provided by law to be placed on the tax duplicate and collected as taxes are collected.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council shall deliver a certified copy of this ordinance to the County Fiscal Officer within 20 days after its passage.

SECTION 4. This Council finds and determines 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 of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 5. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this ordinance, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor



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Matt Bixenstine, Ward 4

July 20, 2026

Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, Ohio

Re: Report from LakewoodAlive Board of Directors Meeting – July 15, 2026

Dear Colleagues,

The LakewoodAlive Board of Directors met on July 15, 2026, at the Lakewood Public Library for its bi-monthly meeting. The Board approved LakewoodAlive's Fiscal Year 2027 budget following an extensive review process and elected a new slate of officers and directors. The new directors are Katelyn Greear, Mark Plush, and Sharon Schuldt. As for officers, Amanda Santa will be President, Jason Weiner - Vice President, Geoff Mathias - Secretary, Jennifer Wynn - Treasurer, and Julie Warren - Immediate Past President. I look forward to working with all of them. The Board also recognized outgoing members Michael Bentley and Chris Bergin for their dedicated service and leadership.

Executive Director Jo Higgins provided an update on the organization's ongoing operational transition, including efforts to strengthen internal systems, cross-train staff, and maintain continuity of LakewoodAlive's programs and services. Staff also highlighted the organization's response following the recent extended power outages, during which employees proactively contacted vulnerable residents to ensure they were safe and assist those in need of support.

Committee reports reflected continued progress across many strategic initiatives. The Development Committee reported another successful fundraising year, with the organization exceeding both its individual and corporate giving goals, while also achieving record Board participation. The Small Business Committee continues preparing the launch of the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund and developing new resources to assist entrepreneurs and existing businesses navigating the startup and permitting process.

Councilmembers looking to support LakewoodAlive are encouraged to volunteer at upcoming events or consider serving on one of the organization's committees. Upcoming community events include the Front Porch Concert Series throughout July, Lakewood Summer Meltdown on July 18, and New Board Member Orientation on September 10.

Sincerely,

Kyle Baker
Vice President of Council | Ward 1
Ex-officio member, LakewoodAlive Board of Directors



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July 20, 2026

Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, Ohio

Re: Statement on Transgender Student Athletes

Dear Colleagues,

Last month the United States Supreme Court decided that Transgender Girls cannot play on girl's teams. There has been a lot of discussion about a few students across the country that want to play, and I'd like to take this opportunity to say that everyone should be and can be included in play.

The research that describes the physical and mental benefits of play far outweighs the discomfort and required effort to solve for fairness. We've been making exceptions to allow people of different abilities to participate and compete for a very long time; consider golf handicaps, bowling averages, and the millions of ways kids on the playground solve this problem every day. Better players have to use their weak hand or foot, beginners get a head start, the size of the goal is adjusted to keep the game fun and competitive. It takes some thought, but is doable, even by children.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association had a very detailed and thoughtful guideline for including Transgender Students on teams before this new era of hatred and scapegoating. The policy included a requirement and evaluation of the student's hormone therapy history, consultation with medical experts, and a final review by the association's board. The ultimate goal was to be inclusive, not exclusive.

To be clear, and as you probably know, I am a fan of women's sports and attend events regularly. Allowing vetted trans athletes to participate, as was previously done in Ohio and as I described with a detailed program, does not give them an advantage, it only allows them to be included.

Sincerely,

Cindy Strebis
She/Her/Hers
Lakewood City Council
Ward 3



City of Lakewood
Fire Department

Ryan Fairbanks, Fire
Chief
Ryan Birth, Fire Marshal

(216) 529-6656
fire@lakewoodoh.gov

July 15, 2026

Lakewood City Council
12650 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, OH 44107

RE: Ohio Division of EMS Grant Award

President Kepple and members of City Council,

I am pleased to inform you that the Lakewood Fire Department has been awarded a **2026–2027 Ohio Division of EMS Training & Equipment Grant** in the amount of **\$2,944.56**. The grant is intended to support the purchase of approved EMS training and equipment and is available for use during the funding period of **July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026**.

These grant funds will help offset the cost of maintaining and enhancing our emergency medical services program while reducing the financial burden on the City's General Fund. By taking advantage of state funding opportunities such as this, we are able to continue investing in the equipment and training necessary to provide high-quality prehospital care to our residents and visitors.

Per §111.14 (no match required), this letter serves to formally notify Council of our acceptance of the grant for the purpose of EMS equipment and training.

Thank you.

Ryan Fairbanks

Ryan Fairbanks, Fire Chief



Department of Commerce

Division of Liquor Control

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Mike DeWine, Governor Jim Tressel, Lt. Governor Sherry Maxfield, Director

LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
ATTN CLERK
12650 DETROIT AVE
LAKEWOOD OH 44107

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

TO

10017000-1 PERMIT NUMBER	TFOL TYPE	CINI HOSPITALITY LLC 16806 Madison Ave Lakewood OH 44107 Muni/Village/Twp: Lakewood
ISSUE DATE:		
FILING DATE: 5/26/2026		
PERMIT CLASSES: D-3 D-2 D-1 D-3A		
18286 TAX DISTRICT	OCT RECEIPT NO	

FROM 6/10/2026

07403890-1 PERMIT NUMBER	TYPE	RIVALRY LLC 52230 SR800 MALAGA OH 43757 Muni/Village/Twp: Malaga Twp
ISSUE DATE:		
FILING DATE:		
PERMIT CLASSES:		
56916 TAX DISTRICT	FEB RECEIPT NO	

MAILED 6/10/2026

RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 07/11/2026

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL WHETHER OR NOT
THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

REFER TO THIS NUMBER IN ALL INQUIRIES: OCT TFOL 10017000-1
(TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

(MUST MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

WE REQUEST A HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING THE PERMIT AND REQUEST THAT THE HEARING
BE HELD ☐ IN OUR COUNTY SEAT ☐ IN COLUMBUS

WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING ☐

DID YOU MARK A BOX? IF NOT, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A LATE RESPONSE.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX INDICATING YOUR TITLE:

(Signature)

(Title) - ☐ Clerk of City Council

(Date)

☐ Township Fiscal Officer

(Printed Name)

(Email Address)

(Telephone No.)