



City of Lakewood City Council

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Docket of a Meeting of Lakewood City Council

Council Chambers
OCTOBER 19, 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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Protocol for public comment can be found at the end of this docket. The public may view a livestream of the meeting by visiting our [Council Videos Page](#).

- 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 October 5, 2026.
- V. Reports, legislation, and communications from Members of Council, the Mayor, and other City Officials.

Old Business

1. Report from Health & Human Services Committee meeting held October 12, 2026. *(to be provided)*
2. Report from Public Safety Committee meeting held October 12, 2026. *(pg. 1)*

New Business

3. Keep Lakewood Beautiful - Beautiful Home Awards Presentation. *(pg. 6)*
4. Communication from Vice President Baker regarding Review of 2026 Finances. *(pg. 12)*
5. Communication from Vice President Baker & Councilmember Bullock regarding moratorium on short-term rentals. *(pg. 13)*

6. **RESOLUTION 2026-49** - A RESOLUTION to take effect 14 days after enactment, to impose a moratorium on the granting of building permits or certificates of occupancy for any building, structure, use or change of use that would enable the use of a property for short term rental for a period not to exceed six months from the effective date of this resolution, in order to allow Council, the Administration, and the Lakewood Planning Commission to review applicable Ohio statutes, criminal codes and the Lakewood Zoning Code relative to such use. (pg. 14)
7. Communication from Councilmember Bullock regarding Implementation of the Lakewood Public Arts Master Plan. (pg. 16)
8. Communication from Human Resources Director Dillinger regarding settlement of Bureau of Workers' Compensation Claim. (pg. 17)

Liquor Permits

9. Liquor permit – Devrod, LLC – 13437-41 Madison Ave. (pg. 18)

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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Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, Ohio

RE: Public Safety Committee Meeting – October 12, 2026

Dear Colleagues, Mayor George, and Members of the Administration,

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday October 12th to discuss the City's use of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology, which the City has been utilizing in its current form since 2021. Recently, residents have been reaching out to share privacy concerns about this technology. As a result, we thought it would be useful to provide a forum to discuss the pros and cons of ALPR and provide an opportunity for residents to speak directly to the issue.

Chief Fischer explained the benefits of ALPR technology, noting that it helps to solve crimes in a more efficient and quick manner and protects police by providing officers with background information before engaging with a suspect. He provided compelling and recent examples of ALPR technology assisting in solving violent crimes in the community. However, Chief Fischer acknowledged the potential for misuse of the technology and pointed to ways in which it is monitored and controlled. For example, ALPR can only be used for authorized law enforcement purposes. Chief Fischer noted that based on councilmembers' concerns and conversations, changes have been made to the City's policy on the use of ALPR. Notably, and as requested, the use of ALPR is now monitored and audited by a designated ALPR coordinator, Sgt. Ciresi, and as of this spring, the City of Lakewood does not share its data with federal agencies, or any agency about which the City has concerns. All of this is documented in a revised ALPR policy.

Nevertheless, privacy concerns remain and were articulated by councilmembers and residents. Specifically, concerns were raised about how Lakewood's data could potentially be used by our third-party vendor and the government agencies with which the City shares that data. Additional questions were posed about the City's internal audit process and whether it can be more effective and transparent.

Lakewood's existing contract with Flock Group Inc. is set to expire on July 24, 2028. At that time Lakewood could have leverage to demand improvements from Flock in regard to cybersecurity and privacy. Until that time, Council will continue to monitor the City's use of Flock and respectfully requests that the Administration notify Council about any significant changes to the existing ALPR policy. We appreciate the Administration's receptiveness to collaboration on this issue thus far and look to continued conversations and transparency regarding the City's use of ALPR technology.

Sincerely,

Angelina Hamilton Steiner
Chair, Public Safety Committee
Member of Council, At Large

Flock ALPR Program



City of Lakewood
Police Department

Kevin Fischer
Chief of Police

Michael Coletta
Chief Information Officer

Community Safety Initiatives

- **2021: Madison Park safety concerns**
 - Two shootings prompted community concern and calls for additional safety measures. The City increased patrols and added surveillance cameras.
- **2022–2023: Park Ambassador Program Established**
 - Proposed in 2022 and implemented through Block by Block in 2023, the program added a visible, approachable presence in City parks to assist visitors and report safety concerns.
- **Existing technology & Regional ALPR participation**
 - Lakewood Police participated in a countywide license plate reader network before Flock.
 - Lakewood's in-car license plate reader was connected to the regional LPR hot file through CRIS (Cuyahoga Regional Information System) at least as early as February 2012.

Flock Timeline

- **2021: Initial Flock agreement**
 - 40 cameras at a reported cost of \$110,000.
 - Board of Control approved June 21, 2021. One-year term, June 19, 2021 to June 18, 2022, following a 60-day evaluation.
- **July 2023: Five-year Flock agreement**
 - Agreement amended for continued operation of a 50-camera network.
- **May 2026: Data Access Restrictions Updated**
 - Sharing with two federal agencies ended; Flock's monthly snapshot showed 2 federal organizations on April 30 and none on May 31, 2026. The Nationwide Network is off; the Ohio Statewide Network remains on.
- **August 5, 2026: Annual payment approval**
 - BOC approved a reported \$125,000 payment under the existing agreement.
- **August 5, 2026: ALPR Policy Updated**

Contract and Approval Details

- **Vendor:** Flock Safety (Flock Group Inc.)
- **Contract term:** July 25, 2023 to July 24, 2028 (60 months)
- **Scope:** 50 Flock Safety Falcon cameras with FlockOS; installation, maintenance and support by Flock; unlimited users; 30-day data retention.
- **Annual cost:** \$125,000 per year (\$625,000 over the term)
- **Renewal terms:** Renews automatically for 24 months unless either party gives notice of non-renewal at least 30 days before the end of the term (by June 24, 2028).
- **Board of Control**
 - Approval date: August 5, 2026
 - Approved amount: \$125,000 (year 4 of 5)

Council Input and ALPR Policy

- Administration met with Council members to review the Flock program:
 - **June 4:** Council President and Councilmember Hamilton Steiner
 - **June 22:** Councilmember Bullock
 - **August 4:** Councilmember Baker
- Councilmembers expressed an understanding of the value of ALPR technology during these discussions.
 - **Suggestions Included:** continuous review of policy, audits, updated share list, departmental ALPR Coordinator.
- **ALPR Policy**
 - **Authorized use:** Law enforcement purposes ONLY.
 - **Data handling:** 30 Days retention in FLOCK database.
 - **Oversight:** ALPR Coordinator (Sgt. Ciresi), periodic audits.

Record of Council Notice

- **June 25, 2021:** Board of Control recap emailed by the Deputy of Clerk of Council to all seven Councilmembers
 - Described the \$110,000 award to Flock, the 40 cameras, plate reading, make and model identification, alerts, and \$100,000 per year going forward. Two members replied the same day.
- **March 7, 2022:** 2021 Police Annual Report to the Mayor and Councilmembers
 - Cites the "substantial investment in additional License Plate Reader Cameras (Flock Cameras)" and their everyday use in investigations.
- **November 28, 2022 and December 4, 2023:** Finance Committee budget presentations
 - Police 2023 Budget Priorities: Violent Crime Reduction Grant to fund additional Flock cameras. IT 2024 budget: 10 Flock cameras added, with locations; recorded in the minutes.
- **2026:** Resident emails to Council begin in February; Council briefings June through August (previous slide); communication referred to Public Safety on September 8.

Data Sharing and Access Today

- **Who can search Lakewood's cameras** (Flock snapshot, September 30, 2026)
 - 939 agencies: 408 in Ohio, 531 in other states, none federal. Ohio Statewide Network on; Nationwide Network off; federal sharing ended May 2026.
 - 188 share requests from other agencies are pending, not accepted (October 7, 2026). Any share can be revoked at any time.
- **Search restrictions**
 - No searches related to immigration or reproductive health may be performed on Lakewood's Flock network, by our officers or any other agency.
- **Data retention**
 - 30 days under the 2023 agreement. Data not downloaded into a case file is deleted automatically; downloaded records follow the City's records retention schedule.
- **Platform controls**
 - Multi-factor authentication since August 2026; case codes and Flock's Audit Assistance required for all police customers by the end of 2026.

How Police Use Flock

- **Current deployment:**
 - 50 FLOCK cameras deployed strategically.
- **Primary uses:**
 - Law enforcement use only. Assists in the identification and apprehension of criminals and in other investigatory matters.
- **Review process:**
 - Officers are logged into system in their patrol cars or desk. Alert received when a vehicle photographed by FLOCK camera(s) is in category set up by officer/department (stolen vehicle, warrant, missing person, etc.). Officers/detectives may also search for investigatory purposes based on articulable suspicion.

Lakewood Case Study

- **Incident:** Murder of Dawn Gibson@ 12019 Lake (Days Inn)
- **Flock's contribution:** Detectives utilized Flock cameras located near Clifton Boulevard and West 117th Street to identify vehicles entering and exiting the city around the time of Dawn Gibson's murder. The cameras identified 15 vehicles that traveled into and out of the city during the relevant time frame. Detectives then compared BMV photographs of the registered vehicle owners and additional listed owners with the male suspect captured in surveillance recordings from the Days Inn. Based on information obtained through the Flock camera system, detectives were able to identify a male matching the suspect description. The information provided by the Flock cameras gave detectives a critical investigative lead and enabled them to identify and locate the suspect. He was subsequently arrested within the first 48 hours of the murder.

Lakewood Case Study

- **Outcome:** Without the availability of Flock cameras, the investigation would likely have stalled and potentially remained unsolved due to the lack of identifying information at the scene of the crime. The suspect's DNA was not present in CODIS, and detectives would not have been able to make a DNA match to the evidence recovered from the scene. Information obtained from the Flock cameras was critical to identifying the suspect and advancing the investigation toward prosecution. As a direct result of this investigative tool, law enforcement was able to identify and locate the suspect. He ultimately admitted guilt to the murder and is now serving a 25-year prison sentence. The use of Flock cameras provided investigators with a critical lead when other investigative avenues were unavailable, helping bring the case to a resolution and ensuring that the person responsible was held accountable.

Lakewood Case Study

- **Public safety value:** This tool gave law enforcement the capability to locate the suspect within 48 hours of the crime, providing a measure of peace and closure to Dawn Gibson and her family. During police interviews, investigators learned that the suspect was not an Ohio resident and was planning to leave the state shortly after the crime. Without access to this tool, the suspect may never have been identified before leaving Ohio. He could have avoided prosecution, potentially continued committing similar crimes in other states, and left Dawn Gibson's family to endure profound and ongoing emotional, psychological, and social impacts. The ability to identify and locate him so quickly not only supported the pursuit of justice but also helped prevent further harm and provided Dawn Gibson and her family with an important sense of resolution.

Council Consideration

- City Council will need to determine whether to fund continued use of the Flock ALPR program.
- **Police recommendation:**
 - We cannot overstate the value of ALPR technology for law enforcement purposes. Time and again, the use of this technology has been integral in solving serious and non-serious crimes as well as assisting in the apprehension of violent subjects on the streets of Lakewood.
 - Depriving the department of this useful technology will make the citizens of Lakewood less safe.

Thank you!

City of Lakewood Contacts:

Kevin Fischer
Chief of Police

Michael Coletta
Chief Information Officer

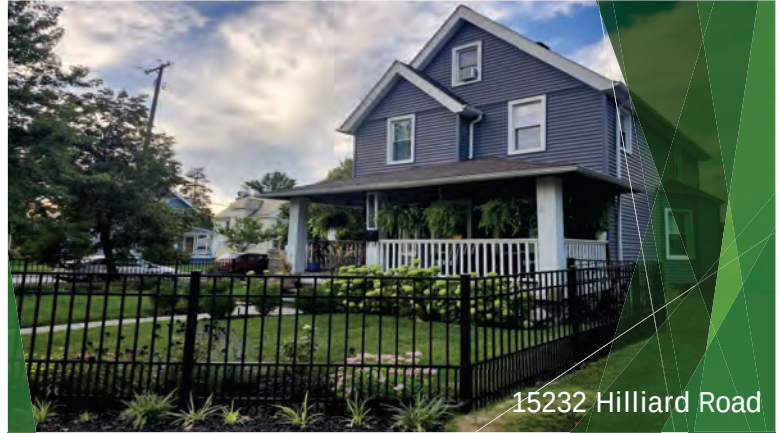
Questions and records requests:
cityoflakewoodoh.nextrequest.com

Written questions and records requests about this program are handled through the City's public records portal. Each request is logged and reviewed by the Law Department before a response is released, the same process the City uses for all public records requests.





2026 Beautiful Home Awards





15232 Hilliard Road



1568 Grace Avenue



1568 Grace Avenue
Michael Fleenor & George Graham



1568 Grace Avenue



1568 Grace Avenue



2376 Woodward Avenue



2376 Woodward Avenue
Mary & Sean Berry



2376 Woodward Avenue



2376 Woodward Avenue



17437 Norton Avenue



17437 Norton Avenue
Nicole Swick



17437 Norton Avenue



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1196 Warren Road



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Ella & Bill Sutcliffe



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Lakewood, Ohio

Re: Review of 2026 Finances

Dear Colleagues,

On November 16th the Administration will present Council with the City's 2027 comprehensive budget document which will initiate a series of hearings within Council's Finance Committee. I look forward to these hearings, which are always a helpful blend of programmatic information and quantitative analysis regarding the year ahead.

This year, prior to diving into the 2027 finances, the Finance Committee would like to spend additional time reviewing the City's 2026 finances through the third quarter. During this hearing I anticipate that the Finance Committee will want to look at the City's actual expenditures and revenues for 2026 and compare them to the 2026 budget. Knowing whether we are overspending, underspending or right on track with our 2026 budget will help inform our understanding of the 2027 budget and empower Council to perform its fiduciary due diligence. It will also inform our debt outlook for 2027 and beyond. I will work with Director Mahoney prior to this hearing to make sure the Finance Committee is provided the necessary materials and financial reports to have a meaningful discussion to be scheduled within the next few weeks.

I move to refer this communication to the Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

Kyle Baker
Vice President of Council
Chair, Finance Committee



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Lakewood, Ohio

Re: Moratorium on Short-Term Rentals (“STRs”)

Dear Colleagues,

Lakewood has been considering how best to regulate short-term rentals (“STRs”) and balance their potential economic benefits with concerns about housing affordability, neighborhood character, safety, enforcement, and quality of life. In 2025, Council considered Ordinance 23-2025, establishing a permit process and operating requirements for STRs, including local contact information, code compliance, occupancy limits, and rules addressing noise, parking, and waste. The issue has remained before Council into 2026. These discussions provide an opportunity to assess whether the City’s existing framework adequately addresses community concerns. Presently, we feel that they do not.

In light of that, the attached resolution proposes a temporary moratorium, for no more than six months, on any new permits or certificates of occupancy that would enable a property to be used as an STR. It defines an STR as a residence rented for fewer than 30 days, excluding hotels and motels, and would also prohibit expansion of existing STRs during the moratorium. The pause would end earlier if Council amends the Codified Ordinances to address these issues or expressly revokes the moratorium.

A temporary pause would give Council, the Administration, and the public time to review applicable Ohio law, criminal codes, and the Lakewood Zoning Code, and to consider whether additional or revised local requirements are warranted. We suspect additional regulation is necessary, but want to work with the Administration and the public to ensure that the additional regulation is right for Lakewood. That review should weigh housing availability and neighborhood impacts alongside the interests of property owners and visitors, with particular attention to clear rules and practical enforcement.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that this resolution be passed this evening or if not this evening, then relatively quickly. If passed this evening, this communication could be referred to the Housing, Planning, and Development Committee for discussion. The goal is to ensure Lakewood’s approach to short-term rentals is thoughtful, enforceable, and consistent with the community’s housing and neighborhood priorities.

Sincerely,

Kyle G. Baker
Vice President of Council

Thomas R. Bullock III
Councilmember At Large

A RESOLUTION to take effect 14 days after enactment, to impose a moratorium on the granting of building permits or certificates of occupancy for any building, structure, use or change of use that would enable the use of a property for short term rental for a period not to exceed six months from the effective date of this resolution, in order to allow Council, the Administration, and the Lakewood Planning Commission to review applicable Ohio statutes, criminal codes and the Lakewood Zoning Code relative to such use.

WHEREAS, short-term rentals can impact diversity and affordability in the housing market; and

WHEREAS, short-term rentals can change the residential character of neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, short-term rentals do not generate income tax revenue that supports local city services in a way that owner occupied and long-term rentals do; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. Council hereby imposes a moratorium on the granting of building permits or certificates of occupancy for any building, structure, use or change of use that would enable the use of a property for short term rental for a period not to exceed six months from the effective date of this resolution, in order to allow Council, the Administration, and the Lakewood Planning Commission to review applicable Ohio statutes, criminal codes and the Lakewood Zoning Code relative to such use.

Section 2. For the purpose of this resolution, “short-term rental” shall mean any residence that is rented or leased for a period of less than 30 days, excluding hotels and motels.

Section 3. No building permits, certificates of occupancy or any other permits shall be granted to a property owner, business, or individual to operate a short-term rental for the period of this moratorium. No valid existing residence currently used as a short-term rental in the City may expand in any way for the duration of the moratorium.

Section 4. The moratorium shall be in effect for a period of six months from the effective date of this resolution or until changes are enacted to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to address these issues or until Council approves legislation explicitly revoking this moratorium, whichever occurs first.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution 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.

Adopted: _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor



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Lakewood City Council
12650 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Re: Implementation of the Lakewood Public Arts Master Plan

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

The Lakewood Public Arts Master Plan is newly approved by City Council and represents the culmination of much input, analysis, and plan development. It's a well-done document that can serve as the foundation for many years of good work.

Implementation of the plan will be the key if its value will result in what we all hope: the beautification and cultural enrichment of our city alongside attracting and supporting a vibrant community of artists. City Council's previous hearing provided an opportunity to learn about the plan as we considered it for approval, but limited time allowed us to only scratch the surface of implementation questions.

Called out in the plan is more than one goal that involves City of Lakewood Public Works, parks, and public right of ways. Specifically:

- Infrastructural and Functional Art (integrating grey and green infrastructure);
- Commercial Corridors;
- Gateways; and
- Parks & Greenspaces.

Public right of way questions will be relevant to many public art projects such as business participation in public art on commercial corridors (for example, artistically designed bike parking), performance and temporary art, and maintenance of art projects once installed.

To allow more time to examine these topics, we propose additional time for Public Arts Master Plan implementation discussions before City Council. Please refer this communication to the Public Works and Sustainability Committee.

Sincerely,

Tom Bullock
Council at Large



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Claudia M. Dillinger
Director of Human Resources

October 14, 2026

Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

RE: Settlement of Bureau of Workers' Compensation Claim

Dear Council President Kepple and Members of City Council,

The City is considering the settlement of an on-going Bureau of Workers' Compensation claim between the City and a retired employee.

This settlement is subject to Council's approval under Lakewood Codified Ordinance §127.03. The human resources department respectfully asks that Council refer this matter to the appropriate committee for discussion of the proposed settlement terms. Our outside worker's compensation attorney will be present to provide specific details. Questions regarding the reasons or basis for the settlements would be appropriate for Executive Session under O.R.C. 121.22(G)(3).

Thank you,

Claudia M. Dillinger
Director of Human Resources



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ATTN CLERK
12650 DETROIT AVE
LAKEWOOD OH 44107

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

TO

10020815-1 PERMIT NUMBER	TRFO TYPE	Devrod, LLC Lakewood Village Tavern 13437-41 Madison Avenue Lakewood OH 44117 Muni/Village/Twp: Lakewood
ISSUE DATE:		
FILING DATE: 9/23/2026		
PERMIT CLASSES: D-3 D-3A D-1 D-2		
18286 TAX DISTRICT	OCT	RECEIPT NO

FROM 9/28/2026

00346940-1 PERMIT NUMBER	TYPE	B & B TAVERN INC LAKEWOOD VILLAGE 13437-41 MADISON AVE LAKEWOOD OH 44107 Muni/Village/Twp: Lakewood
ISSUE DATE:		
FILING DATE:		
PERMIT CLASSES:		
18286 TAX DISTRICT	OCT	RECEIPT NO

MAILED 9/30/2026

RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 10/30/2026

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 TRFO 10020815-1

(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
☐ Township Fiscal Officer

(Date)

(Printed Name)

(Email Address)

(Telephone No.)