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Docket of a Meeting of Lakewood City Council

Council Chambers
NOVEMBER 16, 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 November 2, 2026.

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

Old Business

1. Report from Finance Committee meeting held November 9, 2026 *(to be provided)*.

2. **RESOLUTION 2026-51** - 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 and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) One-Year Action Plan of the FY25–FY29 Five Year Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) which includes dollar allocations and activities to be funded with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) resources, any other entitlement funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), all amendments thereto, and all understandings and assurances contained therein, and incorporates the City's application to HUD for FY27 CDBG and ESG funds. *(referred to Finance 11/2/26) (pg. 1)*

3. Report from Committee of the Whole meeting held November 9, 2026. *(pg. 4)*

4. **RESOLUTION 2026-50** - 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 and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, approving an agreement with Inner Peace Cleveland LLC for the purchase of approximately 23,435 square feet of real property currently addressed as 13465 Franklin Boulevard, Lakewood, Ohio, for the sum of $300,000, and authorizing the Mayor and other appropriate City officials to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to complete the acquisition according to the terms of that agreement. *(referred to COW 11/2/26) (pg. 5)*

5. Report from Committee of the Whole meeting held November 16, 2026. *(to be provided)*

6. **ORDINANCE 30-2026** – AN ORDINANCE adopting the City's Active Transportation Plan, Safety Action Plan, Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan, Vision Zero policy and the transportation portions of its Climate Action Plan as part of the official plan of the City; and enacting new Sections 901.24, 1161.04 and 161.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood, to require that the safety improvements those plans call for are in place before a public body or private applicant moves children onto new or longer walking routes, or onto routes that cross streets the City has identified as high-risk; and to take effect upon certification of the election or, if passed by Council in the form submitted, at the earliest time permitted by Section 2.12 of the Charter. *(1st read & referred to COW 11/2/26) (pg. 28)*

7. **ORDINANCE 31-2026 -** AN ORDINANCE to enact a new section of Chapter 129 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood entitled the Safe Routes to School Fund, for school public safety related issues, including crossing guards, installation of improvements, infrastructure, and other safety measures to aid in safe routes to school, and other issues related to school safety both within schools and on routes to schools within the City of Lakewood. *(1st read & referred to COW 11/2/26) (pg. 32)*

8. **ORDINANCE 32-2026 -** AN ORDINANCE to establish photo monitoring devices for vehicular speed enforcement strictly within school zones in the City of Lakewood. *(1st read & referred to COW 11/2/26) (pg. 35)*

9. **RESOLUTION 2026-42 -** 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 and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appointing _____to the Public Art Advisory Board for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2029. *(deferred 10/5/26) (pg. 43)*

New Business

10. **RESOLUTION 2026-52 -** A RESOLUTION to join with people and organizations around the country to recognize Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance and to reaffirm that the City of Lakewood is a community that welcomes transgender individuals. *(pg. 44)*

11. Communication from Vice President Baker & Mayor George regarding second extension of the smoke shop moratorium. *(pg. 46)*

12. **RESOLUTION 2026-53 -** 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

and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, extending a moratorium on the issuance or processing of permits for Smoke Shops in the City of Lakewood. *(pg. 47)*

13. Communication from Finance Director Mahoney regarding 2026 Year-End and 2027 Budget Ordinances. *(pg. 50)*

14. **ORDINANCE 33-2026** - 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, to establish appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lakewood, State of Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. *(pg. 51)*

15. **ORDINANCE 34-2026** - 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, authorizing the transfer and advance of certain funds. *(pg. 65)*

16. **ORDINANCE 35-2026** – 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, to establish appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lakewood, State of Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2027. *(pg. 67)*

17. **ORDINANCE 36-2026** - 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, authorizing the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Public Works, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, the Director of Human Services, the Director of Human Resources and/or the Purchasing Manager to enter into contracts for professional services, and to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of repair, maintenance and operating supplies, services and equipment as authorized by the 2027 Appropriation Ordinance and the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood with the lowest and best bidder or bidders or as otherwise provided by law. *(pg. 81)*

18. **ORDINANCE 37-2026** - 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, authorizing and directing the Mayor, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, the Director of Public Works or the Procurement Officer to enter into contracts in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City for the contracts listed below not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. *(pg. 85)*

19. **ORDINANCE 38-2026** - 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, authorizing the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Law, the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance, the Director of Planning & Development, the Director of Human Services, the Director of Human Resources and/or the Purchasing Manager to enter into service contracts in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for the Department of Planning &

Development. Contracts shall not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. *(pg. 87)*

20. Communication from Human Resources Director Dillinger regarding Salary Ordinance.*(pg. 89)*

21. **ORDINANCE 39-2026** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect January 1, 2027, 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, to provide for creating positions and rates of pay for full-time and certain part-time annual salaried employees and hourly rate employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement in the several departments, divisions and offices of the City of Lakewood, including the Chief of Fire, Chief of Police and Civil Service Commissioners and superseding all prior salary ordinances.*(pg. 90)*

22. Communication from Human Resources Director Dillinger regarding Vacation Ordinance.*(pg. 94)*

23. **ORDINANCE 40-2026** - 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, amending Section 149.08 Vacations, to clarify accrual of vacation for part-time employees and payout of vacation time. *(pg. 95)*

24. Communication from Fire Chief Fairbanks regarding Ambulance Purchase Legislation.*(pg. 100)*

25. **RESOLUTION 2026-54** - 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 and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law approving the ordering of certain vehicles in accordance with the requirements of Lakewood Codified Ordinance §111.04 for delivery in 2029. *(pg. 101)*

26. Communication from Planning Director Byington regarding City Hall Expansion Project –Phase 1. *(pg. 103)*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-51 BY:

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 and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) One-Year Action Plan of the FY25–FY29 Five Year Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) which includes dollar allocations and activities to be funded with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) resources, any other entitlement funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), all amendments thereto, and all understandings and assurances contained therein, and incorporates the City's application to HUD for FY27 CDBG and ESG funds.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of HUD is authorized by various federal acts to make grants to units of general local government to finance community development programs, and;

WHEREAS, HUD requires units of general local government to incorporate the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy into a Consolidated Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the City is annually required, with the participation and approval of its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), to submit a One-Year Action Plan associated with its current Consolidated Plan which serves as a both a planning document and the City's formal application to HUD for FY27 CDBG and ESG funding, and includes Lakewood's community development goals and objectives, a description of activities to be undertaken during the coming Fiscal Year, a budget, and certifications in the form of assurances, 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, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety, and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments in order to meet the annual HUD application deadline for federal funds. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit to HUD Lakewood's FY27 One-Year Action Plan of the City's FY25-FY29 Consolidated Plan, as reviewed and approved by the CAC, which serves as the City's FY27 application for federal CDBG and ESG funds as indicated in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto, and all amendments thereto and all understandings and assurances contained therein.

Section 2. The FY27 One-Year Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan, as reviewed and approved by the CAC, includes a multi-year certification for the expenditure of CDBG funds for Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027 during which at least 70% of Lakewood's CDBG expenditures must directly benefit low-moderate income persons.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to act in connection with submission of the FY27 One-Year Action Plan of Lakewood's FY25-FY29 Consolidated Plan, to provide such additional information as may be required and to enter into any and all agreements necessary to accept funds under these programs.

Section 4. 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. 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 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:_____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

Exhibit A

Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

FY27 Federal Funding Allocation Recommendations to City Council

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Subrecipient	Activity	CAC Allocation Recommendation
Department of Planning & Development	CDBG Planning & Administration	$340,000
Department of Planning & Development	Cove Park Overflow Parking Area	$15,000
Department of Public Works	Street Improvements	$825,000
Division of Building & Housing	Building Code Enforcement	$75,000
Division of Community Development	Affordable Housing Programs	$179,000
Department of Planning & Development	Storefront Renovation Program	$70,000
LakewoodAlive	Paint Rebate Program	$41,000
Division of Community Development	HOME Activity Delivery	$27,500
Lakewood Community Services Center	Food Pantry	$86,000
Lakewood Community Services Center	Case Management Services	$30,000
Journey Center for Safety & Healing	Victim Advocacy Services	$19,000
Division of Aging	Senior Supportive Services	$28,000
Division of Early Childhood	Childcare Scholarship Assistance	$50,000
Neighborhood Family Practice	Health Services	$20,000
LakewoodAlive	Housing Outreach Services	$44,500
	Projected FY27 CDBG Award	**$1,850,000**

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Subrecipient	Activity	CAC Allocation Recommendation
Lakewood Community Services Center	Homelessness Prevention Assistance	$155,000
Department of Planning & Development	ESG Planning & Administration	$5,000
	Projected FY27 ESG Award	**$160,000**

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November 9, 2026

Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, Ohio

Re: Committee of the Whole Report – November 9, 2026

Dear Colleagues,

On Monday, November 9th Committee of the Whole met regarding a resolution that would approve a purchase agreement between the City of Lakewood and Inner Peace Cleveland LLC for the City to acquire the northern portion of the former Franklin property at 13465 Franklin Boulevard. The City intends to acquire this property to return it to public use as a neighborhood park.

We heard from Planning Director Byington about the details of the proposed lot split as well as the planning process to update the property and playground equipment if the purchase is approved. We also heard from Law Director Vargo regarding the details of the negotiation process and concessions that the City proposed to reach a more favorable outcome. He also spoke about the timeline of the agreement and stressed that the seller wants to close the deal by the end of the month.

Next, Council members then took the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback about the purchasing and planning process. We also heard from several residents who live close to the property and expressed their enthusiastic support for the City to go forward with this purchase and return the playground to public use.

I have been a champion of this idea since the School Board first sold the property last summer and I am happy to see this proposal finally come to fruition. While I expressed frustration with the short timeline provided to Council to act on this purchase, I am confident that returning this green space to public use is ultimately the right move for the community. I look forward to learning more details about the planned safety and ADA improvements for the park and nearby crossings in the months to come. Thank you to the residents that advocated for this green space and thanks to the Administration for negotiating an agreement that will serve our community for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kepple
President of Council
Councilmember At Large

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-50 BY:

WHEREAS, Inner Peace Cleveland LLC owns the former Franklin School property located at 13465 Franklin Boulevard, and the City has negotiated an agreement to purchase an approximately 23,435 -square-foot portion of that property for $300,000; and

WHEREAS, the property to be acquired includes the portion of the former Franklin School property that includes the existing playground area and related improvements and will be used for public park and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the purchase agreement makes the City's obligation to close contingent upon, among other things, satisfactory due diligence, marketable title, approval of the lot split and creation of the property as a separate legal parcel, and approval of this Council; 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 the authority to acquire and hold real property for municipal purposes; 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, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, safety and welfare and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments, in that immediate effectiveness will permit the City to execute the negotiated agreement, open escrow, undertake the required due diligence and lot-split process, and timely complete the acquisition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. The purchase agreement between the City of Lakewood and Inner Peace Cleveland LLC for the City's purchase of approximately 23,435 square feet of real property currently addressed as 13465 Franklin Boulevard, Lakewood, Ohio, for the purchase price of $300,000, in substantial form as attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Mayor, Director of Law, Director of Planning and Development, Director of Finance, and any other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to execute the purchase agreement and all deeds, escrow instructions, affidavits, certificates, lot-split documents and other instruments, and to take all actions necessary or appropriate to complete the acquisition in accordance with the agreement. The Director of Law is further authorized to approve nonmaterial changes to the agreement that are consistent with this resolution and not materially adverse to the City, which determination by the Director of Law shall be conclusive.

Section 3. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to pay the purchase price and the City's closing costs and other expenses authorized by the purchase agreement from funds lawfully available and appropriated for that purpose.

Section 4. 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.

Section 5. 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 adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted:_____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

Exhibit A

Agreement of Sale

Former Franklin School Property

AGREEMENT OF SALE

The City of Lakewood, Ohio, an Ohio municipal corporation and political subdivision ("Buyer"), agrees to purchase from Inner Peace Cleveland LLC ("Seller"), and Seller agrees to sell to Buyer, that certain portion of the real property currently addressed as 13465 Franklin Boulevard, Lakewood, Ohio, consisting of approximately 23,435 square feet as generally depicted as "Lot A" on **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto (the "Property"), upon the following terms and conditions.

ARTICLE 1. PURCHASE PRICE

1.01. **Amount.** The purchase price for the Property shall be the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.00), payable by Buyer to Seller as follows:

(a) **Down Payment.** The sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000.00) in down payment, which Buyer agrees to deposit into escrow within five days from the date hereof.

(b) **Balance.** The remaining balance of the Purchase Price, being Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars ($285,000.00), subject to any prorations or adjustments provided herein, shall be paid at Closing.

ARTICLE 2. ESCROW AND CLOSING

2.01. **Opening of Escrow.** An escrow shall be opened pursuant to this Agreement at Cleveland Home Title, 28005 Clemens Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145 (the "Escrow Agent"), within 5 days from the date hereof, such time being agreed to be of the essence.

2.02. **Conditions of Escrow.** The close of such escrow and the Buyer's obligation to purchase the Property pursuant to this Agreement are expressly conditioned on:

(a) **Marketable Title.** The conveyance to Buyer or Buyer's nominee of good and marketable title to the Property, as evidenced by an Owner's Fee Policy of Title Insurance issued by First American Title Insurance Company, subject only to liens, encumbrances, restrictions, easements, or conditions as may be approved in writing by Buyer. Upon the execution of this Agreement, Seller shall cause to be ordered from the title company a commitment for an Owner's Policy, and a copy of each shall be sent to Buyer for Buyer's review. Within ten days of receipt of the commitment, Buyer shall notify Seller in writing of any liens, encumbrances, restrictions, easements, or conditions shown therein which are objectionable to Buyer. If so notified, the items that are objectionable to Buyer shall be considered "title defects" and shall be removed by Seller on or before the closing date. If the title defects cannot be removed by Seller by the closing date, or any extensions of the closing date as may be agreed to by the Buyer for the correction of these title defects, this Agreement shall be null and void and all funds and documents previously delivered to the parties or deposited into escrow shall be returned to the respective parties who delivered or deposited such funds or documents, and there shall be no further liability between the parties. Buyer shall also have the right to object to any matters disclosed by the survey obtained pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) **Delivery of Possession.** Delivery of possession of the Property to Buyer or Buyer's nominee, immediately on closing, free and clear of all uses and occupancies except as Buyer may waive in writing.

(c) **Inspection of Property; Due Diligence.** Buyer shall have a period of thirty (30) days following the Effective Date (the "Due Diligence Period") to conduct such investigations of the Property as Buyer deems appropriate, including surveys, environmental reviews, engineering studies, title review, lot split approvals, zoning reviews, utility investigations, and other feasibility studies. Seller shall provide reasonable access to the Property for such purposes, provided that Buyer provides not less than twenty-four (24) hours' prior notice to Seller. If Buyer determines, in Buyer's good faith judgment, that the Property is unsuitable for Buyer's intended use on account of a defect, condition, or restriction discovered during the Due Diligence Period, Buyer may terminate this Agreement by written notice to Seller and Escrow Agent, whereupon all earnest money shall be returned to Buyer and neither party shall have further obligations hereunder. Buyer may request one thirty (30) day extension of the Due Diligence Period by written notice delivered before expiration of the original Due Diligence Period.

(d) **Lot Split Approval.** Closing shall be contingent upon the parties obtaining all governmental approvals reasonably necessary to create the Property as a separate legal parcel and to permit Buyer to utilize the Property for public park purposes. Buyer shall utilize reasonable efforts to obtain all such governmental approvals.

(e) **Legislative Approval.** Buyer's obligation to close is contingent upon approval of this Agreement and the acquisition contemplated hereby by the Buyer's City Council and any other approvals required by applicable law. Buyer shall utilize reasonable efforts to obtain approval of this Agreement by Buyer's City Council.

2.03. **Failure of Conditions.** Should any of the conditions specified in Paragraph 2.02 of this Agreement fail to occur within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Agreement, Buyer shall have the power, exercisable by giving written notice to the Escrow Agent and to Seller, to cancel such escrow, terminate this Agreement, and recover any amounts paid by Buyer to Seller or to the Escrow Agent on account of the purchase price of said Property. The exercise of such power by Buyer shall not, however, constitute a waiver by Buyer of any other rights it may have against Seller for breach of this Agreement. The Escrow Agent shall be, and is hereby, irrevocably instructed by Seller on such failure of conditions and receipt of such notice from Buyer to refund immediately to Buyer all moneys and instruments deposited by Buyer in escrow pursuant to this Agreement.

2.04. **Prorations.** There shall be prorated between Seller and Buyer on the basis of 30-day months, as of midnight on the day of closing: Real property taxes and assessments levied or assessed against said property as shown on the latest available tax bills, if any. Real estate taxes shall be prorated based upon the acreage or square footage of the Property being conveyed if separate tax parcel information is unavailable as of Closing.

2.05. **Expenses of Closing.** The Expenses of closing described in this Article shall be paid in the following manner:

(a) The full cost of securing the title guarantee or Title Policy described in Paragraph2.02(a) of this Agreement shall be paid by Buyer.

(b) Any costs of transfer and recordation of title shall be paid by Buyer.

(c) Any tax imposed on the conveyance of title to said property to Buyer or Buyer's nominee shall be paid by Seller.

(d) Any fee charged by the Escrow Agent other than the cost of title guarantee or title insurance required by this Agreement shall be paid by Buyer.

(e) Each party shall pay its own attorneys' fees.

(f) The full cost of any Buyer inspections conducted during the Due Diligence Period shall be paid by Buyer.

2.06. **Security for Buyer's Performance.** For the purpose of securing the performance of Buyer under the terms and provisions of this Agreement, Buyer shall deliver to Escrow Agent within five (5) days from the date hereof, the sum of $15,000.00, the down payment, which shall be paid to Seller in the event Buyer breaches this Agreement as provided in Paragraph 5.02 hereof. At closing, the down payment shall be paid over to the Seller and applied to the cash portion of the purchase price, provided, however, that in the event the Buyer shall have given written notice to the Escrow Agent that one or more of the conditions to its obligations set forth in Paragraph 2.02 have not been met, or, in the opinion of Buyer, cannot be satisfied in the manner and as provided for in this Agreement, the down payment shall be forthwith returned by the Escrow Agent to Buyer. The provisions of this Section 2.06 shall survive closing and/or the termination of this Agreement.

2.07. **Time and Place of Closing.** Closing shall occur within fourteen (14) days after expiration of the Due Diligence Period or approval of the lot split, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties shall endeavor to close as promptly as reasonably feasible provided that all other conditions to closing have been fully addressed, including, but not limited to the lot split.

2.08 **Form of Deed**. Seller shall convey the Property together with all improvements located thereon, including all playground equipment, playground surfacing, fencing, benches, trash receptacles, signage, landscaping, lighting, utility improvements, and other fixtures and appurtenances located within the boundaries of the Property in a form as set forth in **Exhibit B**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any utility systems, equipment, fixtures, or improvements located on the Property but serving Seller's retained parcel shall either be removed by Seller prior to Closing or be made subject to an easement agreement acceptable to Buyer.

ARTICLE 3. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF SELLER

3.01. **Warranties of Seller.** Seller hereby represents and warrants to Buyer as follows:

(a) There are no parties in possession of any part of said property as lessees, tenants at sufferance, or trespassers;

(b) To Seller's knowledge, Seller has complied with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, statutes, rules, and restrictions relating to said Property, or any part thereof;

(c) As of the effective date of this Agreement, Seller has not received any notices of violation of any applicable zoning, building, environmental, health, safety, accessibility, or land-use regulations affecting the Property which remains uncured;

(d) All work and labor performed and all materials furnished with respect to any improvements or repairs to the Property have been paid in full, and there will be no mechanic's liens or the possibility thereof in connection with any such work or labor performed on or materials furnished to the Property;

(e) To Seller's knowledge there are no actions, suits or proceedings against Seller with respect to the Property, and there are no investigations or actions, suits or proceedings at law or in equity pending or threatened against Seller that would adversely affect this transaction or the Property being sold hereunder;

(f) There are no employment contracts, service contracts, or similar contracts or agreements relating to the management, ownership or operation of the Property;

(g) Seller will assign to Buyer on or before the closing date, by delivering them into escrow, any and all guarantees or warranties with respect to the condition of the property, including all improvements, fixtures, equipment and personal property being conveyed hereunder, that remain in effect;

(h) Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "C"** is a true and accurate schedule of insurance carried on the premises. Such insurance shall not be modified between the date hereof and the closing date. No written notices or requests have been received by Seller from any insurance company issuing any of such policies which have not been complied with;

(i) To Seller's knowledge ~~a~~ll documents delivered or required hereunder to be delivered to Buyer and all warranties herein made by Seller are accurate and complete, and there has been no material change in any of the facts, circumstances or subject matter of this transaction of which Buyer has not been informed;

(j) The sale and transfer of the aforesaid Property is, or shall be prior to the closing date, duly authorized in accordance with the law and within the scope of authority of the party or parties conveying the Property, and evidence of such authority shall be presented to Buyer prior to the closing of this transaction;

(k) To Seller's knowledge, all utility lines, service connections, drainage facilities, and other infrastructure serving Seller's retained property and located within the Property have been disclosed to Buyer;

(l) Seller has not granted any easements, licenses, permits, or rights of access affecting the Property other than those disclosed in the title commitment or otherwise disclosed in writing to Buyer.

ARTICLE 4. CONTROL OF PROPERTY DURING ESCROW

4.01. **Destruction of Improvements.** Should any of the improvements of said Property be destroyed or substantially damaged prior to closing as herein provided, Buyer shall have the power, exercisable by the giving of written notice by Buyer to the Escrow Agent and to Seller, to cancel such escrow, terminate this Agreement, and recover any and all amounts paid to the Escrow Agent on account of the purchase price of said Property. Any such improvement on said Property shall be deemed substantially damaged for the purpose of this section if the cost of restoring such improvement to the condition it is in at the date of this Agreement exceeds 25 percent of the purchase price of said Property as provided in this Agreement. If said Property is damaged, but such damage is not substantial enough to give Buyer the right to terminate this Agreement, then Seller will assign to Buyer all of Seller's right, title and interest in all insurance proceeds payable with respect to such damage and the purchase price will be reduced by the amount of Seller's deductible, if any.

4.02 **Maintenance of Premises**. Seller shall maintain the Property in substantially the same condition existing on the Effective Date, reasonable wear and tear excepted. Seller shall not remove any improvements, playground equipment, fencing, landscaping, trees, utility improvements, or other fixtures from the Property without Buyer's prior written consent.

4.03 **No New Encumbrances**. Seller shall not, after the Effective Date and prior to Closing, grant any easement, license, lease, right-of-way, utility easement, or other interest affecting the Property without the prior written consent of Buyer.

4.04 **Inspection Cooperation**. Seller shall provide Buyer, its surveyors, engineers, consultants, and contractors reasonable access to the Property for purposes of conducting surveys, environmental reviews, title investigations, lot split approvals, utility investigations, and related due diligence activities.

ARTICLE 5. BREACH

5.01. **By Seller.** Should Seller default on the full and timely performance of any obligations under the terms of this Agreement for any reason other than Buyer's default, Buyer may:

(a) Enforce specific performance of this Agreement;

(b) Request that the down payment shall be forthwith returned to Buyer; and/or

(c) pursue any other remedies available at law or in equity.

5.02. **By Buyer.** Should Buyer fail to consummate the purchase of said Property, the conditions to Buyer's obligations set forth in Paragraph 2.02 of this Agreement having been satisfied and Buyer being in default, and Seller not being in default hereunder, Seller may:

(a) Receive the down payment from the Escrow Agent, such sum being agreed on as liquidated damages for the failure of Buyer to perform the duties, liabilities, and obligations imposed on it by the terms and provisions of this Agreement. Seller agrees to accept and take said cash payment as its total damages and relief and as Seller's sole remedy hereunder in such event; or

(b) Enforce specific performance of this Agreement.

5.03 **Cure Provision.** Before exercising any remedy under this Article, the non-defaulting party shall provide written notice of the alleged default and the defaulting party shall have fifteen (15) days to cure such default; provided, however, that if the default cannot reasonably be cured within fifteen (15) days, the cure period shall be extended so long as the defaulting party commences cure within such period and diligently pursues completion thereof.

ARTICLE 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

6.01. **Special Conditions.** The following shall constitute special Terms of this Agreement and shall survive the Closing.

(a) **Existing Surveys, Reports and Title Evidence.** Seller has provided or, on Buyer's demand, will promptly provide to Buyer the original or copy of any and all surveys, title evidence, soil test reports, environmental site assessments and any other inspections or testing reports or studies which Seller possesses relative to the Property.

(b) **Lot Split and Survey**. Buyer shall obtain, at its sole cost and expense, a boundary survey, legal description, and plat of survey depicting the Property to be conveyed. The Property shall consist of the portion of Seller's existing parcel generally depicted on **Exhibit "A"** and more particularly described in the survey and legal description prepared for closing. The parties shall reasonably cooperate in obtaining any lot split, parcel reconfiguration, zoning approval, or other governmental approval necessary to create the Property as a separate legal parcel. Closing shall be contingent upon approval and recording of all necessary lot split and parcel creation documents acceptable to Buyer.

(c) **Concrete Pad Removal.** Following Closing, Buyer shall, at its sole cost and expense, remove the existing concrete pad located on Seller's retained Lot B immediately east of and adjacent to the building on Lot B, and shall use its best efforts to restore the area with grass comparable to surrounding conditions. Buyer shall complete such removal as soon as practicable following Closing, and shall complete such restoration to grass as soon as seasonally practical thereafter, or along such timeline as otherwise agreed by Buyer and Seller.

(d) **Future Playground Improvements**. Buyer intends to evaluate and improve the existing playground facilities located on the Property following Closing. Such improvements may include the replacement of existing playground equipment with new equipment designed to enhance accessibility and recreational opportunities for the public, including equipment intended to comply with applicable federal accessibility requirements. The nature, scope, design, timing, and cost of any such improvements shall be determined by Buyer in its sole discretion and subject to the availability of funding and any governmental approvals required by law.

(e) **Fence; Parking Lot Access**. Following Closing, Buyer shall, at its sole cost and expense, install a fence (the "Boundary Fence") running the length of the eastern border of the Retained Lot from the northern point of said border (approximately the corner of Franklin Ave. and Lewis Dr.) to the southern point thereof, and including a pedestrian entrance gate and a commercially reasonable gate or other access control mechanism for vehicular ingress and egress from the parking area on the Retained Lot. The Boundary Fence shall be constructed using materials, style, and color, as reasonably determined by Buyer following consultation with Seller. Buyer shall submit the proposed design, materials, and site plan for the Boundary Fence to Seller for Seller's written approval prior to commencing installation, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Seller shall respond to any such submission within ten (10) business days of receipt or as mutually agreed by the parties; failure to respond within such period shall be deemed approval. Buyer shall diligently pursue and complete installation of the Boundary Fence as soon as practicable following Closing. Following installation, Buyer shall maintain the Boundary Fence on its portion of the lot in reasonably good condition. Seller shall, at its sole cost and expense, maintain, repair, replace, and operate the fencing and any gate and all associated hardware and access-control mechanisms installed as part of the Boundary Fence for vehicular access to the Retained Lot.

(f) **Land Valuation**. The parties acknowledge that the Purchase Price for the Property is the result of an arm's-length transaction representing the fair market value of the Property on the Effective Date. Nothing in this provision precludes either party from offering evidence of this transaction in any future proceeding.

ARTICLE 7. MISCELLANEOUS

7.01. **Assignment of Agreement.** This Agreement shall be binding on the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and to the extent assignable, on the assigns or nominees of the parties hereto, provided Buyer shall not transfer or assign this Agreement without first having obtained the express written consent of Seller, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. On delivery to Seller of an instrument in writing whereby the assignee of the Buyer assumes all of the provisions of this Agreement to be performed by Buyer, then, in that event, Buyer shall be released and discharged of all further liability hereunder.

7.02. **Survival of Covenants.** Any of the representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements of the parties, as well as any rights and benefits of the parties pertaining to a period of time

following the closing of the transactions contemplated hereby shall survive the Closing and execution, delivery, and execution of the deed.

7.03. **Notice.** Any notice required under this Agreement shall be deemed given when delivered personally, sent by nationally recognized overnight courier, sent by certified United States Mail, return receipt requested, or transmitted by electronic mail with confirmation of transmission.

7.04. **Ohio Law to Apply.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. All obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Lakewood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

7.05. **Legal Construction.** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

7.06. **Prior Agreements Superseded.** This Agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the aforesaid subject matter.

7.07. **Time of Essence.** Time is of the essence of this Agreement.

7.08. **Descriptive Heading.** The descriptive headings used herein are for convenience only and are not intended to necessarily refer to the matter in sections which precede or follow them, and have no effect whatsoever in determining the rights or obligations of the parties.

7.09. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts.

7.10. **Time Limit.** This Agreement shall become effective only upon execution by both parties (the "Effective Date").

7.11. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction such provision shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid and enforceable, or if it cannot be so modified, shall be severed from this Agreement, and the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

(*The signature page follows*.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, have hereunder set their hands on the dates noted below.

BUYER

City of Lakewood

By: _____ [*signature*]
Angela Byington

Its: Director of Planning and Development

Date: _____

SELLER

Inner Peace Cleveland , LLC

By: _____ [*signature*]
David Fox
Its: Member

Date: _____

EXHIBIT "A"

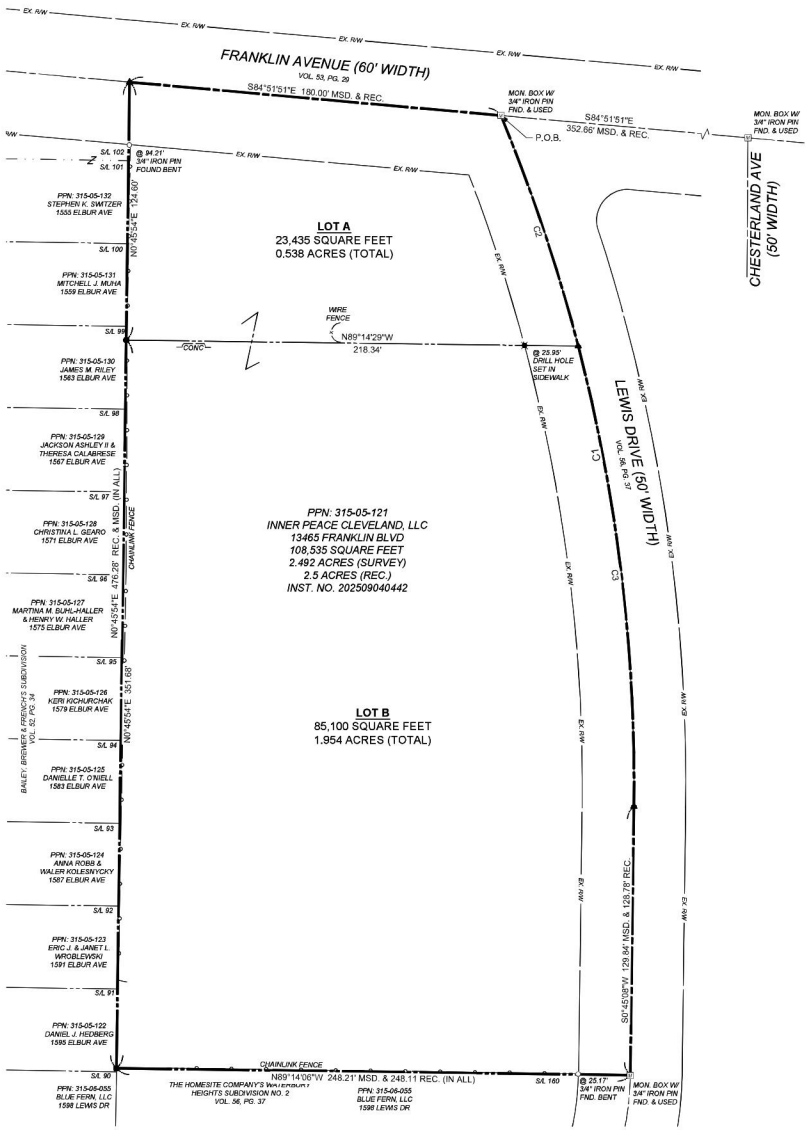
Lot Split Plat Depicting Lot A (Property To Be Conveyed)
and Lot B (Seller's Retained Property)

LOT SPLIT PLAT

SITUATED IN THE STATE OF OHIO, THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, AND BEING KNOWN AS PART OF SECTION 21, ROCKPORT TOWNSHIP, NOW IN SAID CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND MORE PARTICULARLY BEING A PORT OF THE PREMISES CONVEYED TO INNER PEACE CLEVELAND, LLC AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, BY AN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 202509040442 RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2025, AT THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY RECORDS

30 0 30 60
DRAWING SCALE 1" = 30'

CURVE TABLE					
CURVE #	DELTA	RADIUS	LENGTH	CHD BRG	CHD DIST
C1	23° 18' 40"	840.83'	342.09'	S10° 54' 11"E	339.74'
C2	8° 08' 39"	827.29'	117.59'	S18° 33' 11"E	117.49'
C3	15° 17' 52"	840.93'	224.53'	S6° 53' 51"E	223.86'



AREA OF TABULATION

- **LOT A**
  - TOTAL ACREAGE: 0.538 ACRES
  - AREA IN RIGHT OF WAY: 0.177 ACRES
  - NET AREA: 0.361 ACRES
- **LOT B**
  - TOTAL ACREAGE: 1.954 ACRES
  - AREA IN RIGHT OF WAY: 0.203 ACRES
  - NET AREA: 1.751 ACRES

NOTES

1. THESE PLANS MAY HAVE BEEN ALTERED IN SIZE BY REPRODUCTION. THIS MUST BE CONSIDERED WHEN OBTAINING SCALED DATA.
2. THE PROJECT CONTROL COORDINATE SYSTEM IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING:
   - HORIZONTAL DATUM: PROJECT CONTROL COORDINATES FOR THIS PROJECT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY GPS/RTK OBSERVATIONS UTILIZING THE OHIO COORDINATE SYSTEM OF 1983 (ZONE 3401-OHIO NORTH). OHIO STATE PLANE GRID COORDINATE VALUES ARE EXPRESSED IN UNITS OF U.S. SURVEY FEET.
3. AN ALTA/NSPS LAND TITLE SURVEY WAS NOT PERFORMED.
4. ALL DIMENSIONS GIVEN ARE EXPRESSED IN US SURVEY FEET
5. IRON PINS SET, WHERE INDICATED HEREON, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ARE TO BE 5/8" SOLID REBAR, THIRTY INCHES LONG WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAPS BEARING THE INSCRIPTION "VERDANTAS"
6. EASEMENTS AND/OR RIGHT OF WAYS WERE NOT ADDRESSED DURING THIS SURVEY UNLESS OTHER THAN SHOWN HEREON.
7. EXISTING FENCE IS ONLINE OR APPROXIMATELY 0.50-FEET ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

LEGEND

- EX. CENTERLINE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY
- EX. R/W — EX. RIGHT-OF-WAY
- EX. PROPERTY LINE
- EX. SUBLOT LINE
- PR. PROPERTY LINE
- EX. EDGE OF PAVEMENT
- EX. CHAINLINK FENCE
- EX. WIRE FENCE
- EX. MONUMENT BOX FOUND (AS DESCRIBED)
- EX. IRON PIN FOUND (AS DESCRIBED)
- IRON PIN SET
- DRILL HOLE SET
- MSD. OR REC. — MEASURED OR RECORD DISTANCE

INTENT OF SURVEY:

THE INTENT OF THIS SURVEY IS SPLIT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY (PPN: 315-05-121) INTO TWO LOTS (LOTS A & B).

OWNERS ACCEPTANCE

THE UNDERSIGNED, INNER PEACE CLEVELAND, LLC, AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OWNER OF THE LAND SHOWN HEREON, HEREBY ACCEPTS THIS PLAT OF LOT SPLIT SHOWN HEREON.

INNER PEACE CLEVELAND, LLC

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

TITLE

NOTARY PUBLIC

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA
STATE OF OHIO

BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AND STATE,

PERSONALLY APPEARED THE ABOVE _____

THE _____ OF INNER PEACE CLEVELAND, LLC AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE/SHE DID SIGN THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT ON BEHALF OF SAID LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND THAT THE SAME IS THE FREE ACT AND DEED OF SAID LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND HIS/HER FREE ACT AND DEED AS SUCH OFFICER.

IN WITNESS WEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL AT

_____ OHIO THIS ____ DAY OF _____.

SEAL:

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

APPROVALS

CITY ENGINEER

THIS LOT SPLIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____.

CITY ENGINEER

PLANNING COMMISSION

THIS LOT SPLIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____.

CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION

SECRTARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION

CLERK OF COUNCIL

THIS LOT SPLIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING LOT SPLIT PLAT IS BASED ON A SURVEY PREPARED WITH ACTUAL FIELD MEASUREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 4733-37 OF THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

THOMAS M. MEEKS
OHIO REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 8674

verdantas
8150 STERLING COURT
MENTOR, OH 44060
TEL. 440.951.9000

THOMAS M. MEEKS — STATE OF OHIO — SURVEYOR — P.S. 8674 — PROFESSIONAL — P.S. 86741 OHIO

DESIGNED BY	DRAWN BY	CHECKED BY	PROJECT NO.
	RAS	TMM	40951

No.	REVISION	OHIO BY DATE

CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO

LOT SPLIT PLAT
13465 FRANKLIN BOULEVARD
CITY OF LAKEWOOD

DATE 09/15/2026
SCALE 1"=30'
SHEET 1 OF 1

verdantas

8150 Sterling Court
Mentor, Ohio 44060
440-951-9000

September 15, 2026

Description of Lot Split A

0.538 Acres

of

PPN: 315-05-121

Situated in the State of Ohio, the County of Cuyahoga, the City of Lakewood, and being known as part of Section 21, Rockport Township, now in said City of Lakewood and more particularly being a port of the premises conveyed to Inner Peace Cleveland, LLC an Ohio Limited Liability Company, by an Instrument Number 202509040442 recorded on September 4th, 2025, at the Cuyahoga County Records and being further bound as follows:

PRINCIPAL POINT OF BEGINNING at a 3/4-inch iron pin found in a monument box at the intersection of the centerline of Franklin Boulevard., (60 feet width), and the centerline of Lewis Drive, (50 feet width), at a distant of S 18°31'29" E 352.66 feet from a 3/4-inch iron pin found a monument box at the intersection of the centerline of said Franklin Boulevard and the centerline of Chesterland Avenue (50 feet width);

COURSE I Thence along the centerline of said Franklin Boulevard 117.59 feet along the arc of a curve, deflecting to the RIGHT, (said curve having a radius of 827.29 feet, an included angle 8°08'39", a chord length of 117.49 feet, which bears South 18°33'11" East, to a point in the centerline of said Lewis Drive;

COURSE II Thence North 89°14'29" West, passing over a drill hole set at 25.94 feet, 218.34 feet in all, to an iron pin set on the eastern line of Sublot 99 of the Baily, Brewer and French's Subdivision, Volume 52, Page 34, Cuyahoga County Map Records;

COURSE III Thence North 00°45'54" East, passing by a 3/4" iron pin found at 94.21 feet, 0.24 feet due east of line, 124.60 feet in all, along said eastern line of said Baily, Brewer and French's Subdivision, to a point in the centerline of said Franklin Boulevard;

COURSE IV Thence South 84°51'51" East, 180.00 feet along the centerline of said Franklin Boulevard, to the said point being the PRINCIPAL

POINT OF BEGINNING, and containing **0.538 Acres** (23,435 Square Feet) total of which 0.177 Acres is in Franklin Avenue and Lewis Drive Right of Way leaving a Net Acreage of **0.361 Acres**, of land surveyed and described September 2026 by Thomas M. Meeks, Ohio Registered Surveyor No. 8674 of Verdantas LLC. and is subject to all legal highways and easements of record.

Bearing contained herein are based upon Ohio State Plane (North Zone) Coordinates, Horizontal Datum NAD83 (2011).

Where indicated hereon, all iron pins set 5/8-inch diameter rebar, 30 inches in length, having a yellow cap bearing the inscription "VERDANTAS".

The above-described Lot A is a part of Cuyahoga County Parcel No. 315-05-121.



Thomas M. Meeks
Ohio Registered Surveyor No. 8674
September 15th, 2026

verdantas

8150 Sterling Court
Mentor, Ohio 44060
440-951-9000

September 15, 2026

Description of Lot Split B

1.954 Acres

of

PPN: 315-05-121

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Thence along the centerline of said Franklin Boulevard 117.59 feet along the arc of a curve, deflecting to the RIGHT, (said curve having a radius of 827.29 feet, an included angle 8°08'39", a chord length of 117.49 feet, which bears South 18°33'11" East, to a point in the centerline of said Lewis Drive and PRINCIPAL POINT OF BEGINNING;

COURSE I Thence along the centerline of said Franklin Boulevard 224.53 feet along the arc of a curve, deflecting to the RIGHT, (said curve having a radius of 840.93 feet, an included angle 15°17'52", a chord length of 223.86 feet, which bears South 6°53'51" East, to a point in the centerline of said Lewis Drive

COURSE II Thence South 00°47'35" West, along the centerline of said Lewis Drive, 129.84 feet to a 3/4" iron pin found in a monument box at the centerline of said Lewis Drive;

COURSE III Thence N 89°14'06" W, passing over a 3/4" iron pin found at 25.17-feet and 0.21 feet due north of line, and being the northeast corner Sublot No. 160 of Waterbury Heights Subdivision No.2, recorded plat, Volume 56, Page 37, Cuyahoga County Map Records,

continuing along the northern line of said Sublot No. 160, in all 248.13 feet, to an iron pin set on the eastern line of Baily, Brewer and French's Subdivision, Volume 52, Page 34, Cuyahoga County Map Records;

COURSE IV Thence N 00°45'54" E, along the eastern line of said Baily, Brewer and French's Subdivision 351.68 feet to an iron pin set in the eastern line of said Baily, Brewer and French's Subdivision;

COURSE IV Thence South 89°14'29" East, passing over a drill hole set at 192.40 feet, in all 218.34 feet, to the PRINCIPAL POINT OF BEGINNING, and containing **1.954 Acres** (85,100 Square Feet) total of which 0.203 Acres is in Franklin Avenue and Lewis D rive Right of Way leaving a Net Acreage of **1.751 Acres**, of land surveyed and described September 2026 by Thomas M. Meeks, Ohio Registered Surveyor No. 8674 of Verdantas LLC. and is subject to all legal highways and easements of record.

Bearing contained herein are based upon Ohio State Plane (North Zone) Coordinates, Horizontal Datum NAD83 (2011).

Where indicated hereon, all iron pins set 5/8-inch diameter rebar, 30 inches in length, having a yellow cap bearing the inscription "VERDANTAS".

The above-described Lot B is a part of Cuyahoga County Parcel No. 315-05-121.



Thomas M. Meeks
Ohio Registered Surveyor No. 8674
September 15th, 2026

EXHIBIT "B"

Form of Warranty Deed

WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT Inner Peace Cleveland, LLC, the Grantor, claiming title by or through instrument recorded in 202509040442 Cuyahoga County Recorder's Office, for valuable consideration received from, including the sum of Ten Dollars paid by, the City of Lakewood, a municipal corporation, the Grantee, whose tax mailing address is 12650 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107, does:

GIVE, GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY unto said Grantee, its heirs, assigns and successors, the following described premises, situated in the City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

The real property described in the two-page "Description of Lot Split A," dated September 15, 2026, prepared by Verdantas LLC and signed and sealed by Thomas M. Meeks, Ohio Registered Surveyor No. 8674, attached to this Deed as Schedule 1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Property Address: No separate street address currently assigned; being Lot A split from the property commonly known as 13465 Franklin Boulevard, Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Permanent Parcel No(s): New PPN for Lot A to be assigned by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer before recording; split from existing PPN 315-05-121

Subject to the Restrictive Covenant set forth below, which is incorporated herein by reference.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above premises, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said Grantee, and its separate heirs, assigns and successors forever.

AND THE SAID Grantor, for its assigns and successors, hereby covenants with the said Grantee, its heirs, assigns and successors, that said Grantor is the true and lawful owner of said premises, and is well seized of the same in fee simple, and has good right and full power to bargain, sell and convey the same in the manner aforesaid, and that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances, except zoning ordinances, easements, reservations, conditions and restrictions of record, if any, and real estate taxes and assessments, general and special, which are a lien at the time of transfer, but which are not then due and payable, and further that said Grantor will warrant and defend the same against all claims whatsoever except as provided herein.

This conveyance is made and accepted subject to the following covenant and restriction (the "Covenant"), which shall run with the land and be binding upon Grantee and Grantee's successors and assigns:

Grantee, for itself and its successors and assigns, covenants that the premises shall be used for public park and recreational purposes, together with any buildings, structures, facilities, improvements, utilities, and accessory uses reasonably necessary or convenient to support public park and recreational purposes (such reasonably incidental accessory uses not to include construction of a vehicle parking lot), and for no other purpose, during the thirty (30)-year period following the date this Deed is recorded (the "Restriction Period"). Additionally, during this Restriction Period, Grantee shall not sell, lease, convey, or otherwise transfer the premises, or any portion thereof, to any private party, nor to any public or governmental entity for a use inconsistent with the preceding sentence, without the prior written consent of Grantor, or Grantor's heirs,

successors, or assigns. This Covenant shall run with the land during the Restriction Period and shall automatically expire, without further action by any party, upon the expiration of the Restriction Period, after which it shall be of no further force or effect.

This covenant shall run with the land and shall be enforceable by Grantor, and Grantor's heirs, successors, and assigns, by action for injunctive relief, specific performance, or damages against Grantee or Grantee's successors or assigns, in the event of any violation or threatened violation of this Covenant. The failure of Grantor, or Grantor's heirs, successors, or assigns, to enforce this Covenant upon any violation shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to enforce this Covenant as to any subsequent or continuing violation. During the Restriction Period, this Covenant may be released, modified, or amended only by a written instrument signed by Grantor, or Grantor's heirs, successors, or assigns, and Grantee, or Grantee's successors or assigns, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Cuyahoga County, Ohio. If any provision of this Covenant is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Executed this ____ day of _____, 2026.

GRANTOR:

Inner Peace Cleveland LLC

By: _____
David Fox, Member

GRANTEE:

City of Lakewood

By: _____
Meghan F. George, Mayor

STATE OF OHIO)
) SS:
CUYAHOGA COUNTY)

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above named **DAVID FOX,** the Member **of INNER PEACE CLEVELAND LLC**, the Grantor in the above-captioned Deed, who acknowledged that he did sign the foregoing Warranty Deed and that the same is his free act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at _____, this _____day of _____, 2026.

_____
Notary Public

STATE OF OHIO)
) SS:
CUYAHOGA COUNTY)

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above named **MEGHAN F. GEORGE**, the Mayor of **CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO**, the Grantee in the above-captioned Deed, who acknowledged that she did sign the foregoing Warranty Deed and that the same is her free act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at _____, this _____day of _____, 2026.

_____
Notary Public

EXHIBIT "C"

Schedule of Insurance on the Premises

(To be provided.)

FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. [____]

AN ORDINANCE adopting the City's Active Transportation Plan, Safety Action Plan, Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan, Vision Zero policy and the transportation portions of its Climate Action Plan as part of the official plan of the City; and enacting new Sections 901.24, 1161.04 and 161.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood, to require that the safety improvements those plans call for are in place before a public body or private applicant moves children onto new or longer walking routes, or onto routes that cross streets the City has identified as high-risk; and to take effect upon certification of the election or, if passed by Council in the form submitted, at the earliest time permitted by Section 2.12 of the Charter.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD:

Section 1. Plans adopted.

(a) Under Section 7.2(e) of the Charter, the following plans, as they exist on the date the petition for this ordinance is filed, are adopted as part of the official plan of the City for public streets, sidewalks, crossings, signals and other transportation facilities: the Safe Streets for Lakewood Active Transportation Plan and Safety Action Plan (Resolution 2023-73); the portions of the Climate Action Plan (Resolution 2023-15) that address transportation and mobility; the portions of the Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (Resolution 2023-51) that address the public right-of-way; and the Vision Zero policy (Resolution 19-9063).

(b) These plans govern only public transportation facilities and the review of covered changes under Section 901.24. They set no standard for private property and impose no requirement, except as Sections 901.24 and 1161.04 expressly provide. A later amendment to any of these plans becomes part of the official plan only when adopted by ordinance.

Section 2. That new Section 901.24 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood is hereby enacted to read as follows:

901.24 SAFE ROUTES READINESS.

(a) **Definitions.** In this section:

(1) "Child" means a person under the age of sixteen or a student enrolled in preschool through grade 10. For a school, preschool or child care center, the thresholds in subsection (b)(1) hereof are measured by its students enrolled in preschool through grade 10, using enrollment and residence data by grade.

(2) "Destination" means a school, preschool, child care center licensed by the State of Ohio, Cove Community Center, park or public library.

(3) "High-risk street" means each corridor listed in Table 7 of the Safety Action Plan, within the limits listed there; Lake Avenue; and any street Council adds by ordinance.

(4) "Plans" means the plans adopted by Section 1 of the ordinance enacting this section, as amended by ordinance.

(5) "Public body" means the State, any political subdivision, board of education, library board or other public agency, including the City. "Private applicant" means any other person that applies for a City permit, certificate, approval, agreement or funding.

(6) "The Engineer" means the City Engineer, and "the Commission" means the Planning Commission.

(b) **Covered changes.**

(1) A decision of a public body or private applicant is a covered change if it opens, closes, consolidates, relocates or repurposes a destination, or changes the area whose residents are assigned to or given priority for a destination, and as a result:

A. 50 or more children would newly walk along or cross a high-risk street;

B. 50 or more children would have a walking route 0.25 mile or more longer; or

C. 100 or more children would be reassigned to, or newly use, a different destination.

(2) A change in enrollment is not a covered change unless it results from a decision described in paragraph (1) hereof.

(3) A private applicant's decision concerning the operation, enrollment, programs, buildings or access of a destination on parcels it used for that destination on the effective date of this section is not a covered change. A private applicant's decision is otherwise a covered change only if it requires a City permit, certificate, approval, agreement or funding.

(4) Within 10 days after a public body announces a decision that may be a covered change, the Director of Public Works shall request from it boundary maps, enrollment by grade, the planned first day of operation and the status of any School Travel Plan for each affected school, shall offer City assistance in updating that plan, and shall send a copy of the request to the Ohio Department of Transportation. A private applicant shall supply the same information with its application.

(5) Within 30 days after the decision is announced or the application is filed, the Engineer shall determine in writing whether it is a covered change and identify the walking routes children will use as a result ("affected routes"), relying on published boundaries, enrollment, City data and reasonable estimates, and not on records identifying individual students. A lack of information shall not delay the determination. For a decision made before the effective date of this section, the periods in this subsection and in subsection (e) hereof run from that effective date.

(c) **Compliance.** A covered change is in compliance when the Engineer certifies in writing, before the first day children are scheduled to attend or use the destination under the change ("first day of operation"), that paragraph (1) or (2) hereof, and paragraph (3) hereof, are satisfied.

(1) **Plan improvements.** Every crossing, signal, traffic-calming device, sidewalk, curb ramp, accessible signal, lighting or other improvement that the Active Transportation Plan or Safety Action Plan lists for the affected routes, and every High or Medium priority item the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan lists for them, is built and operating. An improvement a plan lists only for consideration is required where the Engineer, with the Commission's concurrence, so finds. At each crossing of a high-risk street on an affected route rated Pedestrian Crossing Level of Traffic Stress 3 or 4 under the Active Transportation Plan, an improvement of a type the plans prescribe is also built and operating that brings the rating to 2 or lower. If the Engineer finds in writing that no such improvement can bring a crossing to 2 or lower, stating the reasons and the alternatives considered, the improvement of that type that achieves the lowest rating the Engineer finds feasible is built and operating instead.

(2) **Mitigation plan.** Instead of paragraph (1) hereof, the public body or private applicant has carried out a mitigation plan that the Engineer, with the Commission's concurrence, finds leaves conditions on the affected routes no worse than on the date the change was first announced or applied for, and better on at least two, measured by: crossings of high-risk streets by children at locations without a signal or pedestrian hybrid beacon; children using high-risk streets; average walking distance; crossings rated Pedestrian Crossing Level of Traffic Stress 3 or 4, and length of affected routes on segments rated Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress 3 or 4, applying the Active Transportation Plan's methodology with the mitigation measures in place; and missing curb ramps, accessible signals or sidewalks identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan. Only physical, signal and route improvements, boundary changes and transportation services count; a transportation service does not count toward walking distance, and crossing guards and police count only as interim measures. A mitigation plan also requires Council approval, by ordinance after a public hearing, if the change meets two or more thresholds in subsection (b)(1) hereof, relies on a transportation service, or increases average walking distance, and an increase in walking distance may be approved only if every improvement required by paragraph (1) hereof is built on each route that gets longer. The Commission shall act within 60 days after submission.

(3) **Crossing guards and police.** Funding and staffing are in place so that, from the first day of operation, a staffed crossing guard post serves each crossing of a high-risk street on an affected route and each other crossing the Engineer finds needs one, and police traffic support sized to the affected routes by the Engineer and the Chief of Police serves those routes.

(d) **Existing protection.** Nothing in this section withholds or reduces any crossing guard, signal operation, sign, marking, temporary traffic-control device or police traffic assignment on a route children use. Until certification, the Engineer shall place interim measures wherever a required improvement is not yet in place.

(e) **Cost, schedule and funding.**

(1) Within 45 days after determining a covered change, the Engineer shall publish a list of every improvement and operating measure required by subsection (c) hereof, and every measure in any mitigation plan, with its cost, schedule, each funding source for which it is eligible and the earliest date each source could pay, stating where only City funds could be available before the first day of operation. The Engineer shall update the list within 30 days after any later mitigation plan is submitted.

(2) With the list, the Engineer shall publish an estimate of the change in daily vehicle trips, vehicle miles traveled and transportation emissions, compared with conditions when the change was first announced and with the Climate Action Plan, and of the change in children's exposure to the risk of traffic death or serious injury, compared with the Vision Zero policy. The estimate is for information and findings only and is not a condition of certification.

(3) Within 15 days after the list is published or updated, the Director of Finance, after consulting the Mayor, shall submit to Council a supplemental appropriation for the interim measures, operating measures and other improvements scheduled before the first day of operation, and shall include the remaining costs in the next annual estimate and five-year capital plan under Sections 5.5 and 5.7 of the Charter. Funding may come from any lawful source, including City capital funds, state and federal grants, and service payments under Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40 for public infrastructure improvements that directly benefit the parcels from which they are collected.

(f) **City actions held.** Until certification or a waiver, no officer, board or commission of the City shall issue, approve or enter into any of the following to the extent it serves a covered change: a right-of-way, street opening or occupancy permit; a traffic designation, such as a loading zone, parking or turn restriction or change in traffic direction; a joint-use agreement, lease or license; City funding, a grant or an in-kind contribution; or a new or amended tax increment financing ordinance or agreement, or a school compensation agreement under Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.82. This subsection applies from the effective date of this section to any decision that meets a threshold in subsection (b)(1) hereof, whether or not the determination has been made. It does not apply to an action that provides for an improvement the plans identify, a mitigation measure, an interim measure, a crossing guard or police measure under subsection (c)(3) hereof or existing protection; to police, fire and emergency medical services; to work addressing an imminent threat to public health or safety; to use of a public way by a public utility, cable operator, operator or video service provider as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 4939.01; to a traffic designation that adds protection for pedestrians; to a ministerial duty required by state law; or to a contract in effect on the effective date of this section.

(g) **Waiver.** Only Council may waive any requirement of this section, in whole or in part, and only by ordinance adopted after a public hearing, with notice published at least 10 days in advance, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members. The ordinance shall appropriate the full estimated cost of each waived improvement, set a completion date for each, identify the interim measure at each affected location and state Council's findings on the estimate under subsection (e)(2) hereof. It is subject to the Mayor's veto. No other officer, board or commission may waive, suspend or modify any requirement of this section. Until every waived improvement is complete, no tax increment financing ordinance or agreement, and no school compensation agreement, covering a parcel within one-quarter mile of the affected routes shall be approved unless it first funds the remaining waived improvements that qualify as public infrastructure improvements under Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40.

(h) **Public bodies.** The Commission shall review a covered change proposed by a public body as provided in Section 7.2(g) or (h) of the Charter, as applicable, and Ohio Revised Code Section 713.02. Within 60 days after the change is submitted or referred, the Commission shall issue a written finding on whether the change is consistent with the official plan, addressing the estimate under subsection (e)(2) hereof and stating whether certification has been made. A public body's vote to overrule the Commission does not satisfy, waive or suspend any requirement of this section, which governs actions of the City alone. If a public body does not submit a covered change, the Engineer's determination governs.

(i) **General provisions.**

(1) The Engineer shall post each request, determination, list, certification, finding and waiver under this section on the City website within 3 business days.

(2) This section applies to every covered change whose first day of operation falls after the effective date of this section, regardless of when the decision was made.

(3) Each duty imposed by this section is a clear legal duty of the official named, enforceable as provided by law.

(4) Except to the extent Ohio law subjects a public body to the Planning and Zoning Code, nothing in this section regulates the authority of a board of education to set attendance boundaries, assign pupils, or operate, open, close, consolidate, relocate or repurpose school facilities, and nothing in it conditions the approval of building plans or inspections under Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code. This section governs only the exercise of municipal powers.

Section 3. That new Section 1161.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1161.04 USES THAT ARE PART OF A COVERED CHANGE.

No conditional use permit shall be approved, and no certificate of code compliance shall be issued, for the use or occupancy of a destination that a covered change under Section 901.24 opens, consolidates, relocates or repurposes, including a school, preschool or child care use in the C4 Public School District, unless the City Engineer has certified compliance under Section 901.24(c) or Council has granted a waiver under Section 901.24(g). This standard applies in addition to the criteria of Section 1173.02, whichever listed use the Planning Commission finds the proposed use most resembles under Sections 1171.03 and 1173.03.

Section 4. That new Section 161.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood is hereby enacted to read as follows:

161.06 COMMENT ON COVERED CHANGES. The City Engineer shall refer each determination, list or certification under Section 901.24, and the Clerk of Council shall refer each proposed waiver, to the Complete and Active Streets Education & Advisory Board, which may submit written comment within 21 days after publication, or before Council's public hearing on a waiver. The Engineer and Council shall include any comment in the record. Referral does not extend any deadline or delay any determination, list, certification or hearing under Section 901.24, and if the Board does not comment within the time allowed, the matter proceeds without its comment.

Section 5. The Director of Law may assign subsection letters and paragraph numbers, and conform cross-references, in codifying this ordinance, without changing its substance.

Section 6. If any section, subsection, sentence or application of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall remain in effect. Subsections 901.24(f) and (g) and Section 3 of this ordinance are each severable from one another and from the rest of this ordinance.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon certification of the results of the election at which it is approved by the electors or, if passed by Council in the form submitted, at the earliest time permitted by Section 2.12 of the Charter. Section 1161.04 applies to every permit, certificate and approval not issued before that effective date, including any for which an application is pending on that date.

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ORDINANCE NO. 31-2026 BY: BAKER, BIXENSTINE, KEPPLE

AN ORDINANCE to enact a new section of Chapter 129 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood entitled the Safe Routes to School Fund, for school public safety related issues, including crossing guards, installation of improvements, infrastructure, and other safety measures to aid in safe routes to school, and other issues related to school safety both within schools and on routes to schools within the City of Lakewood.

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood has long embraced its identity as a walkable community, where children and families routinely travel on foot or by bicycle to neighborhood schools, parks, libraries, and other destinations; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood's Safe Streets for Lakewood Active Transportation Plan, adopted April 15, 2024 ("Active Transportation Plan"), identifies the safety and comfort of pedestrians and bicyclists as central community priorities, including the goal of eliminating fatal and serious-injury crashes involving people walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Plan reports that the Lakewood City School District does not provide student busing and that 60% of caregivers surveyed indicated their children walk or bicycle to school at least sometimes during the school year, making safe streets and crossings especially important to Lakewood residents; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Plan's survey of 758 caregivers identified the safety of intersections and crossings as a concern affecting decisions to allow children to walk or bicycle to school for 61% of respondents, while 45% identified the speed of traffic along their child's route as a concern; and

WHEREAS, at a Public Safety Committee Meeting in January 2023, the Administration presented information (from one data set) that indicated that as many as 89% of drivers in the Lincoln School Zone and 59% of drivers in the Emerson School Zone were over the school zone speed limit in the morning (8 am to 9 am) during a December 2022 data collection; and

WHEREAS, at a the same meeting, the Administration presented information (from one data set) that indicated that as many as 83% of drivers in the Lincoln School Zone and 71% of drivers in the Emerson School Zone were over the school zone speed limit in the afternoon (3 pm to 4 pm) during a December 2022 data collection; and

WHEREAS, school zones are locations where children will likely be crossing streets, walking along roadways, and entering or leaving school grounds, and where compliance with posted speed limits is essential to protecting students, crossing guards, school personnel, and other roadway users; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a comprehensive approach to street safety through its Active Transportation Plan, Safety Action Plan, Complete Streets Ordinance, Complete and Active Streets Advisory Board, and traffic-calming initiatives, and the use of traffic law photo-monitoring

devices in school zones would provide an additional tool to encourage compliance with established speed limits and advance these existing safety commitments; and

WHEREAS, the City has authorized a school-zone photo-monitoring program, subject to applicable Ohio law, which is intended to promote safer driving behavior and reduce the risks posed by excessive vehicle speeds in areas where children travel; and

WHEREAS, the City's traffic law photo-monitoring program allows the issuance if civil violations in school zones and such civil violations may produce funds that the City will restrict to uses related to safe routes to school and school safety; now, therefore,

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. Establishment. There is hereby established a Fund which shall be known and referred to as the Safe Routes to School Fund. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to take such action and to make such records as may be necessary to establish the Safe Routes to School Fund and thereafter to show its existence and condition at all times upon the proper records of the City.

Section 2. Money for Safe Routes to School Fund. There shall be paid directly into the Safe Routes for Schools Fund, when and as received, all money received by the City of Lakewood as civil fines for speeding in school zones, from any precursor statute that allowed and collected such fines, and all money appropriated to the Safe Routes to School Fund by Council from whatever source acquired.

Section 3. Authorized Expenditures. The Safe Routes to School Fund shall be used only for the expense of [school public safety related issues, including crossing guards, installation of improvements, infrastructure, and other safety measures to aid in safe routes to school, and other issues related to school safety both within the schools and on routes to schools within the City of Lakewood].

Section 4. Custody of Safe Routes to School Fund. The Director of Finance shall have possession and custody of the Safe Routes to School Fund and the supervision of all accounts with respect thereto. No further bond shall be required of the Director of Finance because of the Safe Routes to School Fund, but the Safe Routes to School Fund shall be under the protection of any bond that may be given hereafter by the Director of Finance.

Section 5. 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 6. 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:_____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

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ORDINANCE NO. 32-2026 BY: BAKER, BIXENSTINE, KEPPLE

AN ORDINANCE to establish photo monitoring devices for vehicular speed enforcement strictly within school zones in the City of Lakewood.

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood has long embraced its identity as a walkable community, where children and families routinely travel on foot or by bicycle to neighborhood schools, parks, libraries, and other destinations; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood's Safe Streets for Lakewood Active Transportation Plan, adopted April 15, 2024 ("Active Transportation Plan"), identifies the safety and comfort of pedestrians and bicyclists as central community priorities, including the goal of eliminating fatal and serious-injury crashes involving people walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Plan reports that the Lakewood City School District does not provide student busing and that 60% of caregivers surveyed indicated their children walk or bicycle to school at least sometimes during the school year, making safe streets and crossings especially important to Lakewood residents; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Plan's survey of 758 caregivers identified the safety of intersections and crossings as a concern affecting decisions to allow children to walk or bicycle to school for 61% of respondents, while 45% identified the speed of traffic along their child's route as a concern; and

WHEREAS, vehicle speed is a significant factor in both the likelihood and severity of pedestrian crashes, with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recognizing that pedestrian injury and fatality risk increases substantially as impact speeds rise above approximately 20 to 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, at a Public Safety Committee Meeting in January 2023, the Administration presented information (from one data set) that indicated that as many as 89% of drivers in the Lincoln School Zone and 59% of drivers in the Emerson School Zone were over the school zone speed limit in the morning (8 am to 9 am) during a December 2022 data collection; and

WHEREAS, at that same meeting, the Administration presented information (from one data set) that indicated that as many as 83% of drivers in the Lincoln School Zone and 71% of drivers in the Emerson School Zone were over the school zone speed limit in the afternoon (3 pm to 4 pm) during a December 2022 data collection; and

WHEREAS, school zones are locations where children will likely be crossing streets, walking along roadways, and entering or leaving school grounds, and where compliance with posted speed limits is essential to protecting students, crossing guards, school personnel, and other roadway users; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a comprehensive approach to street safety through its Active Transportation Plan, Safety Action Plan, Complete Streets Ordinance, Complete and Active Streets Advisory Board, and traffic-calming initiatives, and the use of traffic law photo-monitoring

devices in school zones would provide an additional tool to encourage compliance with established speed limits and advance these existing safety commitments; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a school-zone photo-monitoring program, subject to applicable Ohio law and appropriate procedures for review and contesting alleged violations, is intended to promote safer driving behavior and reduce the risks posed by excessive vehicle speeds in areas where children travel; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO

Section 1. That new Section XXX.XX, Traffic Law Photo-Monitoring Devices, of the Lakewood Codified Ordinances is hereby enacted to read as follows:

XXX.XX TRAFFIC LAW PHOTO-MONITORING DEVICES.

(a) **Definitions**. As used in this section, the meanings of applicable terms are as defined in R.C. 4511.092. In addition, the term "System" may be used interchangeably with the term "Traffic Law Photo-Monitoring Device."

a. The definition of "School Zone" shall have the same as outlined in Lakewood Codified Ordinances Section 333.03.

(b) **Civil Enforcement System Established**.

(1) General. The City hereby adopts the use of Traffic Law Photo-Monitoring devices to detect and enforce violations of applicable speed limits in school zones. The City shall operate this System in compliance with all pertinent requirements and limitations set forth in the portions of R.C. Chapter 4511 that are constitutional and applicable Ohio Law.

A violation of this section shall be deemed a civil violation for which a fine is assessed. No points shall be assessed against the operating record of any person on whom liability is imposed under this section.

(2) Prerequisites to System Deployment. The Director of Public Safety shall ensure the lawful requirements of R.C. 4511.094, R.C. 4511.095, and any other lawful state or federal law are met prior to deploying any traffic law photo-monitoring device.

(3) System Locations. Traffic law photo-monitoring devices may be deployed in any area used as a school zone in the City.

(4) Program Oversight. The Director of Public Safety shall oversee the program authorized by this section. The Public Works Director shall oversee the installation and maintenance of all traffic law photo-monitoring devices by a vendor.

(5) Rules and Regulations. The Director of Public Safety shall issue rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section, which shall be effective 30 days after being communicated to Council through a docket communication. The rules and regulations must also be published on the City website and kept on file

with the Director of Public Safety. If the City deploys any traffic law photo-monitoring devices in a School Zone in the City, the Director of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to Council through a docket communication that outlines the program, traffic law photo-monitoring device locations, revenues and expenses of the program and other related and relevant information.

(c) **Offense**.

(1) Speeding Violation; Civil Fine. The registered owner of a vehicle that is recorded by a traffic law photo-monitoring device being operated in a school zone at a speed greater than five miles per hour over the speed limit set forth in Section 333.03(b) of these Codified Ordinances is liable for the following civil penalties:

A. Six to nine miles per hour over the speed limit: $100.

B. Ten miles per hour or more over the speed limit: $200.

(2) Evidence of Ownership. It is prima facie evidence that the person registered as the owner of the vehicle with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, or with any other State vehicle registration office, was operating the vehicle at the time of the offense set out in division (c)(1) of this section.

(3) Issuing Ticket. Any ticket for a traffic violation set forth in this section shall be issued in compliance with R.C. 4511.096, as follows:

A. A Lakewood police officer shall examine evidence of alleged traffic law violations recorded by the system to determine whether a violation has occurred. If the image(s) recorded by the traffic law photo-monitoring device shows a violation, contains the date and time of the violation, and shows the letter and numerals on the license plate of the vehicle involved as well as the state that issued the license plate, the officer may use any lawful means to identify the registered owner.

B. Within 30 days of the traffic law violation, the City or its designee will file the ticket with the Lakewood Municipal Court in compliance with the Court's rules and regulations relating to such tickets. The Court may then issue and send by regular mail or other methods consistent with the Court's rules, a ticket charging the registered owner with the violation.

C. A certified copy of the ticket alleging a traffic law violation, sworn to or affirmed by a Lakewood police officer, including by electronic means, and the recorded images produced by the traffic law photo-monitoring device, is prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein and is admissible in a proceeding for review of the ticket issued under this section.

(4) Content of Ticket. Any ticket issued pursuant to this section shall contain the following information, in accordance with R.C. 4511.097:

A. The name and address of the registered owner;

B. The letters and numerals appearing on the license plate on the motor vehicle;

C. The traffic law violation charged;

D. The system location;

E. The date and time of the violation;

F. A copy of the recorded images;

G. The amount of the civil penalty imposed, the date by which the civil penalty is required to be paid, and the address to which the payment is to be sent;

H. A statement signed by a Lakewood police officer indicating that, based on an inspection of recorded images, the motor vehicle was involved in a traffic law violation, and a statement indicating that the recorded images are prima facie evidence of that traffic law violation both of which may be signed electronically;

I. Information advising the person or entity alleged to be liable of the options prescribed in division (d)(1) of this section, specifically to include the time, place, and manner in which an appeal may be initiated and the procedure for disclaiming liability by submitting an affidavit as prescribed in that subsection;

J. A warning that failure to exercise one of the options prescribed in division (d)(1) of this section is deemed to be an admission of liability and waiver of the opportunity to contest the violation.

(5) Payments; Default Fees. The amount of the penalty shall be paid within 30 days from the receipt of the ticket. If the amount of the penalty is not paid within this time, twenty dollars ($20.00) shall be imposed as a default fee. Failure to pay the penalty and the twenty-dollar ($20.00) default fee within 60 days from the date of mailing of the ticket will result in the imposition of an additional twenty-dollar ($20.00) default fee, bringing the default fee to forty dollars ($40.00). Failure to pay the penalty and the forty-dollar ($40.00) default fee within 90 days from the date of mailing of the ticket will result in the unpaid penalty and default fee being forwarded for collection.

(6) Default and Collection. Failure to timely elect and perform one of the options contained in division (d)(1) of this section shall constitute an admission of the violation and a waiver of the opportunity to contest the violation. Further, if the registered owner or operator fails to pay the penalty within the period set forth in division (c)(5) of this section, the penalty, along with the additional late fee(s), may be collected by civil suit or other appropriate means of collection.

(7) Other Offenses and Penalties Not Abrogated. Nothing in this section shall be construed as altering or limiting Sections 333.03 or 313.03 of these Codified Ordinances, the criminal penalties imposed by those sections, or the ability of a police officer to enforce those sections against any offender observed by the officer violating either of those sections. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the liability of an operator of a vehicle for any violation of division (c)(1) of this section.

(d) Contesting Ticket.

(1) Options Upon Receipt of Ticket. Consistent with R.C. 4511.098, a recipient of a ticket shall elect to do one of the following:

A. In accordance with instructions on the ticket, within 30 days after receipt of the ticket, pay the civil penalty, thereby failing to contest liability and waiving the opportunity to contest the violation;

B. Within 30 days after receipt of the ticket, provide the Court with either of the following affidavits:

1. An affidavit executed by the registered owner stating that another person was operating the vehicle of the registered owner at the time of the violation, identifying that person as a designated party who may be held liable for the violation, and containing at a minimum the name and address of the designated party;

2. An affidavit executed by the registered owner stating that at the time of the violation, the motor vehicle or the license plates issued to the motor vehicle were stolen and therefore were in the care, custody, or control of some person or entity to whom the registered owner did not grant permission to use the motor vehicle. In order to demonstrate that the motor vehicle or the license plates were stolen prior to the traffic law violation and therefore were not under the control or possession of the registered owner at the time of the violation, the registered owner shall submit proof that a report about the stolen motor vehicle or license plates was filed with the appropriate law enforcement agency prior to the violation or within 48 hours after the violation occurred.

C. If the recipient is the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the traffic law violation and is a motor vehicle leasing dealer or a motor vehicle renting dealer, the recipient shall within 30 days after receipt of ticket notify the Court of the name and address of the lessee or renter of the motor vehicle at the time of the traffic law violation. A motor vehicle leasing dealer or motor vehicle renting dealer who receives a ticket for an alleged traffic law violation detected by a traffic law photo-monitoring device is not liable for a ticket issued for a motor vehicle that was in the care, custody, or control of a lessee or renter at the time of the alleged violation. The dealer shall not pay such a ticket and subsequently attempt to collect a fee or assess the lessee or renter a charge for any payment of such a ticket made on behalf of the lessee or renter;

D. If the recipient is the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the traffic law violation and the motor vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, and the ticket is issued to a corporate entity, the recipient shall within 30 days after receipt of ticket, provide to the Court an affidavit, sworn to or affirmed by an agent of the corporate entity, that provides the name and address of the employee who was operating the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation and who is the designated party;

E. Contest the ticket by filing a written request with the Court for a hearing. The person or entity shall file the written request not later than 30 days after receipt of the ticket. The failure to request a hearing within this time period constitutes a waiver of the right to contest the violation and ticket, and is deemed to constitute an admission of liability and waiver of the opportunity to contest the violation.

(2) A registered owner is not responsible for a traffic law violation if, within 30 days after the date of receipt of the ticket, the registered owner furnishes an affidavit specified in division (d)(1)B or (d)(1)D of this section to the Court in a form established by the Court and the following conditions are met:

A. If the registered owner submits an affidavit as specified in division (d)(1)B.1 or (d)(1)D. of this section, the designated party either accepts liability for the violation by paying the civil penalty or fails to request a hearing within 30 days or is determined liable at hearing;

B. If the registered owner submits an affidavit as specified in division (d)(1)B.2 of this section, the affidavit is supported by a stolen vehicle or stolen license plate report as required in that division.

(3) If the Court timely receives an affidavit described in division (d)(l)B.1 or (d)(1)D. of this section or a notification under division (d)(1)C. of this section from a registered owner, it may proceed to notify the City to send a ticket that conforms with division (c)(4) of this section to the designated party. The City shall send the ticket to the designated party by ordinary mail not later than 21 days after receipt of the affidavit or notification.

(4) Initial Appearance; Hearing; Procedures.

A. Initial appearance. When a person or entity named in a ticket elects to contest the ticket and completes the requirements prescribed in division (d)(1)E. of this section in a timely manner the case shall be set for an initial appearance, and the following will apply:

1. The Lakewood Municipal Court shall conduct an initial appearance not later than 180 days after the filing of a written request for the hearing. The Court may extend the time period in which an initial appearance must be conducted upon a request for additional time for good cause shown.

2. At the initial appearance, the person or entity named in the ticket can discuss any questions or concerns relating to the ticket, including possible resolution.

B. Evidentiary hearing. If the case is not resolved at the initial appearance, it will be set for an evidentiary hearing. The court shall conduct an evidentiary hearing within 90 days of the initial appearance. The following will apply:

1. The Court shall ensure that the evidentiary hearing is open to the public. The Court shall post a docket in a conspicuous place near the entrance to the hearing room. The Court shall identify on the docket, by respondent, the hearings scheduled

for that day and the time of each hearing. The Court may schedule multiple hearings for the same time to allow for occurrences such as non-appearances or admissions of liability.

2. The person who requested the evidentiary hearing or a representative of the entity that requested the hearing shall appear for the hearing and may present evidence at the hearing. The City may present evidence at the hearing.

3. At the evidentiary hearing, the Court shall determine whether a preponderance of the evidence establishes that the violation alleged in the ticket did in fact occur and that the person or entity requesting the review is the person who was operating the vehicle at the time of the violation.

4. If the Court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the alleged traffic law violation did in fact occur and that the person or entity named in the ticket is the person who was operating the vehicle at the time of the violation, the Court shall issue a written decision imposing liability for the violation upon the individual or entity.

5. If the Court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the alleged traffic law violation did not occur or did in fact occur but the person or entity named in the ticket is not the person who was operating the vehicle at the time of the violation, the Court shall issue a written decision finding that the individual or entity is not liable for the violation.

C. If the person who requested the hearing or a representative of the entity that requested the hearing fails to appear at the hearing, the Court shall determine that the person or entity is liable for the violation. In such a case, the Court shall issue a written decision imposing liability for the violation upon the individual or entity.

D. 1. If the Court finds that the person or entity named in the ticket was not the person who was operating the vehicle at the time of the violation or receives evidence identifying the designated party, the Court may provide to the City or its designee, within five days of the hearing, a copy of any evidence substantiating the identity of the designated party.

2. Upon receipt of evidence of the identity of the designated party, the City or its designee may issue a ticket to the designated party. The City shall send the ticket by ordinary mail not later than 21 days after receipt of the evidence from the Court or the registered owner of the identity of the designated party.

E. If a designated party who is issued a ticket under this section contests the ticket by filing a written request for a hearing not later than 30 days after receipt of the ticket, the Court shall require the registered owner of the motor vehicle also to attend the hearing. If at the hearing involving the designated party the Court cannot determine the identity of the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation, the registered owner is liable for the violation. The Court then shall issue a written decision imposing liability for the violation on the registered owner. If the

designated party also is a registered owner of the vehicle, liability for the violation shall follow the order of registered owners as listed on the title to the vehicle.

F. A person who is named in a ticket for a traffic violation under this section may assert a testimonial privilege in accordance with R.C. 2317.02(D).

G. No decision rendered under this section, and no admission of liability under this section or R.C. 4511.098, is admissible as evidence in any other judicial proceeding in this state.

Section 2. 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.

Adopted: _____ _____

Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____ _____

Meghan F. George, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-42 BY: KEPPLE

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 and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appointing _____to the Public Art Advisory Board for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2029.

WHEREAS, the end of a term will cause a vacancy on the Public Art Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2027, in a seat occupied by a Council appointee, thus requiring an appointment to the board; 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, 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 these positions should be filled immediately so as to ensure the board is at full capacity to perform its work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. Council appoints _____ to the Public Art Advisory Board for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2029.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were passed in open meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with legal requirements.

Section 3. 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 ordinance, 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 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

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____ _____
Meghan F. George, Mayor

RESOLUTION 2026- 52 BY: STREBIG, KEPPLE, STEINER

A RESOLUTION to join with people and organizations around the country to recognize Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance and to reaffirm that the City of Lakewood is a community that welcomes transgender individuals.

WHEREAS, Transgender Awareness Week takes place each year from November 13th – November 19th and is an opportunity for activism and advocacy around issues facing the transgender community; and,

WHEREAS, Transgender Awareness Week culminates in Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20th; a day to pause and reflect on the lives lost due to the fatal consequences of hate, transphobia, and homophobia; and,

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance began in 1999 following the murders of Black trans women Rita Hester (1998) and Chanelle Pickett (1995), whose deaths highlighted the need to create space for grief while also confronting the ongoing violence against the transgender community. Since that time, Transgender Day of Remembrance has grown into a proud, nationwide movement; and,

WHEREAS, according to a recent report from the Human Rights Campaign, there have been 372 transgender and gender nonconforming victims of fatal violence since 2013, with the understanding that there are untold more that have been misreported; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing that the toll of relentless pressures and systemic harms faced by the transgender community often lays the foundation for mental health crises that leads to a disproportionately high incidence of self-harm and suicide among this population; and,

WHEREAS, during Transgender Awareness Week and on Transgender Day of Remembrance we not only remember the deaths of those we have lost to violence and suicide, but come together to celebrate their brave and colorful lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council and Administration does hereby proclaim November 13th through November 19, 2026 as Transgender Awareness Week in the City of Lakewood.

Section 2. That this Council and Administration does hereby proclaim November 20th, 2026 as Transgender Day of Remembrance in the City of Lakewood and urges the people of Lakewood to come together to honor lives lost in the transgender community due to transphobia.

Section 3. That this Council and Administration stands with the transgender community against violence and resolves to further policies and initiatives that ensure that the City of Lakewood remains an inclusive, safe, and welcoming place for all individuals, including the

transgender and LGBTQIA+ community.

Section 4. 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Adopted:_____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____

_____
Meghan F. George, Mayor

City of Lakewood
City Council

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Kyle Baker, Ward 1, Vice President
Bryan Evans, Ward 2
Cindy Strebig, Ward 3
Matthew Bixenstine, Ward 4

November 16, 2026

Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, Ohio

Re: Second Extension of Smoke Shop Moratorium

Dear President Kepple and Members of City Council,

As you may recall, on June 2, 2025 City Council adopted legislation (Reso. 2025-25) to enact a moratorium on the permitting of new smoke shops in the City of Lakewood. Prior to the expiration of that moratorium on December 30, 2025, Council enacted subsequent legislation, Reso. 2025-72, to extend this moratorium until the earlier of (1) December 31, 2026, (2) the zoning refresh is in place to address vape shops, or (3) Council otherwise rescinds the moratorium.

Because the December 31st expiration is fast approaching, we respectfully submit the following resolution to extend the Smoke Shop moratorium one final time. Appropriate regulations to address the unique features of smoke shops will be introduced in early 2027 as part of the comprehensive zoning refresh project. Once a new Zoning Code is adopted, there will be no need for further moratoria.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kyle Baker
Vice President of Council
Member, Ward 1

Meghan F. George
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-53 BY:

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 and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, extending a moratorium on the issuance or processing of permits for Smoke Shops in the City of Lakewood.

WHEREAS, this Council and Administration wish to extend a moratorium while they undertake a review of information on the effect of vaping and e-cigarettes and a review and/or study of the Ordinances of the City of Lakewood, including zoning and business regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of Council and the Administration that the current provisions of the Zoning Code may not sufficiently address the actual and potential impact of vape and/or smoke establishments or shops in terms of, but not limited to, access, building quality and aesthetics, lights and noise control, available and appropriate location saturation and environment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Revised Code, municipalities have the power to enact planning and zoning laws that are for the health, safety, and welfare, comfort and peace of the citizens of the municipality, including restricting areas used for businesses and trade; 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, 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 no new Smoke Shops should be permitted to open and operate while Lakewood conducts a review of reasonable regulations to protect the health, safety, welfare; peace, and comfort of the citizens of the City of Lakewood; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. A moratorium is hereby extended on issuance or processing of permits for Smoke Shops in Lakewood for the purpose of allowing the Administration and Council an opportunity to review zoning regulations as they relate to Smoke Shops.

Section 2. For purposes of this resolution, “Smoke Shop” is defined as any retail establishment at which twenty percent (20%) or more of floor, shelf, and/or display area(s), individually or in the aggregate, is used for the sale of Smoke Shop Products. No state-licensed medical or adult-use marijuana operator, cultivator, processor, dispensary, laboratory, or entity shall constitute a Smoke Shop for the purposes of this section.

Section 3. For purposes of this resolution, “Smoke Shop Product(s)” mean:

A. Any product containing, made of, derived from, or containing any form of CBD, Kratom, and/or Hemp-derived or synthetic cannabinoid, including but not limited to Delta-8 THC, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, dissolved, inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means;

B. Any product containing, made of, or derived from tobacco or containing any form of nicotine that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, dissolved, inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus;

C. Any Electronic Smoking Device as defined in this section and any substances intended to be aerosolized or vaporized during the use of the device, including those devices intended to be used in the consumption of any form of tobacco, nicotine, CBD, Kratom, and/or Hemp-derived or synthetic cannabinoids; or

D. Any component, part, or accessory of (A), (B), or (C) above, including, but not limited to, filters, rolling papers, blunt or hemp wraps, or pipes.

Smoke Shop Product does not include any product that is a drug, device, or combination product authorized for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

Section 4. The moratorium shall be in effect for a period beginning from the effective date of this Resolution through the earlier of (1) December 31, 2027; (2) until changes are enacted to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to address Smoke Shops; or (3) until Council approves legislation explicitly revoking this moratorium.

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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 6. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, 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 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:_____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

Renee Mahoney
Director of Finance

12650 DETROIT AVENUE . 44107 . 216/529-6092 . FAX 216/529-6806

November 16, 2026

Lakewood City Council
Lakewood, OH 44107

Re: 2026 Year-End and 2027 Budget Ordinances

Dear Members of Council:

The following six (6) ordinances reflect appropriations, purchasing and contracting authority necessary to finalize the 2026 budget and to implement the 2027 budget. They support the contents of the 2027 Estimate of Expense / Comprehensive Budget Document, and include the:

- 2026 Year-End Permanent Appropriation Ordinance
- 2026 4th Quarter Transfers & Advances
- 2027 Permanent Appropriation Ordinance
- 2027 Purchasing & Contracting Authority Ordinance
- 2027 Capital Contracting
- 2027 Planning & Development Program Contracting Authority

Please refer to the attached legislation to the Committee of the Whole for further review for passage before December 31, 2026.

Respectfully,

Renee Mahoney, CPA
Director of Finance

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2026 BY:

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, to establish appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lakewood, State of Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

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 that the City must record all financial transactions within the appropriate fiscal period. Now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO

Section 1. That to provide for the personal services and other appropriations of the City of Lakewood for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, the sums summarized on the attached Exhibit A, incorporated herein by reference, are hereby appropriated and authorized for encumbrance and/or expenditure as provided herein.

Section 2. That further all existing encumbrances in all funds of the City of Lakewood shall be carried forward.

Section 3. That all expenditures hereinbefore authorized and to the amount authorized shall be made in accordance with the line items of Exhibit B as adopted by the Council of the City of Lakewood and made a part hereof, and that any disbursements within any line item set forth in Exhibit B may be paid out of the appropriation.

Section 4. That any amount encumbered in a year prior to fiscal year 2026 in any and all funds of the City of Lakewood are hereby appropriated for the purpose of expenditure in 2026 or thereafter.

Section 5. That the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to draw checks upon the City depository for the amounts appropriated in this ordinance whenever claims are presented, properly approved by the head of the department for which the indebtedness is incurred.

Section 6. The Third Amended Charter published in the Codified Ordinances is the official charter of the City of Lakewood.

Section 7. 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 8. 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:_____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

City of Lakewood
2026 Permanent Appropriations
Exhibit A

Fund	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan 2026-Nov 2026
General Fund	**$ 64,059,630**	**$ 65,339,630**	**$ 1,280,000**
Special Revenue Funds			
State Highway Improvement Fund	230,000	230,000	-
Street Const., Maint., & Repair Fund	3,455,841	3,455,841	-
Litter Control Grant Fund	5,000	5,000	-
Community Festival Fund	4,618	4,618	-
Police Pension Fund	2,531,771	2,531,771	-
Firemen's Pension Fund	2,909,055	2,909,055	-
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	100,450	100,450	-
Drug Enforcement Trust Fund	8,000	8,000	-
Federal Forfeiture Fund	50,000	50,000	-
D.A.R.E. Fund	10,000	10,000	-
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund	60,000	60,000	-
Enforcement & Education Fund	25,500	25,500	-
Political Subdivision Fund	10,000	10,000	-
Computer Maintenance Fund	50,000	50,000	-
Court Special Projects Fund	100,000	100,000	-
Court Probation Services Fund	43,000	43,000	-
Indigent Drivers Interlock & Alcohol Monitoring Fund	61,000	61,000	-
Community Development Block Grant Fund	3,282,335	3,282,335	-
Emergency Shelter Grant Fund	241,812	241,812	-
HOME Investment Partnerships Program Fund	2,024,863	2,024,863	-
Neighborhood Stabilization Fund	-	-	-
Office on Aging IIIB Fund	1,444,936	1,444,936	-
Lakewood Hospital S.R. Fund	6,678,000	6,678,000	-
Help To Others Fund	60,544	60,544	-
Juvenile Diversion Program Fund	41,396	41,396	-
FEMA Fund	-	-	-
Family to Family Fund	910,020	910,020	-
Opioid Settlement Fund	50,000	50,000	-
Host Community Cannabis Fund	-	-	
Total Special Revenue Funds	**$ 24,388,139**	**$ 24,388,139**	**-**
Bond Retirement Fund	21,381,000	21,381,000	-
TIF Bond Retirement Fund	525,000	525,000	-
Total Debt Service Funds	**$ 21,906,000**	**$ 21,906,000**	**$ -**
Capital Improvement Fund	20,790,000	20,790,000	-
Land Acquisition Fund	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
City Park Improvement Fund	-	-	-
TIF Capital Improvement Fund	-	-	-
Total Capital Projects Funds	**$ 22,290,000**	**$ 22,290,000**	**$ -**
Water Operating Fund	38,741,362	38,741,362	-
Wastewater Collection Fund	20,057,570	20,057,570	-
Wastewater Treatment Fund	62,561,053	62,561,053	-
Wastewater Improvement Fund	3,348,000	3,348,000	-
Parking Facilities Fund	777,640	777,640	-
Winterhurst Ice Rink Fund	5,144,650	5,144,650	-
Total Enterprise Funds	**$ 130,630,275**	**$ 130,630,275**	**$ -**
Hospitalization Fund	10,252,000	10,252,000	-
Workers Compensation Fund	596,400	596,400	-
Total Internal Service Funds	**$ 10,848,400**	**$ 10,848,400**	**$ -**
TOTALS	**$ 274,122,444**	**$ 275,402,444**	**$ 1,280,000**

City of Lakewood
2026 Permanent Appropriations
Exhibit B

	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
General Fund			
General Government			
Council			
Personnel	305,241	305,241	-
Other	63,170	63,170	-
Division Total	368,411	368,411	-
Municipal Court			
Personnel	2,100,841	2,100,841	-
Other	221,900	221,900	-
Division Total	2,322,741	2,322,741	-
Civil Service			
Personnel	115,703	115,703	-
Other	76,200	76,200	-
Division Total	191,903	191,903	-
Mayor's Office			
Personnel	398,444	398,444	-
Other	29,315	29,315	-
Division Total	427,759	427,759	-
Human Resources			
Personnel	279,928	279,928	-
Other	60,848	60,848	-
Division Total	340,776	340,776	-
Community Relations			
Personnel	240,884	240,884	-
Other	66,505	66,505	-
Division Total	307,389	307,389	-
Finance Department			
Personnel	730,674	730,674	-
Other	131,550	131,550	-
Division Total	862,224	862,224	-
Income Tax			
Personnel	743,368	743,368	-
Other	1,347,250	1,347,250	-
Division Total	2,090,618	2,090,618	-
Information Technology			
Personnel	615,119	615,119	-
Other	2,186,598	2,186,598	-
Division Total	2,801,717	2,801,717	-

City of Lakewood
2026 Permanent Appropriations
Exhibit B

	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
General Administration			
Personnel	266,000	266,000	-
Other	3,215,300	4,495,300	1,280,000
Division Total	3,481,300	4,761,300	1,280,000
Law Department			
Personnel	810,845	810,845	-
Other	124,675	124,675	-
Division Total	935,520	935,520	-
Planning & Development			
Personnel	725,192	725,192	-
Other	57,850	57,850	-
Division Total	783,042	783,042	-
Vital Statistics			
Personnel	183,597	183,597	-
Other	470,763	470,763	-
Division Total	654,360	654,360	-
Public Safety			
Police & Law Enforcement			
Personnel	14,320,299	14,320,299	-
Other	828,123	828,123	-
Division Total	15,148,422	15,148,422	-
Police & Fire Communications (Dispatch)			
Personnel	1,328,699	1,328,699	-
Other	16,500	16,500	-
Division Total	1,345,199	1,345,199	-
Support of Prisoners			
Personnel	262,980	262,980	-
Other	162,400	162,400	-
Division Total	425,380	425,380	-
Animal Control			
Personnel	288,484	288,484	-
Other	43,900	43,900	-
Division Total	332,384	332,384	-
School Guards			
Personnel	271,362	271,362	-
Other	1,000	1,000	-
Division Total	272,362	272,362	-

City of Lakewood
2026 Permanent Appropriations
Exhibit B

	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
Firefighting, Prevention & Inspection			
Personnel	13,351,909	13,351,909	-
Other	1,110,900	1,110,900	-
Division Total	14,462,809	14,462,809	-
Building & Housing			
Personnel	1,606,158	1,606,158	-
Other	365,450	365,450	-
Division Total	1,971,608	1,971,608	-
Public Works			
Public Works Administration			
Personnel	134,187	134,187	-
Other	7,950	7,950	-
Division Total	142,137	142,137	-
Street Lighting			
Other	650,000	650,000	-
Division Total	650,000	650,000	-
Parks & Public Property			
Personnel	2,264,318	2,264,318	-
Other	1,290,000	1,290,000	-
Division Total	3,554,318	3,554,318	-
Security			
Personnel	197,819	197,819	-
Other	-	-	-
Division Total	197,819	197,819	-
Band Concerts			
Personnel	-	-	-
Other	20,000	20,000	-
Division Total	20,000	20,000	-
Museums			
Other	37,800	37,800	-
Division Total	37,800	37,800	-
July 4th Festival			
Personnel	38,099	38,099	-
Other	99,500	99,500	-
Division Total	137,599	137,599	-
Tennis Courts			
Other	1,000	1,000	-
Division Total	1,000	1,000	-

City of Lakewood
2026 Permanent Appropriations
Exhibit B

	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
Forestry			
Personnel	463,313	463,313	-
Other	407,176	407,176	-
Division Total	870,489	870,489	-
Refuse & Recycling			
Personnel	2,947,696	2,947,696	-
Other	2,220,875	2,220,875	-
Division Total	5,168,571	5,168,571	-
Fleet Management			
Personnel	1,227,494	1,227,494	-
Other	1,169,900	1,169,900	-
Division Total	2,397,394	2,397,394	-
Engineering			
Personnel	212,970	212,970	-
Other	55,475	55,475	-
Division Total	268,445	268,445	-
Human Services			
Human Services Administration			
Personnel	365,031	365,031	-
Other	77,505	77,505	-
Division Total	442,536	442,536	-
Early Childhood			
Personnel	111,348	111,348	-
Other	5,400	5,400	-
Division Total	116,748	116,748	-
Youth Services			
Personnel	527,050	527,050	-
Other	1,800	1,800	-
Division Total	528,850	528,850	-
Total General Fund			
Personnel	**47,435,052**	**47,435,052**	**-**
Other	**16,624,578**	**17,904,578**	**1,280,000**
Totals	**64,059,630**	**65,339,630**	**1,280,000**

	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
Special Revenue Funds			
State Highway Improvement Fund			
Other	230,000	230,000	-
Division Total	230,000	230,000	-
Fund Total	**230,000**	**230,000**	**-**
Street Const., Maint. Repair Fund			
Personnel	2,170,016	2,170,016	-
Other	1,285,825	1,285,825	-
Division Total	3,455,841	3,455,841	-
Fund Total	**3,455,841**	**3,455,841**	**-**
Litter Control Grant Fund			
Personnel			
Other	5,000	5,000	-
Division Total	5,000	5,000	-
Fund Total	**5,000**	**5,000**	-
Community Festival Fund			
Personnel	4,618	4,618	-
Other			-
Division Total	4,618	4,618	-
Fund Total	**4,618**	**4,618**	-
Police Pension Fund			
Personnel	2,531,771	2,531,771	-
Other	-	-	-
Division Total	2,531,771	2,531,771	-
Fund Total	**2,531,771**	**2,531,771**	-
Firemen Pension Fund			
Personnel	2,909,055	2,909,055	-
Other	-	-	-
Division Total	2,909,055	2,909,055	-
Fund Total	**2,909,055**	**2,909,055**	-
Law Enforcement Trust Fund			
Personnel	-	-	-
Other	100,450	100,450	-
Division Total	100,450	100,450	-
Fund Total	**100,450**	**100,450**	**-**
Drug Enforcement Trust Fund			
Personnel			-
Other	8,000	8,000	-
Division Total	8,000	8,000	-
Fund Total	**8,000**	**8,000**	**-**

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	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
Federal Forfeiture Fund			
Personnel			
Other	50,000	50,000	-
Division Total	50,000	50,000	-
Fund Total	**50,000**	**50,000**	-
D.A.R.E. Fund			
Other	10,000	10,000	-
Division Total	10,000	10,000	-
Fund Total	**10,000**	**10,000**	-
Indigent Drivers' Alcohol Treatment Fund			
Personnel			
Other	60,000	60,000	-
Division Total	60,000	60,000	-
Fund Total	**60,000**	**60,000**	-
Enforcement & Education Fund			
Personnel			
Other	25,500	25,500	-
Division Total	25,500	25,500	-
Fund Total	**25,500**	**25,500**	-
Political Subdivision Fund			
Personnel			
Other	10,000	10,000	-
Division Total	10,000	10,000	-
Fund Total	**10,000**	**10,000**	-
Computer Maintenance Fund			
Personnel			
Other	50,000	50,000	-
Division Total	50,000	50,000	-
Fund Total	**50,000**	**50,000**	-
Court Special Projects Fund			
Personnel	-	-	-
Other	100,000	100,000	-
Division Total	100,000	100,000	-
Fund Total	**100,000**	**100,000**	**-**
Court Probation Services Fund			
Personnel	-	-	-
Other	43,000	43,000	-
Division Total	43,000	43,000	-
Fund Total	**43,000**	**43,000**	-

	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
Indigent Drivers Interlock and Alcohol Monitoring Fund			
Personnel			
Other	61,000	61,000	-
Division Total	61,000	61,000	-
Fund Total	**61,000**	**61,000**	-
Community Development Block Grant			
Personnel	594,557	594,557	-
Other	2,687,778	2,687,778	-
Division Total	3,282,335	3,282,335	-
Fund Total	**3,282,335**	**3,282,335**	**-**
Emergency Shelter Grant Fund			
Personnel	6,812	6,812	-
Other	235,000	235,000	-
Division Total	241,812	241,812	-
Fund Total	**241,812**	**241,812**	**-**
HOME Investment Partnerships Program Fund			
Personnel	-	-	-
Other	2,024,863	2,024,863	-
Division Total	2,024,863	2,024,863	-
Fund Total	**2,024,863**	**2,024,863**	**-**
Neighborhood Stabilization Fund			
Personnel	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Division Total	-	-	-
Fund Total	-	-	-
Office on Aging Fund			
Personnel	1,086,486	1,086,486	-
Other	358,450	358,450	-
Division Total	1,444,936	1,444,936	-
Fund Total	**1,444,936**	**1,444,936**	**-**
Lakewood Hospital Special Revenue Fund			
EMS			
Personnel	-	-	-
Other	28,000	28,000	-
Division Total	**28,000**	**28,000**	-
Lakewood Hospital Transition			
Other	6,650,000	6,650,000	-
Division Total	6,650,000	6,650,000	-
Fund Total	**6,678,000**	**6,678,000**	**-**

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	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
Help To Others Fund			
Personnel	49,644	49,644	-
Other	10,900	10,900	-
Division Total	60,544	60,544	-
Fund Total	**60,544**	**60,544**	**-**
Juvenile Diversion Program Fund			
Personnel	19,396	19,396	-
Other	22,000	22,000	-
Division Total	41,396	41,396	-
Fund Total	**41,396**	**41,396**	**-**
FEMA Fund			
Personnel			-
Other	-	-	-
Division Total	-	-	-
Fund Total	-	-	-
Family to Family Fund			
Personnel	538,870	538,870	-
Other	371,150	371,150	-
Division Total	910,020	910,020	-
Fund Total	**910,020**	**910,020**	**-**
Opioid Settlement Fund			
Other	50,000	50,000	-
Division Total	50,000	50,000	-
Fund Total	**50,000**	**50,000**	**-**
Host Community Cannabis Fund			
Personnel	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Division Total	-	-	-
Fund Total	**-**	**-**	**-**
Total Special Revenue Funds			
Personnel	9,911,223	9,911,223	-
Other	14,476,916	14,476,916	-
Totals	**24,388,139**	**24,388,139**	**-**

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	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
Debt Service Funds			
Bond Retirement Fund			
Personnel			
Other	21,381,000	21,381,000	-
Division Total	21,381,000	21,381,000	-
Fund Total	**21,381,000**	**21,381,000**	**-**
TIF Bond Retirement Fund			
Personnel			
Other	525,000	525,000	-
Division Total	525,000	525,000	-
Fund Total	**525,000**	**525,000**	**-**
Total Debt Service Funds			
Personnel			
Other	21,906,000	21,906,000	-
Totals	**21,906,000**	**21,906,000**	**-**
Capital Projects Funds			
Capital Improvement Fund			
Personnel			
Other	20,790,000	20,790,000	-
Division Total	20,790,000	20,790,000	-
Fund Total	**20,790,000**	**20,790,000**	**-**
Land Acquisition Fund			
Personnel			
Other	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Division Total	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Fund Total	**1,500,000**	**1,500,000**	-
City Park Improvement Fund			
Personnel			
Other	-	-	-
Division Total	-	-	-
Fund Total	-	-	-
Total Capital Improvement Funds			
Personnel	-	-	
Other	22,290,000	22,290,000	-
Totals	**22,290,000**	**22,290,000**	**-**

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	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
Enterprise Funds			
Water Operating Fund			
Water Administration			
Personnel	302,837	302,837	-
Other	12,935,889	12,935,889	-
Division Total	13,238,726	13,238,726	-
Water Distribution			
Personnel	997,466	997,466	-
Other	23,357,100	23,357,100	-
Division Total	24,354,566	24,354,566	-
Water Metering			
Personnel	560,470	560,470	-
Other	587,600	587,600	-
Division Total	1,148,070	1,148,070	-
Fund Total	**38,741,362**	**38,741,362**	**-**
Wastewater Collection Fund			
Personnel	1,839,249	1,839,249	-
Other	18,218,321	18,218,321	-
Division Total	20,057,570	20,057,570	-
Fund Total	**20,057,570**	**20,057,570**	**-**
Wastewater Treatment Fund			
Personnel	2,639,687	2,639,687	-
Other	59,921,366	59,921,366	-
Division Total	62,561,053	62,561,053	-
Fund Total	**62,561,053**	**62,561,053**	**-**
Wastewater Improvement Fund			
Personnel			
Other	3,348,000	3,348,000	-
Division Total	3,348,000	3,348,000	-
Fund Total	**3,348,000**	**3,348,000**	**-**

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	Jan. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Nov. 2026 2026 Appropriation	Increase / (Reduction) Jan. 2026 - Nov. 2026
Parking Facilities Fund			
Personnel	248,460	248,460	-
Other	529,180	529,180	-
Division Total	777,640	777,640	-
Fund Total	**777,640**	**777,640**	-
Winterhurst Ice Rink Fund			
Personnel	34,650	34,650	-
Other	5,110,000	5,110,000	-
Division Total	5,144,650	5,144,650	-
Fund Total	**5,144,650**	**5,144,650**	-
Total Enterprise Funds			
Personnel	6,622,819	6,622,819	-
Other	124,007,456	124,007,456	-
Totals	**130,630,275**	**130,630,275**	**-**
Internal Services Funds			
Hospitalization Fund			
Personnel	9,468,000	9,468,000	-
Other	784,000	784,000	-
Division Total	10,252,000	10,252,000	-
Fund Total	**10,252,000**	**10,252,000**	**-**
Workers' Compensation Fund			
Personnel	450,000	450,000	-
Other	146,400	146,400	-
Division Total	596,400	596,400	-
Fund Total	**596,400**	**596,400**	**-**
Total Internal Service Funds			
Personnel	9,918,000	9,918,000	-
Other	930,400	930,400	-
Totals	**10,848,400**	**10,848,400**	**-**
FUND TOTALS	**274,122,444**	**275,402,444**	**1,280,000**

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2026 BY:

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, authorizing the transfer and advance of certain funds.

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 to provide for the usual daily operation of the City in that the City must record all financial transactions within the appropriate fiscal period. Now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO

Section 1. That the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers:

			2026	
			4th Quarter	
	Fund		**Transfers Out**	**Transfers In**
101	General Fund		$ 605,000.00	
	Special Revenue Funds			
211	SCMR Fund - 27th pay			$ 77,475.00
250	Office on Aging IIIB and 27th pay			$ 250,600.00
281	Family to Family - 27th pay			$ 15,570.00
501	Water Fund - 27th pay			$ 42,150.00
510	Wastewater Collection - 27th pay			$ 44,700.00
511	WWTP - 27th pay			$ 68,755.00
520	Parking Enforcement - 27th pay			$ 5,750.00
530	Winterhurst			$ 100,000.00
	Debt Service Payments			
512	WWTP Improvements		$ 500,000.00	
301	Debt Service Fund			$ 500,000.00
512	WWTP Improvements		$ 325,000.00	
511	WWTP			$ 325,000.00
	Fund		**Advances Out**	**Advances In**
101	General Fund		$ 1,500,000.00	
Various Funds TBD in an amount not to exceed				$ 1,500,000.00

Section 2. The Third Amended Charter published in the Codified Ordinances is the official charter of the City of Lakewood.

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: _____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2026 BY:

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, to establish appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lakewood, State of Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2027.

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 that the City must record all financial transactions within the appropriate fiscal period. Now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO

Section 1. That to provide for the personal services and other appropriations of the City of Lakewood for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2027, the sums summarized on the attached Exhibit A, incorporated herein by reference, are hereby appropriated and authorized for encumbrance and/or expenditure as provided herein.

Section 2. That further all existing encumbrances in all funds of the City of Lakewood shall be carried forward.

Section 3. That all expenditures hereinbefore authorized and to the amount authorized shall be made in accordance with the line items of Exhibit B as adopted by the Council of the City of Lakewood and made a part hereof, and that any disbursements within any line item set forth in Exhibit B may be paid out of the appropriation.

Section 4. That any amount encumbered in a year prior to fiscal year 2027 in any and all funds of the City of Lakewood are hereby appropriated for the purpose of expenditure in 2027 or thereafter.

Section 5. That the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to draw checks upon the City depository for the amounts appropriated in this ordinance whenever claims are presented, properly approved by the head of the department for which the indebtedness is incurred.

Section 6. The Third Amended Charter published in the Codified Ordinances is the official charter of the City of Lakewood.

Section 7. 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 8. 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.
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Adopted: _____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

City of Lakewood
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Exhibit A

Fund		2027 Appropriation
General Fund	**$**	**66,143,213**
Special Revenue Funds		
State Highway Improvement Fund		321,300
Street Const., Maint., & Repair Fund		4,279,693
Litter Control Grant Fund		6,500
Community Festival Fund		4,618
Police Pension Fund		2,459,259
Firemen's Pension Fund		2,521,934
Law Enforcement Trust Fund		120,450
Drug Enforcement Trust Fund		8,000
Federal Forfeiture Fund		50,000
D.A.R.E. Fund		10,000
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund		60,000
Enforcement & Education Fund		25,500
Political Subdivision Fund		10,000
Computer Maintenance Fund		50,000
Court Special Projects Fund		100,000
Court Probation Services Fund		43,000
Indigent Drivers Interlock & Alcohol Monitoring Fund		61,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund		2,517,075
Emergency Shelter Grant Fund		331,427
HOME Investment Partnerships Program Fund		2,008,692
Office on Aging IIIB Fund		1,358,860
Lakewood Hospital S.R. Fund		2,128,000
Help To Others Fund		237,252
Juvenile Diversion Program Fund		49,396
Family to Family Fund		910,030
Opioid Settlement Fund		45,000
Host Community Cannabis Fund		1,560,450
Total Special Revenue Funds	**$**	**21,277,435**
Bond Retirement Fund		31,684,886
TIF Bond Retirement Fund		525,000
Total Debt Service Funds	**$**	**32,209,886**
Capital Improvement Fund		25,887,000
Land Acquisition Fund		2,000,000
Total Capital Projects Funds	**$**	**27,887,000**
Water Operating Fund		29,801,171
Wastewater Collection Fund		30,226,742
Wastewater Treatment Fund		38,932,561
Wastewater Improvement Fund		3,348,000
Parking Facilities Fund		1,103,238
Winterhurst Ice Rink Fund		3,344,650
Total Enterprise Funds	**$**	**106,756,362**
Hospitalization Fund		10,252,000
Workers Compensation Fund		596,400
Total Internal Service Funds	**$**	**10,848,400**
TOTALS	**$**	**265,122,296**

	2027 Appropriation
General Fund	
General Government	
Council	
Personnel	307,033
Other	62,920
Division Total	369,953
Municipal Court	
Personnel	2,184,982
Other	221,400
Division Total	2,406,382
Civil Service	
Personnel	114,491
Other	41,200
Division Total	155,691
Mayor's Office	
Personnel	398,804
Other	29,015
Division Total	427,819
Human Resources	
Personnel	282,962
Other	62,749
Division Total	345,711
Community Relations	
Personnel	239,642
Other	89,505
Division Total	329,147
Finance Department	
Personnel	722,516
Other	134,350
Division Total	856,866
Income Tax	
Personnel	774,186
Other	1,360,350
Division Total	2,134,536
Information Technology	
Personnel	735,059
Other	2,718,599
Division Total	3,453,658

	2027 Appropriation
General Administration	
Personnel	291,000
Other	4,240,300
Division Total	4,531,300
Law Department	
Personnel	805,641
Other	116,975
Division Total	922,616
Planning & Development	
Personnel	722,789
Other	59,350
Division Total	782,139
Vital Statistics	
Personnel	200,260
Other	545,582
Division Total	745,842
Public Safety	
Police & Law Enforcement	
Personnel	14,362,898
Other	812,959
Division Total	15,175,857
Police & Fire Communications (Dispatch)	
Personnel	1,359,308
Other	16,500
Division Total	1,375,808
Support of Prisoners	
Personnel	417,897
Other	152,200
Division Total	570,097
Animal Control	
Personnel	298,921
Other	49,500
Division Total	348,421
School Guards	
Personnel	271,362
Other	1,000
Division Total	272,362

	2027 Appropriation
Firefighting, Prevention & Inspection	
Personnel	13,253,353
Other	950,325
Division Total	14,203,678
Building & Housing	
Personnel	1,746,017
Other	358,050
Division Total	2,104,067
Public Works	
Public Works Administration	
Personnel	148,982
Other	10,750
Division Total	159,732
Street Lighting	
Other	650,000
Division Total	650,000
Parks & Public Property	
Personnel	2,273,500
Other	1,273,000
Division Total	3,546,500
Security	
Personnel	197,819
Other	-
Division Total	197,819
Band Concerts	
Personnel	-
Other	20,000
Division Total	20,000
Museums	
Other	33,800
Division Total	33,800
July 4th Festival	
Personnel	38,099
Other	96,500
Division Total	134,599
Tennis Courts	
Other	1,000
Division Total	1,000

	2027 Appropriation
Forestry	
Personnel	470,564
Other	420,176
Division Total	890,740
Refuse & Recycling	
Personnel	2,938,424
Other	2,313,725
Division Total	5,252,149
Fleet Management	
Personnel	1,232,598
Other	1,286,125
Division Total	2,518,723
Engineering	
Personnel	215,193
Other	32,175
Division Total	247,368
Human Services	
Human Services Administration	
Personnel	616,678
Other	147,685
Division Total	764,363
Early Childhood	
Personnel	110,519
Other	8,000
Division Total	118,519
Youth Services	
Personnel	94,147
Other	1,800
Division Total	95,947
Total General Fund	
Personnel	**47,825,648**
Other	**18,317,565**
Totals	**66,143,213**

	2027 Appropriation
Special Revenue Funds	
State Highway Improvement Fund	
Other	321,300
Division Total	321,300
Fund Total	**321,300**
Street Const., Maint. Repair Fund	
Personnel	2,074,868
Other	2,204,825
Division Total	4,279,693
Fund Total	**4,279,693**
Litter Control Grant Fund	
Personnel	
Other	6,500
Division Total	6,500
Fund Total	**6,500**
Community Festival Fund	
Personnel	4,618
Other	
Division Total	4,618
Fund Total	**4,618**
Police Pension Fund	
Personnel	2,459,259
Other	-
Division Total	2,459,259
Fund Total	**2,459,259**
Firemen Pension Fund	
Personnel	2,521,934
Other	-
Division Total	2,521,934
Fund Total	**2,521,934**
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	
Personnel	-
Other	120,450
Division Total	120,450
Fund Total	**120,450**
Drug Enforcement Trust Fund	
Personnel	
Other	8,000
Division Total	8,000
Fund Total	**8,000**

	2027 Appropriation
Federal Forfeiture Fund	
Personnel	
Other	50,000
Division Total	50,000
Fund Total	**50,000**
D.A.R.E. Fund	
Other	10,000
Division Total	10,000
Fund Total	**10,000**
Indigent Drivers' Alcohol Treatment Fund	
Personnel	
Other	60,000
Division Total	60,000
Fund Total	**60,000**
Enforcement & Education Fund	
Personnel	
Other	25,500
Division Total	25,500
Fund Total	**25,500**
Political Subdivision Fund	
Personnel	
Other	10,000
Division Total	10,000
Fund Total	**10,000**
Computer Maintenance Fund	
Personnel	
Other	50,000
Division Total	50,000
Fund Total	**50,000**
Court Special Projects Fund	
Personnel	-
Other	100,000
Division Total	100,000
Fund Total	**100,000**
Court Probation Services Fund	
Personnel	-
Other	43,000
Division Total	43,000
Fund Total	**43,000**

	2027 Appropriation
Indigent Drivers Interlock and Alcohol Monitoring Fund	
Personnel	
Other	61,000
Division Total	61,000
Fund Total	**61,000**
Community Development Block Grant	
Personnel	575,848
Other	1,941,227
Division Total	2,517,075
Fund Total	**2,517,075**
Emergency Shelter Grant Fund	
Personnel	6,959
Other	324,468
Division Total	331,427
Fund Total	**331,427**
HOME Investment Partnerships Program Fund	
Personnel	-
Other	2,008,692
Division Total	2,008,692
Fund Total	**2,008,692**
Office on Aging Fund	
Personnel	1,000,410
Other	358,450
Division Total	1,358,860
Fund Total	**1,358,860**
Lakewood Hospital Special Revenue Fund	
EMS	
Personnel	-
Other	28,000
Division Total	**28,000**
Lakewood Hospital Transition	
Other	2,100,000
Division Total	2,100,000
Fund Total	**2,128,000**

	2027 Appropriation
Help To Others Fund	
Personnel	228,052
Other	9,200
Division Total	237,252
Fund Total	**237,252**
Juvenile Diversion Program Fund	
Personnel	19,396
Other	30,000
Division Total	49,396
Fund Total	**49,396**
Family to Family Fund	
Personnel	538,880
Other	371,150
Division Total	910,030
Fund Total	**910,030**
Opioid Settlement Fund	
Other	45,000
Division Total	45,000
Fund Total	**45,000**
Host Community Cannabis Fund	
Personnel	115,450
Other	1,445,000
Division Total	1,560,450
Fund Total	**1,560,450**
Total Special Revenue Funds	
Personnel	9,545,673
Other	11,731,762
Totals	**21,277,435**

	2027 Appropriation
Debt Service Funds	
Bond Retirement Fund	
Personnel	
Other	31,684,886
Division Total	31,684,886
Fund Total	**31,684,886**
TIF Bond Retirement Fund	
Personnel	
Other	525,000
Division Total	525,000
Fund Total	**525,000**
Total Debt Service Funds	
Personnel	
Other	32,209,886
Totals	**32,209,886**
Capital Projects Funds	
Capital Improvement Fund	
Personnel	
Other	25,887,000
Division Total	25,887,000
Fund Total	**25,887,000**
Land Acquisition Fund	
Personnel	
Other	2,000,000
Division Total	2,000,000
Fund Total	**2,000,000**
Total Capital Improvement Funds	
Personnel	-
Other	27,887,000
Totals	**27,887,000**

	2027 Appropriation
Enterprise Funds	
Water Operating Fund	
Water Administration	
Personnel	318,065
Other	13,211,569
Division Total	13,529,634
Water Distribution	
Personnel	1,034,684
Other	14,099,350
Division Total	15,134,034
Water Metering	
Personnel	560,203
Other	577,300
Division Total	1,137,503
Fund Total	**29,801,171**
Wastewater Collection Fund	
Personnel	1,891,671
Other	28,335,071
Division Total	30,226,742
Fund Total	**30,226,742**
Wastewater Treatment Fund	
Personnel	2,670,610
Other	36,261,951
Division Total	38,932,561
Fund Total	**38,932,561**
Wastewater Improvement Fund	
Personnel	
Other	3,348,000
Division Total	3,348,000
Fund Total	**3,348,000**

	2027 Appropriation
Parking Facilities Fund	
Personnel	255,358
Other	847,880
Division Total	1,103,238
Fund Total	**1,103,238**
Winterhurst Ice Rink Fund	
Personnel	34,650
Other	3,310,000
Division Total	3,344,650
Fund Total	**3,344,650**
Total Enterprise Funds	
Personnel	6,765,241
Other	99,991,121
Totals	**106,756,362**
Internal Services Funds	
Hospitalization Fund	
Personnel	9,468,000
Other	784,000
Division Total	10,252,000
Fund Total	**10,252,000**
Workers' Compensation Fund	
Personnel	450,000
Other	146,400
Division Total	596,400
Fund Total	**596,400**
Total Internal Service Funds	
Personnel	9,918,000
Other	930,400
Totals	**10,848,400**
FUND TOTALS	**265,122,296**

ORDINANCE NO: 36-2026 BY:

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, authorizing the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Public Works, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, the Director of Human Services, the Director of Human Resources and/or the Purchasing Manager to enter into contracts for professional services, and to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of repair, maintenance and operating supplies, services and equipment as authorized by the 2027 Appropriation Ordinance and the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood with the lowest and best bidder or bidders or as otherwise provided by law.

WHEREAS, this Council desires to provide the authorization to the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Public Works, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, and/or the Purchasing Manager to enter into contracts for professional services, and to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of repair, maintenance and operating supplies, services and equipment as authorized by the 2027 Appropriation Ordinance and the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood with the lowest and best bidder or bidders or as otherwise provided by law; 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 in that delay could impair the City's ability to provide necessary services in a timely manner for fiscal year 2027, now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, STATE OF OHIO

Section 1. That the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Public Works, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, the Director of Human Services, the Director of Human Resources and/or the Purchasing Manager be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract or contracts for supplies, services and equipment with the lowest and best bidder or bidders or as otherwise provided by law, as follows:

Professional services contracts included in the 2027 Budget are as follows:

1) Legal Services.....400,000
2) Recodification of Ordinances 15,000
3) Financial Audit 100,000
4) Hospitalization and Health Care Benefit Consulting Services 125,000
5) Consultant for Workers Compensation 40,000
6) Risk Management Consulting Services 25,000

7) Healthcare, Physicals, Drug & Alcohol Testing.....70,000
8) Employee Assistance Program 25,000
9) Supervisor / Manager / Employee Training.....220,000
10) Exams for Classified Positions 110,000
11) Housing and Building Plans Examinations 85,000
12) Lakewood Jail Medical Services 80,000
13) Band Concerts.....33,000
14) Municipal Engineering Consultant.....1,000,000
15) Debt Issuance Costs.....200,000
16) Integrated Wet Weather Plan Professional Services 300,000
17) Administrative Professional Services.....400,000
18) Memberships 100,000

Sub-Total $3,328,000

Services contracts included in the 2027 Budget are as follows:

1) Government Agreements (WEB) 350,000
2) Government Agreements (Bd of Ed/Pools; Rockport TIF).....800,000
3) Financial Institution Service Charges.....110,000
4) Electronic Payment Services 660,000
5) Property & Liability Insurance Contracts.....1,000,000
6) Workers' Comp Stop Loss Insurance.....220,000
7) Life Insurance 38,500
8) Hospitalization and Health Care Benefit Services 11,000,000
9) Medical Claims Billing Service.....125,000
10) Sentenced Prisoners Full Jail Service 165,000
11) Home Delivered Meals 25,000
12) Distribution System Leak Survey.....40,000
13) Disposal of Screenings and Grit (WWTP) 55,000
14) Excavation Spoils Removal.....125,000
15) Roll of Box for Street Sweeping.....121,000
16) Solid Waste Disposal Site.....1,980,000
17) Organic Waste Disposal 165,000
18) Waste Collections – Condominiums 200,000
19) Biosolids Disposal 300,000
20) Roll-Off Box for Construction Debris.....80,000
21) Site to Receive & Process Yard Waste.....110,000
22) Lab Analysis Service 121,000
23) Citywide Computer Hrdwr Op. Sys., & Software Maint Contracts ...3,000,000
24) Communications Services 245,000
25) Telephone Service 121,000
26) Cellular Phone Service 325,000
27) HVAC Maintenance 300,000
28) Elevator Maintenance 40,000
29) Fire Alarm Maintenance 66,000
30) Generator Maintenance.....33,000

31) Copier Maintenance Service.....38,500
32) Postage, Mailing Services, Equipment Lease/Maintenance.....450,000
33) Rental and Laundry of Uniforms.....100,000
34) Advertising.....55,000
35) Printing Services.....242,000
36) LEADS Fees.....25,000
37) Parking Citation Billing Service.....100,000
38) Fireworks Display.....85,000
39) Transportation Services.....200,000

Sub-Total.....$23,216,000

Materials, supplies, and equipment authorized for purchase under the 2027 Budget are as follows:

1) Sand and Aggregate.....100,000
2) Concrete Supplies.....250,000
3) Asphalt Materials.....200,000
4) Asphalt Cold Patch.....50,000
5) Crack Sealant.....100,000
6) Road Salt (Sodium Chloride).....500,000
7) Fire Hydrants, Sewer and Water Appurtenances.....400,000
8) Water Meter Supplies & Materials.....650,000
9) Sign Shop-Supplies, Blanks & Reflective Material.....165,000
10) Wastewater Treatment Chemicals.....660,000
11) Tires and Road Service.....250,000
12) Automotive Repairs, Parts and Supplies.....1,300,000
13) Oil and Lubricants.....121,000
14) Fuel (Gasoline and Diesel).....1,500,000
15) Purchase Uniforms and Gear – Public Works.....60,000
16) Electrical Supplies.....60,000
17) Hardware Supplies.....65,000
18) Janitorial Supplies.....175,000
19) Landscape Materials.....90,750
20) Building Supplies.....300,000
21) Plumbing Supplies.....100,000
22) Pool Supplies – Chemicals.....165,000
23) Small Tools and Equipment.....125,000
24) Prisoner Food Supplies.....50,000
25) Purchase Uniforms & Gear – Safety Forces.....110,000
26) Ammunition.....150,000
27) Office Supplies.....75,000
28) Computer Supplies.....10,000
29) Computer Software.....25,000
30) Communications Equipment.....120,000
31) Paper Supplies.....35,000
32) Lease Copier Equipment.....55,000

33) Subscriptions/Publications.....22,000
34) Reforestation.....400,000
35) Police Operating Equipment.....300,000
36) Fire/EMS Operating Equipment.....150,000
37) Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Equipment.....700,000
38) Fitness Equipment/Devices 25,000

Sub-Total $9,619,750

Total $36,163,750

Section 2. The Third Amended Charter published in the Codified Ordinances is the official charter of the City of Lakewood.

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:_____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO: 37-2026 BY:

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, authorizing and directing the Mayor, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, the Director of Public Works or the Procurement Officer to enter into contracts in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City for the contracts listed below not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council.

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 that certain capital improvements projects are to be undertaken beginning on or after January 1, 2027 in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2027, now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO

Section 1. That the Mayor, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, the Director of Public Works or the Procurement Officer is hereby authorized and directed to engage architectural and/or engineering firms to provide professional services for the design, preparation of specifications, construction, inspection, contract administration and enter into contracts in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, for the following contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown, except as hereinafter provided:

Building & Facilities Improvements	6,000,000
Parks & Pools Improvements	15,000,000
Citywide Concrete Improvement Program	600,000
Street Infrastructure Improvements	15,000,000
Traffic Signs & Signals	1,000,000
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	5,000,000
Water System Replacement Program	12,000,000
Wastewater System and Treatment Improvement Program	50,000,000

Section 2. That the Mayor, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, the Director of Public Works or the Procurement Officer is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contracts as set forth above in amounts not to exceed the specified amounts without further action from Council; and to enter into contracts in excess of specified amounts only upon consent of Council evidenced by adoption of a resolution specifying the authorized amount.

Section 3. The Third Amended Charter published in the Codified Ordinances is the official charter of the City of Lakewood.

Section 4. 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 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 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:_____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2026 BY:

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, authorizing the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Law, the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance, the Director of Planning & Development, the Director of Human Services, the Director of Human Resources and/or the Purchasing Manager to enter into service contracts in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for the Department of Planning & Development. Contracts shall not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council.

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 that delay could impair the City's ability to provide necessary services in a timely manner for fiscal year 2027; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO

Section 1. That the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), Director of Law, Director of Public Works, Director of Finance, Director of Planning & Development, Director of Human Services, and/or the Purchasing Manager are hereby authorized and directed to enter into contracts in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, for the Department of Planning & Development. Contracts shall not exceed the specified amounts shown, except as hereinafter provided:

Service Contracts	**$5,495,000**
CDBG Affordable Housing Programs	$525,000
Childcare Scholarship Assistance Program	$70,000
Commercial Property Revitalization (Storefront) Program	$225,000
County Planning Commission	$0
Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District	$0
Economic Development Loan Fund (CDBG)	$140,000
Economic Development Program (General Fund)	$1,000,000
Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)	$325,000
Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	$1,500,000
Housing Research & Advocacy Center	$25,000
Journey Center for Safety & Healing	$25,000
Lakewood Community Services Center	$125,000

LakewoodAlive	$290,000
Neighborhood Family Practice	$25,000
Park Improvements Program	$175,000
Placemark Collaborative	$80,000
Public Art Projects	$75,000
Street Resurfacing Program	$1,000,000
Pedestrian and Bike Safety Improvements	$60,000
Composting	$50,000

Section 2. That the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), Director of Law, Director of Public Works, Director of Finance, Director of Planning & Development, Director of Human Services, the Director of Human Resources and/or the Purchasing Manager are hereby authorized and directed to enter into contracts as set forth above in amounts not to exceed the specified amounts without further action from Council; and to enter into contracts in excess of specified amounts only upon consent of Council evidenced by adoption of a resolution specifying the authorized amount.

Section 3. The Third Amended Charter published in the Codified Ordinances is the official charter of the City of Lakewood.

Section 4. 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 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 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:_____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

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Claudia M. Dillinger, SHRM-CP
Director of Human Resources

November 16, 2026

Lakewood City Council
12650 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, OH 44107

Dear City Council Members:

I am submitting the attached updated Salary Ordinance for your approval to be effective as signed and passed in accordance with City Charter.

I am recommending the following amendments:

- Update the pay ranges by the cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA), which is 3% for 2027.
- Grants Administrator, remove part-time
- Add Payroll Administrator
- Add Property Maintenance Manager
- Add Animal Control Manager
- Add Housing Development Manager
- Add Parking Hearing Officer (part-time)
- Add Community Resource Specialist PT (part-time)
- Add Police Data Entry Clerk PT (part-time)
- Update Certified Pool Operator Stipend amount to match the union contract
- Add (part-time eligible) to Certified & Master Municipal Clerk positions.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claudia M. Dillinger

Claudia M. Dillinger
Director of Human Resources

ORDINANCE NO. 39-2026 BY:

AN ORDINANCE to take effect January 1, 2027, 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, to provide for creating positions and rates of pay for full-time and certain part-time annual salaried employees and hourly rate employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement in the several departments, divisions and offices of the City of Lakewood, including the Chief of Fire, Chief of Police and Civil Service Commissioners and superseding all prior salary ordinances.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Ohio Revised Code and the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, municipalities have the power to enact laws that are for the health, safety, welfare, comfort and peace of the citizens of the municipality, and to provide for local self-government, including establishing salaries and rates of pay; 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 peace, property, health and safety, and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments in that these changes need to be in place effective January 1, 2027; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. Classifications, rates of pay, pay grades, levels and certain other supplemental compensation for non-probationary full-time and certain part-time, annual salaried and hourly employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement are hereby authorized, effective on the effective date of this ordinance, in the several departments, divisions and offices of the City of Lakewood, as modified herein, and with the approval of the Department Director, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources and Mayor as follows.

Section 2. Classifications/Pay Grade Assignments and Pay Schedules.

Grade	Classification Assigned to Pay Grade	Minimum Rate	Maximum Rate
26	Deputy Clerk of Council I	$ 43,305.32	$ 61,157.28
27	Project Specialist I	$ 45,970.96	$ 65,086.73
28	Civil Service/Mediation Program Coordinator	$ 48,634.54	$ 70,000.00
	Legal Secretary		
	Deputy Clerk of Council II		
29	Chief Prosecutor (Part Time)	$ 51,300.18	$ 73,995.20
	First Assistant Law Director		
31	Budget Analyst	$ 59,296.07	$ 83,416.61
	Clerk of Council		
	Project Specialist II		
	City Planner		
	Plans Examiner (Part Time)		
	Administrative Assistant to the Mayor		
	Human Resource Specialist		
32	Nutrition Supervisor	$ 61,959.65	$ 86,422.15
	Grants Administrator ~~**(Part Time)**~~		
	Climate Action & Sustainability Coordinator		
	Payroll Administrator		
33	Assistant Law Director/Prosecutor I	$ 65,955.02	$ 93,022.39
	Property Maintenance Manager		
	Animal Control Manager		
	Manager, Community Center / Senior Services		
	Tax Office Supervisor		
	Finance Manager		
	Clinical Manager		
	Budget Manager		
	Senior City Planner		
	Urban Designer		
	Public Information Officer		

Grade	Classification Assigned to Pay Grade	Minimum Rate	Maximum Rate
34	Programs Manager	$ 70,619.89	$ 103,000.00
	Development Officer		
	Principal City Planner		
	Urban Forester		
	Assistant Law Director/Prosecutor II		
35	Assistant Building Commissioner	$ 76,616.55	$ 108,124.25
	Assistant Director/Human Services		
	Assistant Director/Planning and Development		
	Executive Assistant to the Mayor		
	Housing Development Manager		
	Project Inspector		
	Project Administrator		
	Project Manager		
	Public Works Manager		
36	IS Project Manager	$ 83,278.59	$ 118,246.06
	Chief Prosecutor (Full Time)		
37	Assistant Director of Finance	$ 84,872.00	$ 135,635.55
	Chief Assistant Law Director		
	Assistant Public Works Director		
38	City Architect	$ 98,147.67	$ 149,440.64
	City Engineer		

Section 3. Pay Grade Assignments for Certain Unclassified & Classified Positions.

LEVEL I (Minimum $85,000 - $170,00)

Director of Finance
Director of Law
Director of Human Resources
Director of Human Services
Director of Planning and Development
Director of Public Works
Chief of Staff to the Mayor
Chief Information Officer
Fire Chief
Police Chief
Building Commissioner
Tax Commissioner / Deputy Finance Director

LEVEL II (Minimum as required in accordance with section 113.02 of the Codified Ordinances - Maximum $32.00/hour)

Bus Driver
Cleaning Aide
Clerk/Receptionist
Complaint Investigator
Education Specialist
Kitchen Aide
Law Clerk
Legal Assistant I
Photo Lab Technician
Programmer/Scheduler
School Guard
Security Guard
Student Laborer
Student Police Cadet
Student Technician
Utility Inspector
Parking Hearing Officer

LEVEL III (Minimum as required in accordance with section 113.02 of the Codified Ordinances - Maximum 3-year rate of applicable position as established by the collective bargaining agreement)

(Classifications contained in the AFSCME II labor agreement)

Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Part-time Assistant Home Health Aide
Part-time Community Resource Specialist
Part-time Customer Service Representative
Part-time Human Services Case Manager
Part-time Juvenile Diversion Program Coordinator
Part-time Office Assistant
Part-time Police Data Entry Clerk
Part-time Staff Assistant
Part-time Tax Auditor
Part-time Tax Collection Specialist

LEVEL IV (Minimum $28.47/hour - Maximum $38.80)
Part-time Police Officer

LEVEL V
Civil Service Commissioner $5,150/year

LEVEL VI (Minimum as required in accordance with section 113.02 of the Codified Ordinances - Maximum 3-year rate of applicable position as established by the collective bargaining agreement)

Part-Time Dispatcher
Part-time Corrections Officer

All full time employees are in a classification that has been assigned to a specific grade or level within the compensation system as identified herein. Newly hired full-time employees shall be placed at a pay rate within the pay grade of level to which their classification has been assigned in accordance with the Human Resources Department Policy and Procedures.

Section 4. Additional Annual License/Certification Supplement.

Full time administrative employees working in a classification that have a listed license/certification below shall receive the following license/certification supplements in a one-time, bi-weekly or hourly increments as applicable:

License/Certification	**Amount**
Chief Building Official License (BO)	$2,750.00
Master Plumbers License	$1,750.00
Plumbing Inspectors's License	$2,250.00
Electrical Inspector's License	$2,250.00
Class III Building Inspector's License	$2,750.00
Class III Field Inspector's License	$2,250.00
State Residential Building Inspector (RBI or equivalent)	$1,750.00
ICC Property Maintenance Certification (or equivalent)	$1,750.00
Master Plans Examiner (MPE)	$1,750.00
Residential Building Official (RBO)	$1,750.00
Building Plans Examiner (BPE)	$1,250.00
Permit Technician	$1,000.00
Professional Engineer (PE)	$2,000.00
Certified Professional Erosion & Sediment Control (CPESC)	$1,000.00
Class I Wastewater License Treatment	$1,450.00
Class II Wastewater License Treatment	$1,750.00
Class III Wastewater Treatment License	$2,250.00
Class IV Wastewater Treatment License	$2,750.00
Class I Water Distribution License	$1,450.00
Class II Water Distribution License	$1,750.00
Class I Water/Wastewater Collection License	$2,250.00
Class II Water/Wastewater Collection License	$2,750.00
Class I Laboratory Technician License	$1,450.00
Class II Laboratory Technician License	$1,750.00
Class III Laboratory Technician License	$2,250.00
ISA Certified Arborist	$1,250.00
Licensed Independent Social Worker	$1,750.00

License/Certification	Amount
Licensed Social Worker	$1,250.00
Licensed Professional Counselor	$1,250.00
Communication Technician License	$1,000.00
Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor III	$1,250.00
Certified Human Resources Professional (SHRM-CP, IPMA-HR, or PHR)	$1,000.00
Senior Certified Human Resources Professional (SHRM-SCP, IPMA-SCP, or SPHR)	$1,500.00
Certified Lead Risk Assessor	$500.00
Certified Pool Operator	**$1,000** ~~$600~~
Two or more ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Certifications	$500 each up to max of $6,000
Notary Public (part-time eligible)	$600.00
Certified Municipal Clerk **(part-time eligible)**	$1,000.00
Master Municipal Clerk **(part-time eligible)**	$1,500.00
Commercial Driver's License (CDL)	$50.00
American Planning Association Professional (AICP)	$1,000.00
Certified ADA Professional	$1,000.00
Certified Public Accountant (CPA)	$1,000.00
LEADS Certification	$600.00
Backflow Certification	$750.00
Local Public Agency (LPA)	$2,000.00
Manhole Assessment Certification Program (MACP)	$750.00
Lateral Assessment Certification Program (LACP)	$750.00
Pipeline Assessment Certification Program (PACP)	$750.00
Boiler Operator License	$500.00
EPA 608 Refrigerant Capture	$500.00
Commercial Herbicide	$500.00
International Municipal Signal Association I	$1,000.00
International Municipal Signal Association II	$1,500.00
Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ)	$1,250.00
Master Plumber License	$1,500.00
ACI Flatwork (3 steps)	$750/$1,000/$1,250
Certified Electrician	$2,000.00
GIS Professional License	$1,500.00
Unmanned Aircraft General - Small (UAG) Drone License	$1,000.00
Euthanasia Certification	$1,000.00
Nuisance Wildlife Certification	$500.00

Section 5. Compensation for full-time salaried employees for Level V part-time employees provided for herein shall be paid in equal biweekly installments. Compensation for part-time employees provided for herein shall be at an identified hourly rate of all hours worked in a particular pay period.

Section 6. To the extent it is inconsistent with any other ordinance or resolution previously adopted by Council with respect to the salary and wages of employees of the City, this Ordinance is meant to and shall supersede such previously-adopted legislation.

Section 7. 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 the committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 8. 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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Claudia M. Dillinger, SHRM-CP
Director of Human Resources

November 16, 2026

Lakewood City Council
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Dear City Council Members:

I am submitting the attached revision to the Vacation Ordinance for your approval to be effective on January 1, 2027.

The ordinance now simplifies how part-time employees accrue vacation time. Additionally, it clarifies what happens to unused vacation when separating service.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claudia M. Dillinger

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Director of Human Resources

ORDINANCE NO. 40-2026 BY:

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, amending Section 149.08 Vacations, to clarify accrual of vacation for part-time employees and payout of vacation time.

WHEREAS, as a result of the collective bargaining agreements reached with each union at the end of 2025, changes were implemented for administrative employees to match those benefits; and

WHEREAS, clarification is needed as to how part-time employees earn and are paid out for vacation time upon separation of service; 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 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, and to provide further clarification for existing benefits; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. That Section 149.08 Vacations of the Lakewood Codified Ordinances, currently reading as follows:

149.08 VACATIONS.

(a) (1) Vacation time for all full-time permanent hourly employees and all annual salaried employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement shall be earned in one calendar year and taken in a subsequent year. Vacation time earned during the first calendar year of employment shall be in accordance with the following schedule to reflect service time from the date of employment to December 31 of that first year based on the schedule below:

Effective January 1, 2022, permanent part-time employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, who have completed one full year of service or more as of December 31 of any given year shall be entitled to vacation in the subsequent year based on the schedule below:

Hours of Service	***Vacation Hours Earned***
240 to 439	8
440 to 639	16
640 to 839	24
840 to 1039	32
1040 to 1239	45
1240 to 1439	48

1440 to 1639	56
1640 to 1839	64
1840 to 2079	72

All full-time permanent hourly employees and annual salaried employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, who have completed one full year of service or more as of December 31 of any given year shall be entitled to vacation in a subsequent year based on the following schedule:

Full Years of Service as of December 31	**Vacation Hours Earned**
1 thru 4	80
5 thru 9	120
10 thru 14	160
15-19	200
20-24	220
25 and over	240

Full-time employees shall receive credit for prior service with the State of Ohio or any political subdivision of the State of Ohio for the purposes of vacation hours earned. Verification of prior service credit shall be provided to the human resources department by the employee from the appropriate retirement system.

The Mayor or appropriate appointing authority may provide advanced vacation hours earned to full-time FLSA-exempt employees. Advanced vacation hours provided cannot exceed 120 hours per year. Advanced vacation hours shall be deducted from the employee's vacation bank upon the accrual of any vacation time in the next year. Employees shall be responsible for reimbursing the City for advanced vacation hours at that employee's hourly rate upon separation from employment with the City. At no time shall an employee carry a balance of advanced vacation in excess of 120 hours.

When a full-time permanent hourly or salaried employee terminates his employment due to voluntary resignation, retirement or death, vacation time earned during that year shall be prorated based on the above schedules.

(2) In applying subsection (a)(1) hereof, there shall be included in the term "regular time service" all regular time worked, regular time not worked but compensated by reasons of the holiday, vacation or sick leave provisions hereof and regular time neither worked nor directly compensated by the City but for which an employee received worker's compensation because of injury sustained in the course of employment by the City.

(b) Vacation time for all full-time permanent hourly employees and all salaried employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, shall be earned in one year and taken in the subsequent year, except that an employee's paid vacation leave shall be adjusted (or prorated) to reflect time spent on unpaid leave(s) of absence totaling thirty days or more (i.e. for each thirty days spent on unpaid leave of absence, an employee shall lose one-twelfth of regular paid vacation leave).

(c) Vacation pay of all employees shall be computed on the basis of compensation schedules, including regular time as to hourly employees, in effect at the time vacations are taken.

(d) No employee may accumulate in excess of ten weeks (fifty working days) of vacation time, excluding all vacation time earned in the year in which the accumulated vacation is taken; provided, however, in the event an employee is prevented from taking all of his vacation time earned during

such year due to operational requirements of the City, the Mayor, at his sole discretion, shall have the authority to authorize a cash reimbursement for the vacation time such employee would have lost as a result of such prevention. No employee shall take more than four weeks vacation in a single uninterrupted period of time, except upon termination of employment. Accrued vacation time in excess of ten weeks (fifty working days) not taken by the employee shall be deemed surrendered by the employee. Except as otherwise provided herein, vacation time not actually taken as such is not compensable in money; however, an employee may be compensated for vacation time earned upon the termination of his employment for any reason other than discharge for cause, conditioned upon at least one week's notice of such termination by such employee.

(e) All vacations shall be granted and taken at such times as shall be mutually agreeable to the employee and his division head, insofar as possible. Where they are unable to agree, the decision of the division head shall govern. The division head may permit the vacation to be taken in other than consecutive days. Each division head shall annually prepare a vacation schedule so devised as to cause minimum interference with normal operation of the division. In the event of conflict between employees in regard to vacation time, seniority shall control.

is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That new Section 149.08 Vacations of the Lakewood Codified Ordinances is hereby enacted to read as follows:

149.08 VACATIONS.

(a) (1) Vacation time for all full-time permanent hourly employees and all annual salaried employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement shall be earned in one calendar year and taken in a subsequent year. Vacation time earned during the first calendar year of employment shall be in accordance with the following schedule to reflect service time from the date of employment to December 31 of that first year based on the schedule below:

Effective January 1, 2027, permanent part-time employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, who have completed one full year of service or more as of December 31 of any given year shall be entitled to vacation in the subsequent year based earning .0385 hours for each hour worked. Vacation time shall be used in the calendar year in which it is available and cannot be carried forward. Any remaining vacation earned and not used will be paid out at separation from employment.

All full-time permanent hourly employees and annual salaried employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, who have completed one full year of service or more as of December 31 of any given year shall be entitled to vacation in a subsequent year based on the following schedule:

Full Years of Service as of December 31	**Vacation Hours Earned**
1 thru 4	80
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Full-time employees shall receive credit for prior service with the State of Ohio or any political subdivision of the State of Ohio for the purposes of vacation hours earned. Verification of prior service credit shall be provided to the human resources department by the employee from the appropriate retirement system.

The Mayor or appropriate appointing authority may provide advanced vacation hours earned to full-time FLSA-exempt employees. Advanced vacation hours provided cannot exceed 120 hours per year. Advanced vacation hours shall be deducted from the employee's vacation bank upon the accrual of any vacation time in the next year. Employees shall be responsible for reimbursing the City for advanced vacation hours at that employee's hourly rate upon separation from employment with the City. At no time shall an employee carry a balance of advanced vacation in excess of 120 hours.

When a full-time permanent hourly or salaried employee terminates his employment due to voluntary resignation, retirement or death, vacation time earned during that year shall be prorated based on the above schedules.

(2) In applying subsection (a)(1) hereof, there shall be included in the term "regular time service" all regular time worked, regular time not worked but compensated by reasons of the holiday, vacation or sick leave provisions hereof and regular time neither worked nor directly compensated by the City but for which an employee received worker's compensation because of injury sustained in the course of employment by the City.

(b) Vacation time for all full-time permanent hourly employees and all salaried employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, shall be earned in one year and taken in the subsequent year, except that an employee's paid vacation leave shall be adjusted (or prorated) to reflect time spent on unpaid leave(s) of absence totaling thirty days or more (i.e. for each thirty days spent on unpaid leave of absence, an employee shall lose one-twelfth of regular paid vacation leave).

(c) Vacation pay of all employees shall be computed on the basis of compensation schedules, including regular time as to hourly employees, in effect at the time vacations are taken.

(d) No employee may accumulate in excess of ten weeks (fifty working days) of vacation time, excluding all vacation time earned in the year in which the accumulated vacation is taken; provided, however, in the event an employee is prevented from taking all of his vacation time earned during such year due to operational requirements of the City, the Mayor, at his sole discretion, shall have the authority to authorize a cash reimbursement for the vacation time such employee would have lost as a result of such prevention. No employee shall take more than four weeks' vacation in a single uninterrupted period of time, except upon termination of employment. Accrued vacation time in excess of ten weeks (fifty working days) not taken by the employee shall be deemed surrendered by the employee. Except as otherwise provided herein, vacation time not actually taken as such is not compensable in money; however, an employee may be compensated for vacation time earned upon the termination of his employment for any reason other than discharge for cause, conditioned upon at least one week's notice of such termination by such employee.

(e) All vacations shall be granted and taken at such times as shall be mutually agreeable to the employee and his division head, insofar as possible. Where they are unable to agree, the decision of the division head shall govern. The division head may permit the vacation to be taken in other than consecutive days. Each division head shall annually prepare a vacation schedule so devised as to cause minimum interference with normal operation of the division. In the event of conflict between employees in regard to vacation time, seniority shall control.

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:_____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved:_____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

City of Lakewood
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November 12, 2026

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RE: Ambulance Purchase Legislation

President Kepple and Members of City Council,

The Lakewood Fire Department respectfully requests authorization to enter into a contract with Braun/Penn Care, Inc., for the construction of a new ambulance, as provided for in the 2029 Capital Improvement Plan.

Of the three manufacturers that submitted quotes, Braun/Penn Care, Inc., provided the lowest and best quote. This purchase will bring our fleet to five nearly identical ambulances manufactured by Braun. Standardizing our fleet allows both Fire Department personnel and City Fleet Division mechanics to maintain, service, and repair the vehicles more consistently and efficiently.

Maintaining the planned 2029 delivery is important to preserving the department's ambulance replacement schedule and ensuring reliable emergency medical service coverage throughout the city. By purchasing a new ambulance every three years, we can rotate newer units into our busiest stations while moving older units into reserve status. This rotation helps extend the useful life of our fleet while ensuring backup ambulance coverage is available to support operations at all three fire stations.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Fairbanks

Ryan Fairbanks, Fire Chief

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-54 BY:

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 and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law approving the ordering of certain vehicles in accordance with the requirements of Lakewood Codified Ordinance §111.04 for delivery in 2029.

WHEREAS, the purchase of a new ambulance is included in the 2029 Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, in order to manage the extended period required for ordering certain vehicles, the Administration is continually assessing what equipment and vehicles will be needed over the next several years to ensure that they can be delivered without undue disruption; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to place an order for a new ambulance in the immediate future to ensure its availability and delivery in 2029; and

WHEREAS, unfunded municipal contracts are void as a matter of law; 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, 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 supply chain and pricing constraints require forward planning and initiatives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Administration is hereby authorized to enter into a purchase agreement with Penn Care Inc. (formerly Braun) for the purchase of a new ambulance in accordance with the requirements of Lakewood Codified Ordinance §111.04 for delivery in 2029.

Section 2. 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. 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 members of Council, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by Council

and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____

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Sarah Kepple, President of Council

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Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

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Meghan F. George, Mayor

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November 16, 2026

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RE: City Hall Expansion Project – Phase I

President Kepple and Members of Council,

To continue to move forward with relieving the space constraints of the Police Department, the Administration, supported by City Council and the 2026 City Hall improvement appropriation, has set in motion the actions necessary to make this a reality. This will include, by way of a Design-Build contract, the temporary relocation of the departments of Building and Housing and Planning and Development to the second floor of the Community Health Building and expanding the Police Department into the vacated basement spaces as well as providing additional temporary women's locker room space in the existing Police Department.

We have contracted with SIXMO Architecture to be the Criteria Architect for this project. As such, they will be responsible for preparing the design criteria for the Request for Proposals (RFP) and act as the Owner's Representative during construction (Construction Administration).

The general steps, in anticipation of entering into a design build contract by the end of the year, are summarized below:

1. Advertising a Request for Qualifications for a Design-Build firm. (Complete)
2. Reviewing the firm's qualifications and creating a short list of firms. (Complete)
3. Request Proposals from the short list of firms. (November)
4. Select the Design-Build Firm. (Early December)
5. Execute the Design-Build Firm Contract. (Late December)

If everything remains on schedule, the Design-Build Firm will begin full design work after the first of the year. The relocation and construction will be phased. The first phase will be renovation of the second floor of the Community Health building to allow for the temporary relocation of the Departments of Building & Housing and Planning & Development, which will allow for the renovation of the basement. Then the Police expansion into the basement and additional women's temporary locker room space will occur.

Concurrently, the City has contracted with Einhouse Consulting to engage in a formal proposal process to select a third-party professional services firm to evaluate options to address space issues at City Hall, including the existing City Hall site as well as offsite properties. Einhouse consulting will provide expert evaluation of the options presented by the selected third-party firm

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and will facilitate communication and public meetings. If the City decides to move forward with a buildout, negotiation will occur with Einhouse Consulting to act as the Owner's Representative during construction.

We look forward to working collaboratively with Council on achieving the desired outcome of creating much needed additional reconfigured space for City departments that will improve efficiencies for all City departments, provide better customer service to the public and offer a better working environment for our employees.

We respectively request that Council refer this matter to the appropriate committee for discussion in January.

Respectfully,

Angela Byington

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Planning and Development.