

City of
NORTON
NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

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NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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NORTON CITY COUNCIL

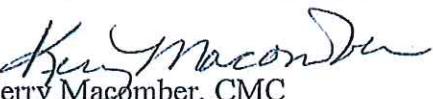
4060 Columbia Woods Drive
Norton, Ohio 44203-5708
Phone (330) 825-7815 Ext. #322

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Norton City Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the Norton Safety Administration Building, located at 4060 Columbia Woods Drive, Norton, Ohio, on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at or about 7:15 p.m.** The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider application for placement of farmland in Agricultural District, pursuant to ORC Sections 929.01 through 929.05, enacted to permit the establishment of agricultural districts to preserve agricultural land, to exempt land in those districts from the collection of specified utilities assessments, and to provide other benefits for land in those districts. An application has been received for the following property:

1. Approximately 45.7409 acres described as Permanent Parcel Number 46-07452 located on 3631 S Medina Line Road within the City of Norton. Owner: Eric and Kristin Beddow.
2. Approximatley 95.52 acres described as Permanent Parcel Number 46-07010 located on 4229 Greenwich Road within the City of Norton. Owner: Birdseye Barn, LLC.
3. Approximately 121.19 acres described as Permanent Parcel Numbers 46-06712 and 46-00381 on 4379 Greenwich Road within the City of Norton. Owner: Ralph Beddow.

Any interested person or representative of an interested person may appear in support of or to contest the granting of the applications. The application is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council for inspection weekdays prior to the public hearing.


Kerry Macomber, CMC
Clerk of Council

Emailed to Barberton Gazette and Norton News: 1/21/2026

Publish Date of 1/28/2026

Mailed to property owner 1/21/2026 by certified mail

SPONSORED BY: Administration
 REFERRED TO: Committee Work Session
 INTRODUCED BY: Finance Chair Harbert

CITY OF NORTON
ORDINANCE NO. ___-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR SUMMIT COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City and the County of Summit, Ohio (the "County") have previously entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (the "Agreement") for animal control services; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County have determined to enter into a renewal of the Agreement pursuant to which the County will continue to provide animal control services for the City for a period of five years, which agreement shall be in substantially in the form of the Intergovernmental Agreement for animal control services attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, State of Ohio, that:

- Section 1: The Mayor is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Summit County, Ohio, Inc. to provide animal control services in accordance with the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- Section 2: The Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make payment on the subject contract on presentation of proper vouchers from appropriate account(s).
- Section 3: All formal actions of this Council related to this Ordinance and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation for the public peace, health and safety of the City of Norton and the inhabitants thereof and for the reason that it is necessary to provide animal control services; and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Emergency Vote: ____ Yeas ____ Nays

Date passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

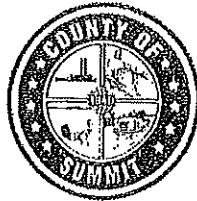
Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. ____-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor, City of Norton, February 6, 2026.



ILENE
SHAPIRO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 25, 2025

Mayor Zita
City of Norton
4060 Columbia Woods Dr.
Norton, OH 44203

RE: Intergovernmental Agreement for Summit County Animal Control Services

Dear Mayor Zita,

The current Animal Control Services Agreement between the City of Norton and Summit County expired on 8/31/2020. To ensure continuity of services, the County proposes entering into a new five-year agreement for Animal Control services. Enclosed is a copy of the agreement for your review and signature.

Animal Control services have not seen a rate increase since 2015, despite rising operational costs. Currently, it costs the County \$119.00 on the first day an animal is brought into the facility. This cost covers the initial vaccines, deworming, flea prevention, testing, kennel and medical staff hourly rates, and food.

While we are suggesting an increase under the new agreement, it is important to note that the proposed rate represents only half of the County's actual cost for the intake of a dog. The County remains committed to providing high-quality, compassionate care for animals while balancing fiscal responsibility and sustainability of these critical services.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at lpesci@summitoh.net or 330-643-8364.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting effective Animal Control services for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Pesci".

Lori Pesci, Director
Department of Public Safety
Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro's Office

cc: Christine Fatheree, Animal Control Manager
Alex Burt, Staff Attorney

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
For
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES
between the
COUNTY OF SUMMIT
and
CITY OF NORTON**

This Animal Control Services Agreement (the "Agreement") is effective as of September 1, 2025, between the City of Norton, Ohio (the "Community"), duly authorized by Ordinance No. _____, and the County of Summit, Ohio through the Department of Public Safety, Division of Animal Control (the "County"), duly authorized by Resolution No. 2025-229.

RECITALS

- A. The Community desires to engage the County to render certain services with regard to animal control, and related matters within the Community.
- B. The County is willing to provide said services, for the considerations and upon the terms and conditions below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and conditions, the parties agree as follows:

1. TERM AND RENEWAL

This Agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years from the effective date above unless either party gives sixty (60) days advanced written notice of termination to the other party. This Agreement may be renewed for an additional five (5) year term upon written consent of the parties.

2. IMPOUNDMENT OF DOGS

The County will accept dogs seized within or delivered from the Community and impound them at the County Animal Control Facility. At the Community's request, and subject to the discretion of the Animal Control Manager, the County may also seize, trap, or transport dogs running at large. All dogs accepted by the County will be impounded, housed, fed, vaccinated, spay/neutered, redeemed, sold, or euthanized in accordance with state law, County ordinances, and the terms of this Agreement.

3. INJURED OR ILL ANIMALS

The Community shall be responsible for transporting any sick or injured animals to the Humane Society of Greater Akron. The County reserves the right to refuse acceptance of such animals.

4. CAPACITY LIMITS

The County may refuse animals if no kennel space is available.

5. SURRENDERS

Surrenders shall only be accepted from designated officials from the Community. Surrenders from the public will not be accepted.

6. FEES

The Community shall pay the County the following:

Per diem of \$60.00 per day, per animal, for up to three (3) days, for a total cost not to exceed \$180.00 per animal. The per diem shall include impounding, housing, feed, and veterinary care.

Euthanasia and disposal: \$50.00 per animal

The County shall invoice the Community monthly.

If a court orders that animals brought to the Animal Control Facility by the Community must be held during the course of a related criminal or civil case, the Community will be responsible for paying the County all fees associated with the care and housing of those animals until the court issues a final order regarding the animal's disposition.

7. AFTER HOURS SERVICE

Service before 7:30 AM and after 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, weekends, and all holidays shall be provided at the sole discretion of the County Animal Control Manager. The cost to the Community for any such service may include all applicable costs as well as reimbursement for overtime and mileage.

8. RECORDS

The County shall keep a record of each animal surrendered by the Community and all services rendered to those animals, in accordance with established Record Retention Policies.

9. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties with respect to Animal Control Services and supersedes and replaces all prior agreements, contracts, negotiations, and understandings, whether written or oral, relating to the subject matter herein. If any provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Intentionally Blank – Signature Page Follows

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services.

CITY OF NORTON, OHIO

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date

Approved as to Form:

By: Justin P. Markey, Solicitor

COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

Ilene Shapiro, County Executive

Date

Approved as to Form:

Brian K. Harnak, Director
Department of Law and Risk Management



NORTON CITY COUNCIL
MATTERS REFERRED/PENDING
FEBRUARY 2026

COMMITTEE	DATE	TOPIC	ACTION
<u>Econ Dev & Plng</u>	7/7/25	Adult Use Cannabis Moratorium	Referred to Planning Commission.
	7/21/25	Six-month extension while Planning Commission and Administration review.	Ord. No. 70-2025
	1/5/26	Extension of six-month moratorium.	Ord. No. 3-2026
	1/20/26	Criminal activities related to dispensaries.	Chief McShane investigating.
	1/31/26	President Harbert sent written request to Planning Commission for zoning recommendation	

Finance

<u>Personnel – Rules</u>	11/17/25	Resident requested a video be developed to explain the procedures for the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Council as it pertains to proposed projects in the City.	Administration to take into consideration.
	1/15/26		Mr. Braman is coordinating with Mr. Markey.

Property

Safety

Service

Utilities



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. by Donald Harbert, President of Council. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and the invocation was offered by Mr. DeHarpart.

Roll Call: Jamie Lukens
 Paul Tousley
 Paul Eader
 Judith Lynn Lee
 William Mowery
 Don Harbert
 Doug DeHarpart

Also Present:
 Mayor Zita
 Michael Rorar
 Justin Markey
 Abby Burke
 Kerry Macomber

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

NEW BUSINESS

President Harbert moved to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of a public employee as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and Section 3.12(1) of the Norton City Charter; seconded by Mr. DeHarpart.

Roll Call: Yes: Harbert, DeHarpart, Lukens, Tousley, Eader, Lee, Mowery
 No: None

Motion passed: 7 - 0

Mr. Harbert invited Mayor Zita, Mr. Markey, Mr. Rorar and Ms. Burke to join Council in Executive Session and announced to the audience that the video and audio recordings will continue during the Executive Session. President Harbert temporarily adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Finance

Legal Defenders Office Contract – Mr. Harbert noted that this is an annual contract with Summit County to provide legal defense for indigent individuals. The maximum cost per case is \$250. Mr. Lukens noted that Page 2 of the contract references cases that have both municipal and state code violations. He asked if this is pertinent to Norton residents and if they would be represented by a Public Defender. Mr. Markey answered affirmatively. Mr. Harbert moved to add Ord. No. 14-2026 to tonight's agenda for a first reading; seconded by Mr. Mowery.

Roll Call: Yes: Harbert, Mowery Tousley

No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

NOPEC Grant – Mr. Harbert explained that this is an opportunity to apply for a NOPEC annual grant. Last year we received \$7,500 for energy-related improvements for Community Center. Mr. Harbert moved to add Ord. No. 15-2026 to tonight's agenda for a first reading; seconded by Mr. Mowery.

Roll Call: Yes: Harbert, Mowery Tousley

No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Transfers – Mr. Harbert explained this ordinance will transfer funds from the General Fund to various departments for calendar year 2026 as identified in Exhibit A and moved to add Ord. No. 16-2026 to tonight's agenda for a first reading; seconded by Mr. Mowery.

Roll Call: Yes: Harbert, Mowery Tousley

No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel/Rules

Boards & Commissions' member appointments – Mr. Lukens read the names of the members reappointed to corresponding Board/Commission upon recommendation of Mayor Zita. Mr. Lukens moved to add Res. No. 17-2026 to tonight's agenda for a first reading; seconded by Ms. Lee.

Roll Call: Yes: Lukens, Lee, Harbert

No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Revise Council Rules – Mr. Lukens explained this provides a process to forward the Matters referred to Administration. Mr. Harbert further explained this process will allow the President of Council to assign matters to Council Committees. The Committee will then work with Administration, Boards and Commissions to resolve the matter. Mr. Lukens questioned the reference to Rule 6.01 and Mr. Markey explained that Rule 6.01 allows for revisions to be made to the Council Rules outside of the Organizational Meeting with a 2/3 vote of Council. Mr. Lukens moved to add Res. No. 18-2026 to tonight's agenda for a first reading; seconded by Ms. Lee.

Roll Call: Yes: Lukens, Lee, Harbert

No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Revised Zoning Administrator Position Description – Mr. Lukens explained that Ord. No. 2-2026 has revised the duties and responsibilities of the Zoning Administrator and determines

that 65% of time will be spent on office work for the Planning and Zoning Manager while the remaining 35% of time will be spent in the field performing inspection/enforcement duties. Mr. Lukens said a rental use database is included in the job description and asked if there is one currently in place in Norton. Mr. Markey noted that Council has discussed this in the past, but never implemented one. He explained the database would ensure the City has contact information for the property owner should there be property maintenance issues with a rental and that many communities, as well as Summit County, keeps rental use databases.

Safety - Crime Scene Unit Mutual Aid Agreements. President Harbert noted that Administration has requested that this item be removed from the Agenda.

Service – Mr. Tousley explained this is for a guardrail repair on St. Rt 21 and 585 in the amount of \$12,215 from Lake Erie Construction Company. Mr. Harbert said the insurance company has reimbursed the City. He also noted that the draft legislation erroneously listed a culvert repair, which has been corrected to reflect a guardrail repair. Mr. Tousley moved to add Ord. No. 20-2026 to tonight's agenda for a first reading; seconded by Mr. DeHarpart.

Roll Call: Yes: Tousley, DeHarpart, Eader
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

MATTERS REFERRED

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of January 20, 2026 were approved as submitted.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND OFFICERS

Mayor Zita announced the following:

- Kiwanis 22nd annual chili cook off on February 21, 2026 at the Community Center.
- July 2026 Summer Concert Series;
- Family Fun Day and Drone and Fireworks Night on July 25, 2026;
- Summit County Board of Elections is recruiting poll workers.

Mr. Rorar expressed appreciation to the Service Department and Safety Forces for managing the storm last weekend.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Ord. No. 14-2026

Mr. Harbert introduced Ord. No. 14-2026 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

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INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION**Res. No. 5-2026**

Mr. Harbert offered Res. No. 5-2026 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE TAX YEAR 2025 COLLECTIONS PAYABLE IN 2026 PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Harbert noted that the Administration has requested waiving the third reading in order to meet a deadline and moved to waive the third reading; seconded by Mr. DeHarpart.

Roll Call: Yes: Harbert, DeHarpart, Lukens, Tousley, Eader, Lee, Mowery
No: None
Motion passed: 7 – 0

Mr. Harbert moved to adopt Res. No. 5-2026; seconded by Mr. DeHarpart.

Roll Call: Yes: Harbert, DeHarpart, Lukens, Tousley, Eader, Lee, Mowery
No: None
Motion passed: 7 – 0

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Ord. No. 2-2026

Mr. Lukens stated that the following statement will be added to the legislation: "The annual salary rate shall be \$89,000 and shall not be increased without the approval of Council provided the annual non-bargaining salary rate adjustment shall be applied without further approval of Council." Mr. Markey opined that a motion to amend the legislation's Exhibit A is required, as well as a motion to amend the salary rate. Mr. Lukens moved to amend Ord. No. 2-2026 by adding the salary statement; seconded by Ms. Lee.

Roll Call: Yes: Lukens, Lee, Tousley, Eader, Mowery, DeHarpart, Harbert
No: None

Motion passed: 7 – 0

Mr. Lukens moved to amend Ord. No. 2-2026 Exhibit A: Zoning Administrator's job description; seconded by Ms. Lee.

Roll Call: Yes: Lukens, Lee, Tousley, Eader, Mowery, DeHarpart, Harbert
No: None

Motion passed: 7 – 0

Mr. Lukens offered Ord. No. 2-2026 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES FOR
THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR SUCH POSITION;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Lukens moved to adopt Ord. No. 2-2026; seconded by Ms. Lee.

Roll Call: Yes: Lukens, Lee, Tousley, Eader, Mowery, DeHarpart, Harbert
No: None

Motion passed: 7 – 0

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING – *Tuesday*, February 17, 2026: Public Hearing for Agricultural District Applications

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

President Harbert announced that he asked the Planning Commission to give Council recommendations for zoning decisions for a cannabis dispensary business. The State of Ohio Department of Commerce has provided information on state regulations regarding this business activity. Planning Commission members and City Council members have been provided a copy of this document.

ADJOURN - There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Donald Harbert, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on February 17, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

NOTE: These minutes are not verbatim
Original signed and approved minutes are on file with the Clerk of Council.

SPONSORED BY Administration
REFERRED TO: Committee Work Session
INTRODUCED BY: Finance Chair Harbert

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Emergency Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 19-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor, City of Norton, February 6, 2026.

SPONSORED BY Administration
 REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole
 INTRODUCED BY: Finance Chair Harbert

CITY OF NORTON
ORDINANCE NO. 14-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH LEGAL DEFENDERS OFFICE OF SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. provides indigent defense services as needed for the City of Norton; and

WHEREAS, Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. is required by the State to have contracts supported by a City Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, State of Ohio:

- Section 1: The Administrative Officer is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. to provide indigent defense services for 2026 in accordance with the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- Section 2: The Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make payment on the subject contract on presentation of proper vouchers from appropriate account(s).
- Section 3: All formal actions of this Council related to this Ordinance and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation for the public peace, health and safety of the City of Norton and the inhabitants thereof and for the reason that it is necessary to provide legal counsel for indigent persons; and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Emergency Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 14-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2025.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2025 and will become effective on _____, 2025.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor, City of Norton, January 29, 2026.

SPONSORED BY Administration
 REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole
 INTRODUCED BY: Finance Chair Harbert

CITY OF NORTON
ORDINANCE NO. 15-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2026 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Norton, Ohio is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2026 ("NEC Grant(s)") as provided for in the NEC Grant Program guidelines; and;

WHEREAS, the City of Norton wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. in substantially the same form presented to this Council, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to receive one or more NEC Grant(s).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, State of Ohio:

Section 1: This Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City of Norton to enter into the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) for 2026, and authorizes the Mayor, Administrative Officer, or Director of Finance to execute the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) funds.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all 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, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation for the public peace, health and safety of the City of Norton and the inhabitants thereof for the reason of accepting the aforementioned grant in a time and manner required by the grant program, and expending the same in a time and manner required by the grant program, and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Emergency Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date Passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 15-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor, City of Norton, on January 28, 2026.

SPONSORED BY: Administration
 REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole
 INTRODUCED BY: Finance Chair Harbert

CITY OF NORTON ORDINANCE NO. 16-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has requested authorization to transfer from Fund 001 (General Fund) to various funds of the City as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the carryover balance of the General Fund is sufficient to support said transfer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, and State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: This Council hereby authorizes the Director of Finance to transfer funds from Fund 001 (General Fund) to various funds of the City in the amounts the Director of Finance determines to be in the best financial interests of the City, which amounts and which transfers shall not exceed the amounts authorized to be transferred to the various funds of the City as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 2: All formal actions of this Council related to this Ordinance and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation for the public peace, health and safety of the City of Norton and the inhabitants thereof and further for the reason that the approval of said transfers is necessary for the prompt resolution of City affairs and sound fiscal management of the City, and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Emergency Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 16-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor, City of Norton, January 23, 2026.

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SPONSORED BY: Mayor Zita
 REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole
 INTRODUCED BY: Personnel/Rules Chair Lukens

CITY OF NORTON RESOLUTION NO. 17-2026

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Mayor Zita has determined to appoint and/or reappoint the individuals to the Board and Commissions for the term set forth in Exhibit A and this Council has determined to confirm such appointments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, and State of Ohio:

- Section 1. The Mayor's appointment of the individuals to the Board and Commissions for the term set forth in Exhibit A is hereby confirmed.
- Section 2. All formal actions of this Council related to this Resolution and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation for the public peace, health and safety of the City of Norton and the inhabitants thereof for the reason that the subject appointment is necessary for the prompt resolution of City affairs, and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Emergency vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest: _____
 Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

 Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution No. 17-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor, City of Norton, on January 15, 2026.

SPONSORED BY: Council President Harbert
 REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole
 INTRODUCED BY: Personnel/Rules Chair Lukens

CITY OF NORTON RESOLUTION NO. 18-2026

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REVISION OF COUNCIL RULES SECTION 3 - REFERRAL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council has determined it necessary to revise Council Rules Section 3 – Referral to implement a process of notification to Administration, Boards and Commissions, etc. regarding Matters Referred from Council Committees; and

WHEREAS, Council Rule 301: Referral has been replaced in its entirety as set forth in **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, Council Rule 601: Amend Rules allows Council Rules to be revised at any Regular Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the elected and appointed Council Members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, and State of Ohio:

- Section 1. The City of Norton Council Rules Section 3 – Referral as set forth in **Exhibit A** is hereby confirmed.
- Section 2. All formal actions of this Council related to this Resolution and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation for the public peace, health and safety of the City of Norton and the inhabitants thereof and for the reason that the Council Rule 3 revision is necessary for the prompt resolution of City affairs, and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Emergency vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____
 Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution No. 18-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor, City of Norton, on January 29, 2026.

SPONSORED BY: Administration
 REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole
 INTRODUCED BY: Service Chair Tousley

CITY OF NORTON
ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LAKE ERIE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR THE GUARDRAIL REPAIR ON SR 585 AND SR 21 WITHIN THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,215.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norton ("City") recognizes that the guardrail on State Routes 585 and 21 needs repair; and

WHEREAS, the City received a proposal in the form of the attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Proposal") from Lake Erie Construction Company (the "Vendor") for the guardrail repair on State Routes 585 and 21; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to approve the culvert repair by Vendor in accordance with the Proposal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, and State of Ohio:

- Section 1: That this Council hereby authorizes the culvert repair by Vendor in accordance with the Proposal in an amount not to exceed of \$12,215.
- Section 2: This Council hereby authorizes the Director of Finance to take such actions as shall be necessary to repair the culvert in accordance with the Proposal and this Ordinance.
- Section 3: All formal actions of this Council related to this Ordinance and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 4: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation for the public peace, health, safety of the City, and for the further reason to permit the timely completion of the project to enhance the vehicular safety in the City; and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Emergency Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 20-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor, City of Norton, January 29, 2026.

SPONSORED BY: Administration
 REFERRED TO: Committee Work Session
 INTRODUCED BY: Plng & Econ Dev Chair DeHarpart

CITY OF NORTON ORDINANCE NO. 6-2026

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REPLAT OF LOT 59 OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3879 BROOKSIDE DRIVE (NASH HEIGHTS ESTATES SUBDIVISION) TO CREATE LOTS 59R1 AND 59R2.

WHEREAS, Council finds that Application PC-2 has been filed with the City Planning Commission requesting approval of a replat of lot 59 in the Nash Heights Estates Subdivision, as shown in Exhibit A, to create lots 59R1 and 59R2; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, by its P.C. Resolution No. PC-2, dated January 13, 2026, recommends the approval of the replat of lot 59 to create lots 59R1 and 59R2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1232.04(d) of the Codified Ordinances of the City, this Council shall review the Planning Commission recommendation of the approval of the replat and shall approve, approve with conditions or disapprove of the replat no later than 30 days after receipt of the recommendation by Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined to approve the final plat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the replat of Lot 59 of the Nash Heights Estates Subdivision, together with the plans and descriptions on file with the City and incorporated by reference herein, presented by the owner Catherine George, pursuant to Planning Commission Application PC-2 is hereby approved pursuant to Section 1232.04(d).

Section 2: All formal actions of this Council related to this Ordinance and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 6-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2026
and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form, Justin P. Markey, Solicitor for the City of Norton, Ohio, on January 15, 2026.

PONSORED BY: Council
 REFERRED TO: Committee Work Session
 INTRODUCED BY: Planning & Econ Dev Chair DeHarpert

CITY OF NORTON
RESOLUTION NO. 7-2026

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED 3631 SOUTH MEDINA LINE ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2026, Eric and Kristen Beddow filed with the Clerk of Council, an application to renew the placement of farmland located at 3631 South Medina Line Road, (PPN 46-07452) in an Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, Council held a public hearing on said application at its regular Council Meeting on the 17th day of February 2026, in accordance with Section 929.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, State of Ohio:

Section 1: In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 929.02, Council hereby approves the renewal for placement of property located at 3631 South Medina Line Road (PPN 46-07452) in an Agricultural District, as requested in the application filed by Eric and Kristin Beddow with the Clerk of Council on January 7, 2026.

Section 2: All formal action of this Council related to this Resolution and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____

 Don Harbert, President of Council

 Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest: _____
 Kerry Macomber, CMC-Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, CMC-Clerk of Council the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution No. 7-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation as posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, CMC-Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor for the City of Norton on January 7, 2026.

SPONSORED BY: Council
 REFERRED TO: Committee Work Session
 INTRODUCED BY: Planning & Econ Dev Chair DeHarpert

**CITY OF NORTON
RESOLUTION NO. 8-2026**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED 4229 GREENWICH ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, Birdseye Barn filed with the Clerk of Council, an application to renew the placement of farmland located at 4229 Greenwich Road, (PPN 46-07010) in an Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, Council held a public hearing on said application at its regular Council Meeting on the 17th day of February 2026, in accordance with Section 929.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, State of Ohio:

Section 1: In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 929.02, Council hereby approves the renewal for placement of property located at 4229 Greenwich Road (PPN 46-07010) in an Agricultural District, as requested in the application filed by Birdseye Barn, LLC with the Clerk of Council on January 8, 2026.

Section 2: All formal action of this Council related to this Resolution and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest:

Kerry Macomber, CMC-Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, CMC-Clerk of Council the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution No. 8-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation as posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, CMC-Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor for the City of Norton on January 8, 2026.

SPONSORED BY: Council
 REFERRED TO: Committee Work Session
 INTRODUCED BY: Planning & Econ Dev Chair DeHarpart

CITY OF NORTON RESOLUTION NO. 9-2026

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED 4379 GREENWICH ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, Ralph Beddow filed with the Clerk of Council, an application to renew the placement of farmland located at 4379 Greenwich Road, (PPN 46-06712 and PPN 46-00381) in an Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, Council held a public hearing on said application at its regular Council Meeting on the 17th day of February, 2026, in accordance with Section 929.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, State of Ohio:

Section 1: In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 929.02, Council hereby approves the renewal for placement of property located at 4379 Greenwich Road (PPN 46-06712 and PPN 46-00381) in an Agricultural District, as requested in the application filed by Ralph Beddow with the Clerk of Council on January 8, 2026.

Section 2: All formal action of this Council related to this Resolution and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, CMC-Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, CMC-Clerk of Council the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution No. 9-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation as posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, CMC-Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor for the City of Norton on January 8, 2026.

SPONSORED BY:
REFERRED TO:
INTRODUCED BY:

CITY OF NORTON ORDINANCE NO. 10-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SIDEWALK EASEMENT WITH PPG INDUSTRIES, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City has determined it is necessary to enter into a sidewalk easement with PPG Industries, Inc. (the "Grantor") in connection with the granting of easement for a public sidewalk to the City in Columbia Woods Park (the "Project"), which easement is in the form of a Sidewalk Easement attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Easement"); and

WHEREAS, this Council finds it necessary to authorize the Administrative Officer to execute and deliver of the Easement for the benefit of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Administrative Officer is authorized to execute and deliver the Easement to the Grantor in accordance with the form of the Easement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2: All formal actions of this Council related to this Ordinance and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Ordinance is an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the City of Norton and the inhabitants thereof, and to immediately permit ingress and egress to Grantee, and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor _____

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor _____

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 10-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2026
and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal form by Justin P. Markey, Solicitor, City of Norton, January 2, 2026.

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SPONSORED BY: Administration
REFERRED TO: Committee Work Session
INTRODUCED BY: Property & Mines Chair Lee

CITY OF NORTON ORDINANCE NO. 11-2026

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTIES AS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Administration has recommended the disposal of public properties no longer needed for municipal purposes, and;

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Norton, Section 5.10 authorizes City Council to determine the need and the manner of disposal of said public properties no longer needed for municipal purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Norton, Counties of Summit and Wayne, State of Ohio:

- Section 1: That the Council of the City of Norton hereby determines that properties owned by the City and more fully described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto are no longer needed for municipal purposes.
- Section 2: That the property identified on **Exhibit A**, due to wear or obsolescence, has no financial value and the Administrative Officer is hereby directed to dispose of the property in the manner determined by the Administrative Officer, that method hereby determined to be in the best interest and financial advantages of the City in accordance with Section 5.10 of the Charter of the City.
- Section 3: That this Council hereby ratifies all actions previously taken by the Administrative Officer and the Director of Finance related to the disposal of the property in **Exhibit A** described in the Ordinance.
- Section 4: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all 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, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 5: This Ordinance is hereby determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation for the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of this City and its residents, for the reason that the sale of these public properties are no longer of public need and the sale may provide proceeds that can be returned to the City; and provided it receives approval of two-thirds of

the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval by the Mayor, or otherwise take effect and be in force and effect from and after the earliest period provided by law.

Emergency Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays

Date Passed: _____

Donald Harbert, President of Council

Date submitted to the Mayor

Attest: _____
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

Mike Zita, Mayor

Date approved by the Mayor

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 11-2026** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Norton, Summit and Wayne Counties, Ohio at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

That this legislation was posted according to law on _____, 2026 and will become effective on _____, 2026.

Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

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