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CITY COUNCIL — REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

417 Main Street

Huron, Ohio 44839

I. Call To Order Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

II. Roll Call of City Council

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Audience Comments Citizens may address their concerns to City Council. Please state your name and address for the recorded journal. (3-minute time limit)

V. Old Business

V.a Resolution No. 92-2025 (**second reading**) (*submitted by Fire Chief/Fire Captains*)

A resolution pursuant to Section 5705.19(I) of the Revised Code submitting to the electors of the City of Huron the question of the placement of an additional tax levy on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs.

VI. New Business

VI.a Resolution No. 1-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)

A resolution expressing intent to sell personal property deemed to be no longer needed for public use or found obsolete for the use for which it was acquired by internet auction utilizing GovDeals, Inc.

VI.b Resolution No. 2-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)

A resolution of necessity recommending and approving of inspections of properties City-wide in anticipation of enforcement of property-related ordinances, the International Property Maintenance Code, and the Ohio Building Code.

VI.c Resolution No. 3-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)

A resolution of necessity recommending and approving of inspections of properties City-wide in anticipation of enforcement of sidewalk-related ordinances and Ohio law relating to sidewalks.

VI.d Resolution No. 4-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)

A resolution of necessity recommending and approving of inspections of properties City-wide in anticipation of enforcement of tree-related ordinances and Ohio law relating to trees.

VI.e Resolution No. 5-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)

A resolution certifying unpaid mowing charges to the Erie County Auditor for collection.

VI.f Resolution No. 6-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)

A resolution authorizing participation in various cooperative purchasing programs.

VI.g Resolution No. 7-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)

A resolution authorizing Change Order #1 from Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc. relating to the City of Huron Sidewalk Maintenance Program in the amount of \$2,147.51.

VII. City Manager's Discussion

VIII. Mayor's Discussion

IX. For the Good of the Order

X. Executive Session(s)

XI. Adjournment



TO: Mayor Tapp and City Council
FROM: Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council
RE: Resolution No. 92-2025 (**second reading**) (*submitted by Fire Chief/Fire Captains*)
DATE: January 13, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

History

Resolution No. 1985-12 - original 2.5 mill fire levy placed on ballot.

Resolution No. 2004-37 - 3.0 mill replacement fire levy placed on ballot.

Resolution No. 89-2025 - 1.5 mill additional fire levy resolution of necessity requesting auditor valuation

During the preparation of the 2026 budget including a forward forecast of ten years the City Fire Department shows inability to fund current operating service levels with the current revenue generated by the active property tax levy. The Fire Department has maintained its level of service with the static revenue amount generated without a ballot measure for over 20 years. With rising operational costs, increased call volume, and capital equipment in need of replacement the necessity for additional property tax revenue is apparent. The ballot measure of an additional 1.5 mills is estimated to cost taxpayers \$52.50 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed property tax value.

Financial Review

A resolution to place an additional 1.5 mill fire tax levy on the May 2026 ballot. A copy of the Erie County Auditor's Certification of valuation of the proposed levy is attached hereto as Exhibit "1."

Legal Review

The matter has been reviewed, follows normal administrative procedure and is properly before you.

Recommendation

If Council is in agreement with the request, a motion placing Resolution No. 92-2025 on its second reading is in order.

[Resolution No. 92-2025 Exh 1 Erie County Auditor Certification](#)

[Resolution No. 92-2025 Place Fire Levy on Ballot 1.5 Mill \(1\).docx](#)

Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue

Use this form when a taxing authority certifies a millage rate and requests the revenue produced by that rate.

DTE 140R
Rev. 04/25
R.C. 5705.01, 5705.03

The county auditor of Erie County, Ohio, does hereby certify the following:

1. On December 11, 2025, the taxing authority of the City of Huron (political subdivision name) certified a copy of its resolution or ordinance adopted December 9, 2025, requesting the county auditor to certify the current taxable value of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would be produced by (1.500) mills, to levy a tax outside the 10-mill limitation for Fire and EMS purposes pursuant to Revised Code § 5705.19 (I), to be placed on the ballot at the May 5, 2026, election. The levy type is an additional levy.
2. The property tax revenue that will be produced by the stated millage, assuming the taxable value of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$ 513,357.
3. The total taxable value of the subdivision used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$ 342,237,999.
4. The millage for the requested levy is (1.500) mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ 53 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.


Auditor's signature

12.11. 2025

Date

Instructions

1. "Total taxable value" includes the taxable value of all real property in the subdivision as indicated on the tax list most recently certified for collection and estimates of the taxable value of public utility personal property for the first year the levy will be collected as set forth on the worksheets prescribed in conjunction with this form. If the subdivision is located in more than one county, the home county auditor (where the greatest taxable value of the subdivision is located) shall obtain the assistance of the other county auditors to establish the total tax valuation of the subdivision.
2. For purposes of this certification, "subdivision" includes any agency, board, commission or other authority authorized to request a taxing authority to submit a tax levy on its behalf. See R.C. 5705.01(A) & (C).
3. "Levy type" includes the following: (1) additional, (2) renewal, (3) renewal with an increase, (4) renewal with a decrease, (5) replacement, (6) replacement with an increase and (7) replacement with a decrease levies.
4. In completing Lines 1 and 4 of this form, mills should be identified in whole numbers or fractions thereof, i.e., 5 mills or 5.25 mills, rather than as a fraction of a dollar, i.e., \$0.005. This expression is consistent with the prior practice of identifying mills in whole numbers or fractions thereof per \$1 of valuation.
5. "The county auditor's appraised value" means the true value in money of real property. R.C. 5705.01(P).
6. For any levy or portion of a levy, an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest dollar, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list most recently certified by the county auditor under R.C. 319.28(A). See R.C. 5705.03(B).
7. Please file this certificate with the subdivision as soon as possible, so the taxing authority can pass a resolution to proceed not later than 90 days before the election.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2025

Introduced by: Sam Artino

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(I) OF THE REVISED CODE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HURON THE QUESTION OF THE PLACEMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY ON A CONTINUING BASIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, MECHANICAL RESUSCITATORS, UNDERWATER RESCUE AND RECOVERY EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER FIRE EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES THEREFOR, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFOR, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE-ALARM COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PAYMENT OF FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES OR PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, FOR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF OTHER RELATED COSTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.02 provides that the aggregate amount of taxes that may be levied on any taxable property in the City shall not in any one year exceed ten mills on each dollar of tax valuation of the City, except for taxes specifically authorized to be levied in excess thereof; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19 provides that the City of Huron ("City"), by vote of two-thirds of all the members of this Council, may declare by resolution and certify the resolution to the board of elections not less than ninety days before the election upon which it will be voted that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the subdivision and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for certain purposes; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) expressly allows the City to authorize a levy in excess of the ten mills limitation for purposes of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; and

WHEREAS, the dollar amount of revenue currently generated by the existing taxes and prior levies is insufficient to meet the financial needs of current operating and maintenance costs of the Fire Department of the City and additional funds are necessary to continue to provide fire and emergency medical services to the residents of the City of Huron; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2025, this Council adopted Resolution No. 89-2025 pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code authorizing the placement of an additional 1.5 mill tax levy for a

continuing period of time and requesting the Erie County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that additional levy; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2025, the County Auditor certified that the total current tax valuation of the District is \$342,237,999.00 and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the additional 1.5 mill levy would be \$513,357.00 annually during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy;

WHEREAS, Council finds it necessary to place an additional one point five (1.5) mill levy in accordance with Sections 5705.19(I) and 742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Charter of the City of Huron in order to maintain and operate the Fire Department and provide for fire and emergency medical services throughout the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:**

Section 1: That Council hereby finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes that may be raised by the City of Huron within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this City, and that it is necessary to levy an additional tax in excess of that limitation at the rate of 1.5 mills for a continuing period of time for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 3: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being the necessity to authorize the Mayor and/or Council to take any and all measures to protect the public and the City's employees from contracting and/or spreading the COVID-19, thus for the public health, safety and welfare. Therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after passage and approval by the Mayor.

Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

ADOPTED:



TO: Mayor Tapp and City Council
FROM: Stuart Hamilton, Service Director
RE: Resolution No. 1-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)
DATE: January 13, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

This resolution authorizes an acknowledgment of a renewal with GovDeals, Inc. as the City's internet auction provider used to dispose of items no longer deemed necessary for use by the City. This resolution simply identifies the internet auction contractor to be utilized when the City wishes to dispose of property via internet auction; the City can dispose of property by other means as desired.

Financial Review

The matter has been reviewed; there is no financial impact associated with the City's agreement with GovDeals, Inc., as all costs/fees are deducted from the final sale price of the items sold. A disposal request form will be approved prior to listing any items.

Legal Review

The matter has been reviewed, follows normal administrative procedure and is properly before you.

Recommendation

If Council is in agreement with the request, a motion adopting Resolution No. 1-2026 is in order.

[**Resolution No. 1-2026 GovDeals.docx**](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2026

Introduced by William Biddlecombe

AN ANNUAL RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S INTENT TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY DEEMED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR FOUND OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED BY INTERNET AUCTION UTILIZING GOVDEALS, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That Sections 5.05 and 5.06 of the Huron City Charter establish the authority of the City Council to enter into contracts for the purchase of all supplies, printing, materials, equipment and contractual services required by any agency of the City; and that Chapter 159 of the Huron Codified Ordinances establishes the Division of Purchasing.

SECTION 2: That pursuant to O.R.C. §721.15 Council hereby demonstrates its intent to utilize internet auction for the disposal of personal property no longer needed for public use, or deemed obsolete or unfit for the purpose for which it was acquired in the manner established by the agreement with GovDeals, Inc., adopted May 18, 2010 by Resolution 2010-33 and which automatically renews annually.

SECTION 3: That the City Council, pursuant to O.R.C. §721.15(C) not only intends to annually adopt the intent to sell such personal property, but also will publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, a summary notice of this Resolution for two (2) weeks, the second notice to be published not less than ten (1) nor more than 20 (20) days after the first notice. Further, the City will post a notice in the offices of the Clerk of the Council and the City of Huron website continually throughout the year.

SECTION 4: That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. §121.22 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 5: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately following its adoption.

Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

ADOPTED:



TO: Mayor Tapp and City Council
FROM: Stuart Hamilton, Service Director
RE: Resolution No. 2-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)
DATE: January 13, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

Pursuant to code requirements, the Zoning Department inspects potential violations and works with homeowners to correct said violations. In the event residents do not comply after notification has been received, the city may take further action to complete the work in order to achieve full code compliance. The work being charged to the homeowner is typically minor; for example, cutting grass or towing a vehicle. Resolution No. 2-2026 authorizes the cost of the work to be recouped by placing the amount on property owner's tax duplicate for the following year.

Financial Review

Resolution 2-2026 will authorize the City to certify actual charges incurred by the City to the County Auditor related to remediation of noncompliant conditions under Chapter 521 (Health, Safety and Sanitation), Chapter 523 (Junk Vehicles), and Chapter 557 (Grass, Weeds and Vegetation) of the codified ordinances. The amount certified to the Auditor will recoup these costs and be placed on the property's tax duplicate for the following year.

Legal Review

The matter has been reviewed, follows normal administrative procedure and is properly before you.

Recommendation

If Council is in agreement with the request, a motion adopting Resolution No. 2-2026 is in order.

[**Resolution No. 2-2026 Resolution of Necessity Building Maintenance.docx**](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2026

Introduced by Joe Dike

A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTIONS OF PROPERTIES CITY-WIDE IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF PROPERTY-RELATED ORDINANCES, THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE.

WHEREAS, the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huron ("City") provide for the adoption and enforcement of building code, property maintenance, and zoning regulations and enforcement thereof; and

WHEREAS, through its Codified Ordinances, the City has adopted the Ohio Building Code, the Residential Code of Ohio, and the International Property Maintenance Code to establish rules and regulations affecting the construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use, occupancy, location, repair, and maintenance, of property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City also has adopted a comprehensive zoning code to promote and protect the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity, and general welfare of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, City-wide property inspections shall be undertaken to investigate possible zoning and property maintenance violations within the City to ensure compliance with existing Codified Ordinances, the International Property Maintenance Code, and the Ohio Building Code, and in anticipation of enforcement of said Ordinances and Codes;

WHEREAS, the City will pursue enforcement efforts, including but not limited to certification of actual charges to ensure compliance to the Erie County Auditor at a later date if and as applicable.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby recommends and approves City-wide property inspections to investigate possible zoning and property maintenance violations within the City of Huron to ensure compliance with existing Codified Ordinances, the International Property Maintenance Code, and the Ohio Building Code, and in anticipation of enforcement of said Ordinances and Codes.

SECTION 2. That the property conditions of certain properties in the City of Huron may require remediation of noncompliant conditions to ensure the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Huron, Ohio.

SECTION 3. The Building and Zoning Department shall advise relevant property owners in writing, when and as required by City Ordinances, of any noncompliance after such inspection(s) are performed, and an opportunity to remedy any violations shall be afforded consistent with relevant City Ordinances.

SECTION 4. That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. § 121.22.

Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: _____



TO: Mayor Tapp and City Council
FROM: Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council
RE: Resolution No. 3-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)
DATE: January 13, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

Resolution 3-2026 will authorize the first legislative step in the process related to the Sidewalk Assessment for 2026, where staff has identified District 1 (First St to Rye Beach) as the next designated area to be inspected and assessed, as necessary. Upon adoption, administration will proceed with the assessment process as outlined in the ORC. As with all assessment projects, notification and due process rights are required prior to the consideration of the subsequent legislative steps that must be adopted before the assessment list can be certified to the County Auditor.

Financial Review

The City budgeted \$100,000 for sidewalk and tree repairs in 2026 out of the Property Maintenance Fund. If costs are incurred by the City to repair sidewalks and/or trees, the City will request reimbursement from the property owner. The property owner may elect to have the total cost, plus interest, added to the property tax bill over 4 years. If elected, the City will certify the costs to the County Auditor in accordance with City ordinances and State law. The amount certified to the Auditor will recoup these costs and be placed on the property's tax duplicate for the following year.

Legal Review

The matter has been reviewed, follows normal administrative procedure and is properly before you.

Recommendation

If Council is in agreement with the request, a motion adopting Resolution No. 3-2026 is in order.

[Resolution No. 3-2026 Resolution fo Necessity Sidewalks District 1 \(1\).docx](#)

[Resolution No. 3-2026 Exh A Streets by District 1.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2026

Introduced by Sam Artino

A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTIONS OF PROPERTIES CITY-WIDE IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF SIDEWALK-RELATED ORDINANCES AND OHIO LAW RELATING TO SIDEWALKS.

WHEREAS, Section 521.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huron (“City”) requires owners and or persons in charge of property within the City to construct, repair, and maintain sidewalks for the safe usage by pedestrians in accordance with City standards and as set forth in the Codified Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Codified Ordinances of the City permit the City to order the construction, maintenance, or repair of sidewalks not conforming with City standards and for the enforcement thereof; and

WHEREAS, City-wide property inspections shall be undertaken to investigate the condition of sidewalks within District 1 (as shown in the diagram attached hereto as “Exhibit A” and incorporated herein by reference) the City to ensure compliance with existing Codified Ordinances and Ohio law;

WHEREAS, the City will pursue enforcement efforts, including but not limited to, later legislation requiring maintenance, repair, or replacement of sidewalks within District 1, and certification of actual charges to ensure compliance to the Erie County Auditor at a later date if and as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby recommends and approves City-wide property inspections to investigate the condition of sidewalks within District 1 (as shown in the diagram attached hereto as “Exhibit A” and incorporated herein by reference) the City of Huron to ensure compliance with existing Codified Ordinances and Ohio law, and in anticipation of enforcement of said Ordinances and Ohio law.

SECTION 2. That the condition of sidewalks pertaining to certain properties in the City of Huron may require remediation of noncompliant conditions to ensure the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Huron, Ohio.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council shall advise relevant property owners in writing, when and as required by City Ordinances, of any noncompliance after such inspection(s) are performed, and an opportunity to remedy any violations shall be afforded consistent with relevant City Ordinances.

SECTION 4. That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. § 121.22.

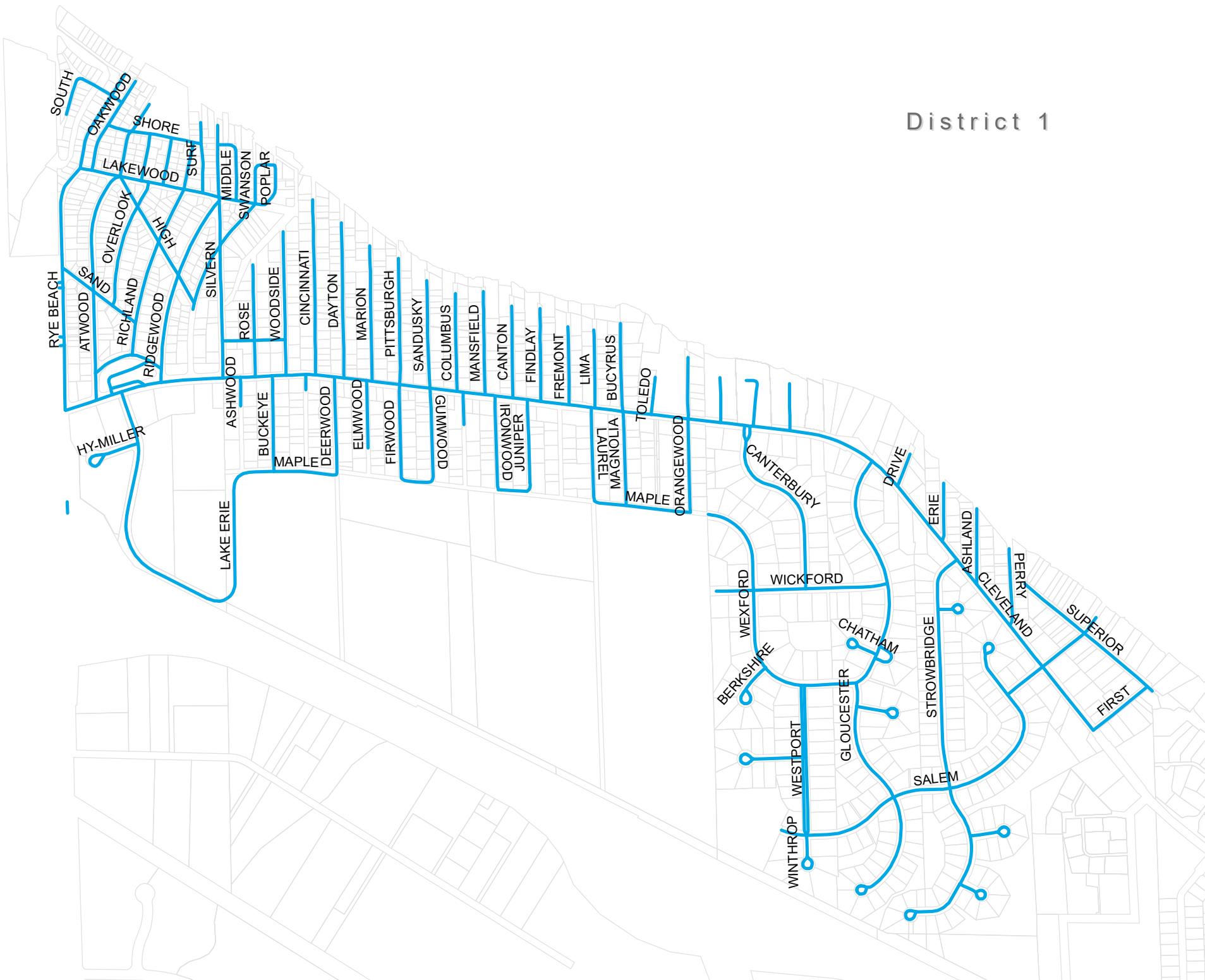
SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately following its adoption.

Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: _____

District 1





TO: Mayor Tapp and City Council
FROM: Stuart Hamilton, Service Director
RE: Resolution No. 4-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)
DATE: January 13, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

Resolution 4-2026 will authorize the first legislative step in the process related to the Tree Assessment for 2026, where staff has identified District 1 (First St to Rye Beach) as the next designated area to be inspected and assessed, as necessary. Upon adoption, administration will proceed with the assessment process as outlined in the ORC. As with all assessment projects, notification and due process rights are required prior to the consideration of the subsequent legislative steps that must be adopted before the assessment list can be certified to the County Auditor.

Financial Review

The City budgeted \$100,000 for sidewalk and tree repairs in 2026 out of the Property Maintenance Fund. If costs are incurred by the City to repair sidewalks and/or trees, the City will request reimbursement from the property owner. The property owner may elect to have the total cost, plus interest, added to the property tax bill over 4 years. If elected, the City will certify the costs to the County Auditor in accordance with City ordinances and State law. The amount certified to the Auditor will recoup these costs and be placed on the property's tax duplicate for the following year.

Legal Review

The matter has been reviewed, follows normal administrative procedure and is properly before you.

Recommendation

If Council is in agreement with the request, a motion adopting Resolution No. 4-2026 is in order.

[**Resolution No. 4-2026 Resolution of Necessity Trees District 1 \(1\).docx**](#)

[**Resolution No. 4-2026 Exh A District 1**](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2026

Introduced by Sam Artino

A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTIONS OF PROPERTIES CITY-WIDE IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF TREE-RELATED ORDINANCES AND OHIO LAW RELATING TO TREES.

WHEREAS, the City of Huron (“City”) has adopted tree-related ordinances, including Section 521.15 (Duty to Maintain Trees in Tree Law) and Chapter 907 (Trees), for the purpose of controlling the blight and disease of shade trees within public rights-of-way, and for the planting, maintaining, trimming, removing, preservation, and/or replacement of trees in and along streets, alleys, and public grounds and places; and

WHEREAS, City-wide property inspections shall be undertaken to investigate the condition of trees within District 1 (as shown on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference) in the City of Huron to ensure compliance with existing Codified Ordinances and Ohio law;

WHEREAS, the City will pursue enforcement efforts, including but not limited to, later legislation requiring care and maintenance to, or replacement of, various trees within District 1, and certification of actual charges to ensure compliance to the Erie County Auditor at a later date if and as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby recommends and approves City-wide property inspections to investigate the condition of trees within District 1 (as shown on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference) in the City of Huron to ensure compliance with existing Codified Ordinances and Ohio law, and in anticipation of enforcement of said Ordinances and Ohio law.

SECTION 2. That the condition of trees pertaining to certain properties in the City of Huron may require remediation of noncompliant conditions to ensure the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Huron, Ohio.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council shall advise relevant property owners in writing, when and as required by City Ordinances, of any noncompliance after such inspection(s) are performed, and an opportunity to remedy any violations shall be afforded consistent with relevant City Ordinances.

SECTION 4. That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. § 121.22.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately following its adoption.

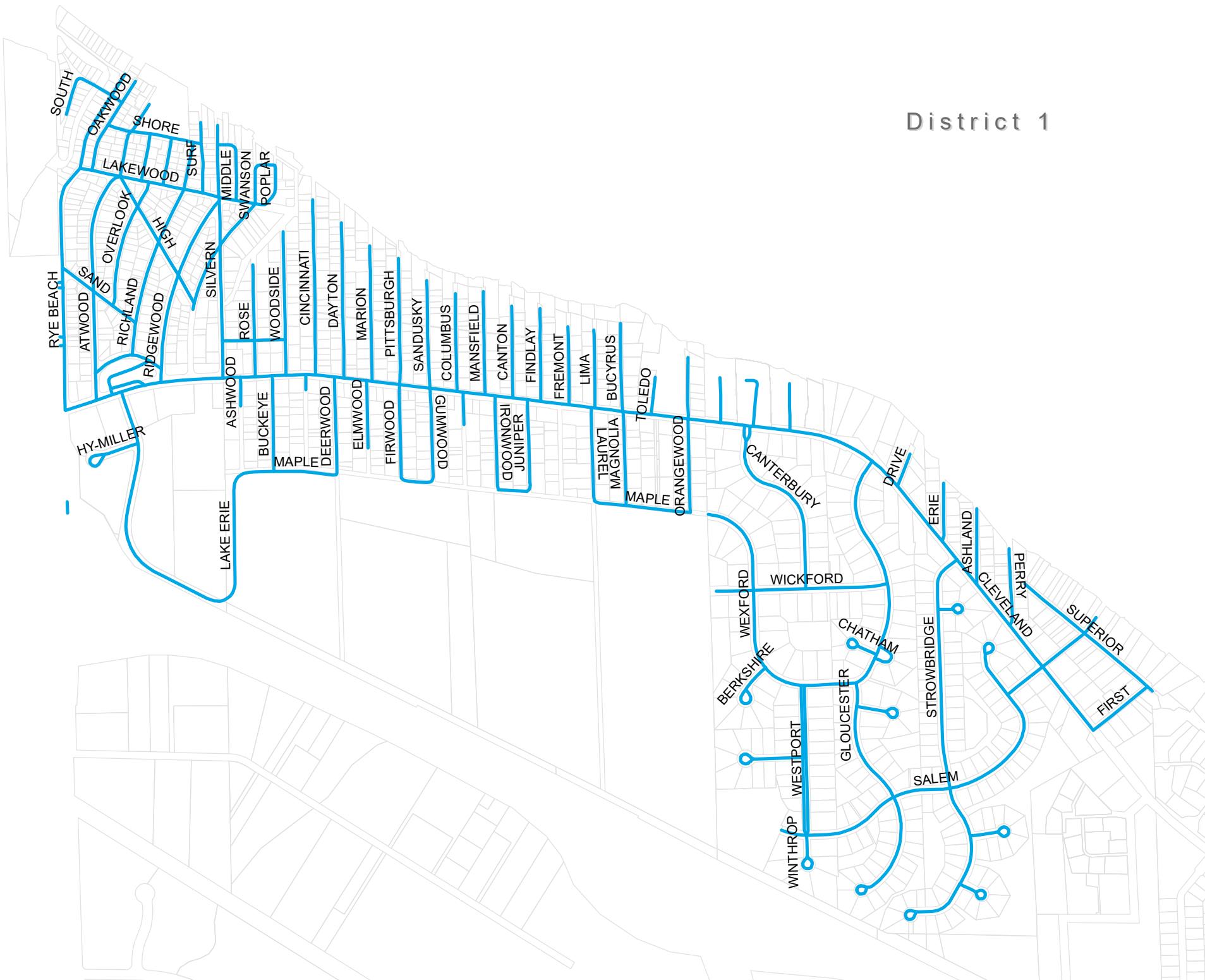
Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

ADOPTED:

District 1



CITY OF
HURON

TO: Mayor Tapp and City Council
FROM: Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council
RE: Resolution No. 5-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)
DATE: January 13, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

In the past, Administration prepared and issued certifications to the Erie County Auditor for outstanding invoices requesting to have the outstanding debt certified to the respective property owner's tax duplicate. This was done annually in advance of the Auditor's deadline for filings which is the second Monday in September. Routinely, we will have late certifications as we generally have additional mowing after this deadline.

The Planning & Zoning Department is requesting to have outstanding invoices for the mowing of properties in violation of Chapter 557 to be certified to the Erie County Auditor for collection pursuant to the following Code Sections:

Section 557.03 SERVING OF NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE. (a) After a determination has been made as set forth in Section 557.02 that a nuisance exists or that the public health is endangered, then the County Health Commissioner or the City Manager or his nominee/ designee shall cause written notice to be served upon the owner of such lots or lands that such nuisance or endangering of the public health must be abated by cutting or destroying such weeds or grass as set forth in Section 557.01 within seven days from the date of the notice required herein. If the owners or other such persons are nonresidents or other persons whose address is known, notice shall be sent to such address; however, if the address of such owners, or other persons whether residents or nonresidents is unknown, then it shall be sufficient to publish such notice once in a newspaper of general circulation, which published notice shall be deemed to be effective for the then-existing violation of Section 557.01 any and all further violations of Section 557.01 for the then-existing balance of the calendar year, and no additional published notice(s) shall be required for future violations by such owner (for which notice is initially published in accordance with this Section 557.03) for any and all violations of Section 557.01 for the balance of the then-existing calendar year.

557.06 BILL TO BE SENT TO OWNER. When the City Manager causes undesirable weeds, vegetation of rank growth or overgrown yard grass (including front yards, side yards, and rear yards), vegetation and/or wild grass to be cut and the land cleaned of debris as provided in Section 557.05, a statement of cost thereof shall be mailed to the owner of such land by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such statement of cost shall include the following: (a) Administration, publication, and supervision; (b) Transportation of equipment; (c) Equipment rental; (d) Equipment operator; (e) Incidental labor; (f) Cost of equipment damages or repairs directly related to the work performed on owner's property. The minimum charge for all costs referenced in this Section 557.06 (a) through 557.06 (f) shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for the first hour or portion thereof, and thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for each additional hour or portion thereof or one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the contractual costs whichever is greater.

557.07 NONCOMPLIANCE. Any person not complying with Section 557.06 shall be subject to all available

collection procedures, including but not limited to having certified to his tax duplicate such billing with the County Auditor, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

Outstanding Charges to be Certified (8/22/25 through 12/31/25):

Parcel #	Parcel Address	Case #(s)	Outstanding Balance
42-01223.000	301 Forest Hills	1358	106.25
42-01643.000	909 Beachside	1341	106.25
42-01643.000	909 Beachside	1341	106.25
42-01643.000	909 Beachside	1327	106.25
TOTAL:			425.00

Financial Review

The County will collect on the outstanding property maintenance invoices on the City's behalf in 2026 through each property's tax duplicate bill. The payment will be receipted in the Property Maintenance Fund to offset the City's cost to mow the properties.

Legal Review

The matter has been reviewed, follows normal administrative procedure and is properly before you.

Recommendation

If Council is in agreement with the request, a motion adopting Resolution No. 5-2026 is in order.

[**Resolution No. 5-2026 Certify Mowing Charges to Auditor \(5\).docx**](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2026

Introduced by Tom Harris

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING MOWING CHARGES TO THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Huron, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That, pursuant to Section 557.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huron, it is hereby determined and declared that the list of mowing charges on file in the office of the Finance Director of the City, which list is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, is delinquent and unpaid. The Finance Director is hereby directed to do all things necessary to cause said unpaid mowing charges to be certified to the Erie County Auditor for collection as other taxes, and the Erie County Auditor is hereby requested pursuant to statute, to cause said charges to be extended on the 2026 tax duplicate for collection in one installment.

SECTION 2. That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. § 121.22.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately following its adoption.

Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

ADOPTED:

EXHIBIT "A"

CITY OF HURON
Resolution No. 5-2026
Mowing Charges Certified to Erie County Auditor
8/22/25 through 12/31/25

Parcel #	Parcel Address	Case #(s)	Outstanding Balance
42-01223.000	301 Forest Hills	1358	106.25
42-01643.000	909 Beachside	1353	106.25
42-01643.000	909 Beachside	1341	106.25
42-01643.000	909 Beachside	1327	106.25
TOTAL:			425.00



TO: Mayor Tapp and City Council
FROM: Stuart Hamilton, Service Director
RE: Resolution No. 6-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)
DATE: January 13, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

This legislation is requesting permission to participate in the many available cooperative purchasing programs through December 31, 2026. What these programs allow the City to do is to search these programs for pre-bid and pre-approved pricing. Purchasing from these programs removes the requirement to go out to bid if purchased from one of the approved contracts as these programs have already put the items out to bid.

Financial Review

There is no financial impact relating to this legislation, other than savings realized through use of the various cooperative purchasing programs.

Legal Review

The matter has been reviewed, follows normal administrative procedure and is properly before you.

Recommendation

If Council is in agreement with the request, a motion adopting Resolution No. 6-2026 is in order.

[**Resolution No. 6-2026 Cooperative Purchasing Program.docx**](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2026

Introduced by: Joe Dike

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND /OR CITY MANAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAMS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

WHEREAS, the Home Rule powers of the Ohio Constitution and Section 125.04 of the Ohio Revised Code grant power to the City of Huron to participate in joint purchasing programs; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Administration Services (ODAS), Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), General Services Administration (GSA), U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Sourcewell, National Institute of Government Purchases (NIGP), and any other governmental cooperative programs are non-profit instruments of the government that assist local and state agencies in reducing costs of purchased goods through competitively solicited contracts; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to authorize the Finance Director and/or City Manager to participate in these programs for the purchase of goods on behalf of the City for calendar year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That Council authorizes a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the ODAS, as required by ORC 125.04(A)(2), that request be made of ODAS that the City of Huron be authorized to participate in any such cooperative purchasing contracts and arrangements, that the City of Huron agrees to be bound to the terms and conditions as ODAS prescribes, and the City of Huron shall pay vendors directly under each such purchase contracts.

SECTION 2: That Council, pursuant to the Home Rule authority granted to it by the Ohio Constitution, and Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04, hereby authorizes the Director of Finance and/or City Manager to participate in governmental cooperative programs for the purchase of vehicles, machinery, materials, supplies, and other articles for the City for calendar year 2026.

SECTION 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage.

Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: _____



TO: Mayor Tapp and City Council
FROM: Stuart Hamilton, Service Director
RE: Resolution No. 7-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)
DATE: January 13, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

Resolution 47-2025 authorized expenditures of \$30,000 to pay for the remediation of sidewalks in District 2. As the work progressed, changes were made in the field with City approval. 48 edge grinds were removed as these were not feasible due to the condition of the existing slab and therefore the slabs were removed and replaced. The resulted in a NET additional expense is \$2,147.00

Financial Review

The matter has been reviewed, and the cost increase is within budget.

Legal Review

The matter has been reviewed, follows normal administrative procedure and is properly before you.

Recommendation

If Council is in agreement with the request, a motion adopting Resolution No. 7-2026 is in order.

[**Resolution No. 7-2026 Smith Paving CO 1.docx**](#)

[**Resolution No. 7-2026 Exh A Smith Paving District 2 Change Order #1.pdf**](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2026

Introduced by Sam Artino

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FROM SMITH PAVING & EXCAVATING INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RELATED TO CITY OF HURON SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (DISTRICT 2) IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 51/100 DOLLARS (\$2,147.51), BRINGING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT TO THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 51/100 DOLLARS (\$32,147.51)

WHEREAS, Council previously adopted Resolution No. 47-2025 on July 22, 2025, authorizing an Agreement with Smith Paving & Excavating Inc. for the provision of professional construction services related to the City of Huron Sidewalk Maintenance Program (District 2) in the amount of Thirty Thousand and xx/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00); and

WHEREAS, Smith Paving & Excavating Inc. has submitted Change Order #1 in the amount of Two Thousand One Hundred Forty-Seven and 51/100 (\$2,147.51) for additional concrete work performed, and also including a deduction for concrete grinding work not performed, necessary for proper completion of the project, which increases the total to Thirty-Two Thousand One Hundred Forty-Seven and 51/100 Dollars (\$32,147.51); and

WHEREAS, the City and Council believe the changes requested are reasonable and necessary for the successful completion of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the City Manager be, and he hereby is, authorized to accept Change Order No. 1 in the amount of Two Thousand One Hundred Forty-Seven and 51/100 Dollars (\$2,147.51) from Smith Paving & Excavating Inc. to reflect additional sidewalk replacement/repair work completed relating to the City of Huron Sidewalk Maintenance Program (District 2), bringing the total to an amount not to exceed Thirty-Two Thousand One Hundred Forty-Seven and 51/100 Dollars (\$32,147.51). A copy of Change Order #1 is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 2: That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. §121.22 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately following its adoption.

Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

ADOPTED:



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CHANGE ORDER

Agreement Date: **7/23/2025**

Change Order #: **1**

Addition to Contract:

As Built Quantity Change

Net Add for actual work completed:

Deduct 48 Grind @ \$60.00	(2,880.00)
Add 291.45 sf @ \$17.25	5,027.51
Net Add	\$ 2,147.51
Original PO	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Revised PO Total	\$32,147.51

Total Cost of Change Order: \$ 2,147.51

Accepted By:

SPE Representative:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Raynor".

City/State Representative/Owner: _____