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CITY COUNCIL — REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 26, 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**
 - III.a** Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 12, 2026.
- 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** Ordinance No. 2026-11 (**second reading**) (*submitted by Chief Terry Graham*)
An ordinance amending Section 331.37(a) of Chapter 331 - of the Huron Codified Ordinances to allow for low-speed micromobility devices on sidewalks.
- VI. New Business**
 - VI.a** Resolution No. 46-2026 (*submitted by Chief Kevin McGraw*)
A resolution authorizing a grant application submission by the Huron Fire Department to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$90,992.90.
 - VI.b** Resolution No. 47-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)
A resolution ordering the repair of public sidewalks abutting certain premises in the City of Huron (Vacant lot on Tiffin Ave. and 310 South Street).
 - VI.c** Motion
Motion to set a public hearing on the proposed 2027 Municipal Tax Budget for Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:30pm, immediately preceding the regular Council meeting.
 - VI.d** Motion
Motion appointing George Collins to serve on the Finance Committee to replace the seat vacated by Lisa Hemker.
- 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: Ordinance No. 2026-11 (**second reading**) (*submitted by Chief Terry Graham*)
DATE: May 26, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

Section 331.37(a) of the Huron Codified Ordinances (which restricts low-speed micromobility device on sidewalk), as currently written, conflicts with Section 371.14 and ORC 4511.514(A)(1) (which allow for low-speed micromobility device on sidewalk).

Ordinance No. 2026-11 amends Section 331.37(a) to allow for low-speed micromobility devices on sidewalks since these are Razor type electric kids scooters – “a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars, is propelled by an electric motor or human power, and has an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 20 MPH when propelled by the electric motor.” See redline revisions attached hereto as Exhibit 1. There have been no changes made to this legislation since its first reading on May 12, 2026.

Financial Review

There is no financial impact relating to this legislation.

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 Ordinance No. 2026-11 on its second reading is in order.

[Ordinance No. 2026-11 Exh 1 Redline Revisions Section 331.37\(a\).pdf](#)

[Ordinance No. 2026-11 Amend Section 331.37\(a\) of Codified Ordinances \(1\).docx](#)

331.37 DRIVING UPON SIDEWALKS, STREET LAWNS OR CURBS.

(a) (1) No person shall drive any vehicle ~~(including, but not limited to, an e-scooter),~~ other than a bicycle, low-speed micromobility device, or an electric bicycle if the motor is not engaged, upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway. ~~This Section is intended to supersede ORC 4511.514(A)(1) pertaining to the use of low-speed micromobility devices on sidewalks.~~ (ORC 4511.711; Ord. 2021-25. Passed 7-13-21).

(2) This prohibition does not apply to a law enforcement officer, or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, using an electric bicycle with the motor engaged while in the performance of the officer's duties.

~~(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting local authorities from regulating the operation of bicycles or electric bicycles, except that no local authority may require that bicycles or electric bicycles be operated on sidewalks. (ORC 4511.711(A))~~

(b) No person shall drive a vehicle on a street lawn area or the curb of a street, except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway or when otherwise lawfully authorized.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.711)

Commented [MW1]: This is wording directly from ORC 4511.711(A) and doesn't make sense in Huron's ordinances because it talks about "local authorities" and because Huron is the "local authority"

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11

Introduced by Joe Dike

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH 331.37(a) OF SECTION 331.37 (DRIVING UPON SIDEWALKS, STREET LAWNS OR CURBS) OF CHAPTER 331 (OPERATION GENERALLY) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, this Council hereby determines the changes and amendments set forth within this Ordinance are in the best interest of the City of Huron and its citizens.

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

Section 1. That Section 1133.02 (Determination of Required Off-Street Parking Spaces) of Chapter 1132 (Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huron, Ohio, which currently reads as follows:

331.37 DRIVING UPON SIDEWALKS, STREET LAWNS OR CURBS.

(a) (1) No person shall drive any vehicle (including, but not limited to, an e-scooter), other than a bicycle or an electric bicycle if the motor is not engaged, upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway. This Section is intended to supersede ORC 4511.514(A)(1) pertaining to the use of low-speed micromobility devices on sidewalks. (ORC 4511.711; Ord. 2021-25. Passed 7-13-21).

(2) This prohibition does not apply to a law enforcement officer, or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, using an electric bicycle with the motor engaged while in the performance of the officer's duties.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting local authorities from regulating the operation of bicycles or electric bicycles, except that no local authority may require that bicycles or electric bicycles be operated on sidewalks. (ORC 4511.711(A)),

shall be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

331.37 DRIVING UPON SIDEWALKS, STREET LAWNS OR CURBS.

(a) (1) No person shall drive any vehicle, other than a bicycle, low-speed micromobility device, or an electric bicycle if the motor is not engaged, upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway. (ORC 4511.711; Ord. 2026-11. Passed __-__-26).

(2) This prohibition does not apply to a law enforcement officer, or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, using an electric bicycle with the motor engaged while in the performance of the officer's duties. (Ord. 2026-11. Passed __-__-26).

Section 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council

and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including O.R.C. §121.22.

Section 3. In accordance with Section 3.06 of the Charter of the City of Huron, Ohio, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following its adoption.

Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: _____



TO: Mayor Tapp and City Council
FROM: Kevin McGraw
RE: Resolution No. 46-2026 (*submitted by Chief Kevin McGraw*)
DATE: May 26, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

This resolution authorizes the Huron Fire Department's submission of an Assistant to Firefight Grant (AFG) application for potential funding toward equipment replacement.

As submitted by Captain Kevin McGraw within a legislative request to Administration:

The Huron Fire Department is making application through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters grant program for funds to replace outdated fire hoses (recommended life span of 15 years). The total cost being requested is \$95,782 (see quote attached hereto as Exhibit 1), with the City's 5% cost match being \$4,789.10, leaving a grant request of \$90,992.90. The City's 5% cost match is included in the 2026 Municipal Budget and can be accommodated in the Fire Department General Equipment Fund. Grants will be awarded in July 2026.

Financial Review

There is no financial impact to the budget at this time other than the grant writer fee. If awarded, the Fire General Equipment budget will account for the receipt of the grant and purchase of the gear. The local match amount of \$4,789.10 for the grant will be split with the Township. All equipment items are currently on the Fire Department's asset replacement list and are scheduled to be replaced in the coming years.

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. 46-2026 is in order.

[Resolution No. 46-2026 Exh 1 AFG Grant Quote 26.pdf](#)
[Resolution No. 46-2026 AFG Grant \\$90,992.10 \(1\).docx](#)



(877) 637-3473

Quote

Quote # QT2072204
 Date 05/20/2026
 Expires 06/04/2026
 Sales Rep Jesberger, Michael
 PO # Hose - AFG application
 Shipping Method FedEx Ground
 Customer HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT (OH)
 Customer # C42082

Bill To

CITY OF HURON
 417 MAIN ST
 HURON OH 44839-1652
 United States

Ship To

HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT
 415 MAIN ST
 HURON OH 44839
 United States

Item	Alt. Item #	Units	Description	QTY	Unit Price	Amount
DP17PLAT-WHITE-50-ARN			1 3/4" X 50' WHITE DJ PLATINUM X 50' COUPLED ALUM NH	46	\$285.00	\$13,110.00
DP25PU-50-ARN			DJ 2.5" WHITE PU X 50' AL NH	51	\$292.00	\$14,892.00
DP30-50-ARN			3" All Poly DJ Rubber Liner - White	59	\$390.00	\$23,010.00
NX50R-100-STZ			5" Red Nitrex X 100' Storz	37	\$1,210.00	\$44,770.00

Subtotal \$95,782.00

Contact: C42082 HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT (OH) : Kevin McGraw

Shipping Cost \$0.00

Tax Total \$0.00

Total \$95,782.00

This Quotation is subject to any applicable sales tax and shipping and handling charges that may apply. Tax and shipping charges are considered estimated and will be recalculated at the time of shipment to ensure they take into account the most current information.

All returns must be processed within 30 days of receipt and require a return authorization number and are subject to a restocking fee.

Custom orders are not returnable. Effective tax rate will be applicable at the time of invoice.



QT2072204

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2026

Introduced by Monty Tapp

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION BY THE HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO AND 10/100 DOLLARS (\$90,992.10); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO AND 10/100 DOLLARS (\$90,992.10) AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM, SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE SUCCESSFUL.

WHEREAS, The City of Huron Fire Department desires to utilize funding opportunities available through the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) Program to obtain potential funding to be used for equipment replacement;

WHEREAS, the City will submit an application to AFG requesting funding for replacement of outdated fire hose(s) and fire delivery appliances at a cost of \$95,782.00, which includes the required 5% local match. The total equipment cost less the 5% local match brings the total funds requested to \$90,992.10; and

WHEREAS, the City staff believes making application for these grant funds is proper and beneficial to the City.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Manager's approval of the submission of an Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) application by the Huron Fire Department for potential grant funding to be used for equipment replacement in the amount of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Two and 10/100 Dollars (\$90,992.10) is hereby authorized.

SECTION 2. That if grant funds are awarded, authorization is given to the City Manager to execute any necessary contract with the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program to be eligible for funding under the program, accept the grant award of up to Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Two and 10/100 Dollars (\$90,992.10), and to obligate the funds required to meet the matching requirements of the program in an amount not to exceed Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eight-Nine and 10/100 Dollars (\$4,789.10).

SECTION 3: 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 4: 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. 47-2026 (*submitted by Stuart Hamilton*)
DATE: May 26, 2026

Subject Matter/Background

Resolution No. 46-2026 sets forth two properties in Districts 3 and 4 (copies of the maps of the Districts are attached to the legislation as Exhibit A) with sidewalks requiring replacement or grinding per inspections performed by the City in March of 2026. All sidewalks have been marked with white paint to make it easier for the property owners to determine which slabs require maintenance. This is a continuation of our tree and sidewalk assessment program. These two properties were not included in the prior legislation (Resolution No. 30-2026 adopted April 14, 2026) for these districts.

The Sidewalk Maintenance Program includes the following steps:

Resolution of Necessity to inspect sidewalks

Initial inspections of District sidewalks

Courtesy letter to residents identifying repairs needed

Reinspection of District 2, 3 and 4 sidewalks - **completed March 2026;**

Resolution No. 30-2026 ordering certified notice to homeowners - **if approved, will be completed April 14, 2026;**

Certified letters mailed to homeowners with notice to complete repairs within 60 days - **May 1 & 27, 2026.**

60 days following service of certified letters, obtain quotes from concrete contractors;

If proposal over \$25,000, present legislation to Council for approval;

Repairs to be completed by City's contractor in early spring 2027.

Financial Review

The City's property maintenance fund (Fund 202) will account for these services. If the City is not reimbursed by the property owner in accordance with the code, the total cost will be certified to the County Auditor, plus interest, for collection through property tax payments over 4 years.

Total Cost: \$1,750

Account: 202-6205-55933

Legal Review

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

Recommendation

If Council is in agreement with the request, a motion adopting Resolution No. 47-2026 is in order.

[Resolution No. 47-2026 Ordering Repair of Sidewalks Tiffin St and 310 South \(1\).docx](#)

[Streets by District 3.pdf](#)

[Streets by District 4.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2026

Introduced by: Sam Artino

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE REPAIR OF THE PUBLIC SIDEWALKS ABUTTING CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE CITY OF HURON

WHEREAS, an inspection of certain sidewalks in Districts 3 and 4 in the City of Huron (diagrams depicting Districts 3 and 4 are attached hereto as Exhibit A) has shown that the following sidewalks abutting certain premises are in need of repair and are an obstruction to pedestrian traffic:

Parcel #	Parcel Address
42-90054.000	Tiffin Vacant Lot
42-00306.000	310 South

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

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby approves the plans, specifications, and estimated costs of the proposed construction or repair of the sidewalks that are on file with the Clerk of Council as required by O.R.C. § 729.02, *et. seq.*

SECTION 2. That the public sidewalks abutting certain premises listed below are determined to be in need of repair and to be an obstruction and hazard to safe pedestrian traffic:

Parcel #	Parcel Address	Action Required	Quantity	Estimated Cost
42-90054.000	Tiffin Vacant Lot	Grind	1	\$125
		Replace	20sf	\$500
42-00306.000	310 South	Grind	1	\$125
		Replace	40sf	\$1,000
TOTAL:				\$1,750.00

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 521.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huron, the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to serve notice by certified mail upon the owner of said premises ordering the repair of said sidewalk and the removal of said obstruction and hazard.

SECTION 4. That if the owner of said premises fails to comply with such notice to repair the sidewalk within 30 days of the delivery of said notice, the Building and Zoning Department shall cause the sidewalk to be repaired and the expenses and labor costs incurred in the making of repair will be entered upon the tax duplicate as a lien upon such land pursuant to Section 521.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huron.

SECTION 5. 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.

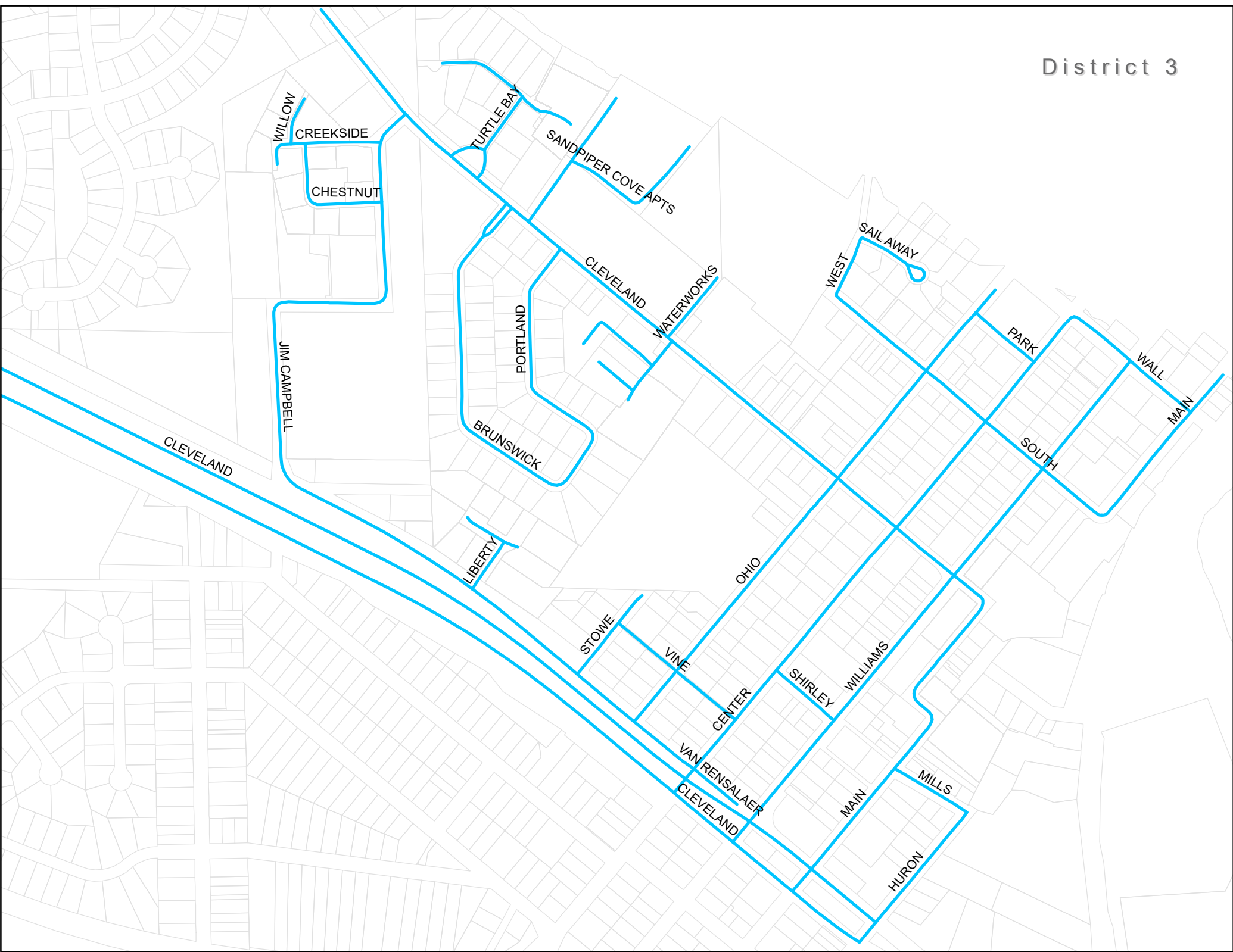
SECTION 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately following its adoption.

Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: _____

District 3



WILLOW

CREEKSIDE

CHESTNUT

JIM CAMPBELL

CLEVELAND

LIBERTY

BRUNSWICK

PORTLAND

TURTLE BAY

SANDPIPER COVE APTS

CLEVELAND

WATERWORKS

WEST

SAILAWAY

PARK

WALL

MAIN

SOUTH

OHIO

STOWE

VINE

CENTER

SHIRLEY

WILLIAMS

VAN RENSALAER

CLEVELAND

MAIN

MILLS

HURON





TO: Mayor Tapp and City Council
FROM: Isaac Phillips
RE: Motion
DATE: May 26, 2026

Recommendation