

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13
Introduced by William Biddlecombe

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64, enacted through House Bill 96, the City of Huron is required to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards its data, information technology systems, and resources to ensure confidentiality, integrity and availability; and

WHEREAS, the law mandates the use of generally accepted cybersecurity best practices, including frameworks such as the Center for Internet Security (CIS) Critical Security Controls and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huron recognizes the increasing risk of cyber threats, including ransomware, phishing, and unauthorized access, and the need to implement practical and cost-effective safeguards appropriate to its size and operational needs.

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

SECTION 1: The City of Huron hereby adopts a cybersecurity program consistent with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(C).

SECTION 2: The City shall implement the **Center for Internet Security (CIS) Critical Security Controls** as the foundational framework for its cybersecurity program, beginning with Implementation Group 1 (IG1) safeguards and progressing as appropriate based on risk, operational needs, and available resources.

SECTION 3: The cybersecurity program shall be designed to:

- Protect sensitive data and City systems;
- Maintain availability of critical services; and
- Prevent, detect, respond to, and recover from cybersecurity incidents.

The program shall be scaled appropriately to the City's size, complexity, and risk environment.

SECTION 4: The **IT Manager** is hereby designated as the **Cybersecurity Lead** and shall be responsible for:

- Implementation and coordination of the cybersecurity program;
- Maintenance of cybersecurity policies and procedures;
- Annual review and updates of the program; and
- Coordination of incident response activities,

SECTION 5: The cybersecurity program shall include, at a minimum:

- An Information Security Policy;
- An Incident Response Plan;
- Annual cybersecurity awareness training for employees;
- Maintenance of an asset inventory;
- Implementation of access controls and password management;
- Regular patching and system updates;
- Network security protections; and
- Backup and recovery capabilities.

SECTION 6: Cybersecurity incidents shall be reported in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64, including:

- Reporting to the Ohio Cyber Integration Center within seven (7) days when required;
- Reporting to the Ohio Auditor of State within thirty (30) days when required; and
- Reporting to insurance company (PEP) within 7 days when required.

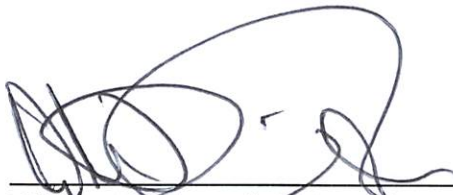
SECTION 7: The City shall not pay or otherwise comply with any ransomware demand unless City Council formally approves the payment or compliance action by ordinance or resolution, as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(B).

Any ordinance or resolution authorizing payment or compliance with a ransomware demand shall specifically state why the action is in the best interest of the City.

SECTION 8: All records and documents related to the City's cybersecurity program shall be exempt from public records disclosure as permitted under Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(E).

SECTION 9: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law including ORC Section 121.22.

SECTION 10: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and for compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64; **WHEREFORE** this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.



William Biddlecombe, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST: 
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: 09 JUN 2026

