



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM | Council Chambers, 6000 Wales Road, Northwood, OH 43619

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**Members of City Council**

- Council President, Michael Melnyk
- Jim Barton
- Andrew Dickey
- Dean Edwards
- Pat Huntermark
- Terry Kretz
- Patrick McGaharan

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** *Mayor Schimmel*

**ROLL CALL:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- June 11, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**PRESENTATION:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Economic Development** ~ *Councilor Barton - Meeting On 6/25 @ 6:30PM*

**Finance** ~ *Councilor Dickey*

**Recreation Board** ~ *Councilor Barton*

**Safety** ~ *Councilor Kretz*

**Tree Commission** ~ *Council President Melnyk*

**Service** ~ *Councilor Edwards*

**Parks, Rec & NCC** ~ *Councilor Huntermark*

**Committee Of The Whole** ~ *Council President Melnyk*

**MAYOR:** *Mayor Schimmel*

- Mayor's Report

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR:** *Kevin Laughlin*

- City Administrator's Report

**CITY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)**

**LIST OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000**

<b><u>INVOICE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
MANNS WOODWARD STUDIOS	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	\$11,620.00
ANTHEM	EMPLOYEE HEALTH & VISION INSURANCE PREMIUM 7/1/26-8/1/26	\$64,547.29
JBEEELER LLC	EMERGENCY REPAIR TO WALES RD	\$16,000.00

**NEW RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION 2026-05** TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY, OHIO AND THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD. *1st Reading.*

**PENDING RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION 2026-04** ADOPTING ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *3rd Reading.*

**NEW LEGISLATION:**

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE 2026-21** AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *2nd Reading.*

**ORDINANCE 2026-22** DETERMINING TO HAVE THE CITY JOIN THE NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *2nd Reading.*

**ORDINANCE 2026-18** AMENDING NCO CHAPTER 220.02 RULES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *3rd Reading.*

**ORDINANCE 2026-19** AMENDING NCO CHAPTER 270 RECREATION BOARD; PARKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *3rd Reading.*

**ORDINANCE 2026-20** AMENDING NCO CHAPTER 208.08 MISCELLANEOUS FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *3rd Reading.*

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT/DISCUSSION:** *Brian Ballenger*

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT/DISCUSSION:** *Josh Auman*

- City Engineer's Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

June 11, 2026

## City of Northwood Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Northwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Schimmel at 07:13 PM on June 11, 2026 in the Council Chambers and via Live Stream.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Schimmel

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Clerk of Council Popovitch and those in attendance were as follows: Mayor Schimmel, Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk City Administrator Kevin Laughlin, City Attorney Brian Ballenger and City Engineer Josh Auman.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### May 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Approve**; seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None  
**RESULT:** *Passed (7-0)*

### PRESENTATION

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### COMMUNICATIONS

### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Economic Development Councilor Barton - Meeting on 6/25/26 @ 6:30PM

No Report. Next Meeting June 25 @6:30PM

#### Finance Councilor Dickey - Meeting on 6/11/26 @ 6:30PM

Discussed revenue concerns and a potential revenue shortfall projected for 2027.  
Discussed a proposal for an outside financial review and determined Council would like to review the matter further before proceeding.  
Recommended postponing consideration of major equipment purchases until the City's financial outlook is clearer.  
Discussed the need for future recommendations to address revenue shortfalls, including potential adjustments to income tax credits, income tax rates, or property taxes.

#### Recreation Board Councilor Barton

The Recreation Board meeting scheduled for June 10 was not held due to a lack of quorum.  
Paloosa in the Park was held on June 5 and was reported as one of the most attended community events to date.  
Youth baseball season is progressing well and is expected to conclude in early July.  
Summer youth camps have begun, including volleyball and basketball camps, with additional baseball, basketball, pickleball, and volleyball programs scheduled through July.  
The Youth Fishing Derby will be held on June 20 at Stoner Pond.

#### Safety Councilor Kretz

No Report.

#### Tree Commission Council President Melnyk

Reviewed the condition of the tree farm at Nature Trails Park. Most trees are doing well, although several evergreen trees planted last year did not survive the winter.  
Discussed a volunteer-led effort to remove invasive Bradford pear trees from an area near Nature Trails Park.  
Approved moving forward with a microforest project planned for fall 2026, pending confirmation of a suitable city-owned location.  
Discussed potential locations for a donated Liberty Tree and commemorative plaque, including near the new playground or near the Clock Tower location at the Enclave.

#### Service Councilor Edwards

No Report.

#### Parks, Rec & NCC Councilor Huntermark

Report from Director:  
Average attendance for June is approximately 115 check-ins per day.  
Membership continues to grow, with primary memberships increasing approximately 23% compared to the previous year.  
Basketball hoop inspections are scheduled, requiring temporary gym closure from June 15–18.

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**Committee of the Whole Council President Melnyk**

No Report.

**MAYOR Mayor Schimmel**

**Mayor's Report**

Announced the hiring of Caleb Campbell as a part-time firefighter/EMT.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR Kevin Laughlin**

**City Administrator's Report**

**Bike to the Bay**

The MS Bike to the Bay event will travel through Northwood on June 13. Participants will travel through portions of Tracy Road, Andrus Road, East Broadway, and Wales Road.

**Inclusive Playground Grant**

The City was awarded a \$300,000 State Capital Budget grant for the Inclusive Playground Project. With secured grant funding, the project is currently expected to have no direct cost to the City.

**Great Eastern Property**

A nuisance abatement notice was posted at the Great Eastern property. Ownership has 21 days to address the identified issues before the City may proceed with abatement measures.

**Woodville Road Pedestrian Improvement Project**

ODOT agreed to cover construction inspection and oversight costs due to favorable project bids. The City anticipates savings of approximately \$75,000 as a result.

**General Comments**

City officials noted the importance of continuing efforts to maximize efficiency and reduce costs where possible. Council expressed optimism regarding progress on both the Great Eastern property and recent grant and project funding successes.

**CITY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)**

**MAY 2026 EXPENDITURES**

**MOTION:** Councilor Edwards made a motion to **acknowledge receipt of the May City Financial Reports;** seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

**RESULT: Passed (7-0)**

**LIST OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000**

<u>INVOICE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TRAINFO CORPORATION	SENSOR, ELECTRONICS & CAMERA KIT FOR RAILROAD SENSOR SYSTEM	\$10,500.00
WOOD COUNTY OFFICE	SHERIFF'S MONTHLY DISPATCHING FEE	\$17,370.82
NORTHWOOD DOOR	FIRE STA 1 & 2 DOOR REPLACEMENTS	\$18,676.00

**MOTION:** Councilor Edwards made a motion to **approve the list of expenditures over \$10,000;** seconded by Council President Melnyk. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

**RESULT: Passed (7-0)**

**NEW RESOLUTION**

**PENDING RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION 2026-04 ADOPTING ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

2nd Reading - Councilor Edwards

**NEW LEGISLATION**

June 11, 2026

**ORDINANCE 2026-21 AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

1st Reading - Councilor Edwards

**ORDINANCE 2026-22 DETERMINING TO HAVE THE CITY JOIN THE NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

1st Reading - Councilor Edwards

**ORDINANCE 2026-23 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WOOD COUNTY TO ALLOW FOR COLLABORATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE PY2026 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) GRANT APPLICATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Suspend the rules**; seconded by Councilor Dickey. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

**MOTION:** Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Emergency Clause**; seconded by Councilor Dickey. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

**MOTION:** Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Councilor Dickey. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

**RESULT:** *Passed (7-0) Effective immediately*

**PENDING LEGISLATION**

**ORDINANCE 2026-18 AMENDING NCO CHAPTER 220.02 RULES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

2nd Reading - Councilor Edwards

**ORDINANCE 2026-19 AMENDING NCO CHAPTER 270 RECREATION BOARD; PARKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

2nd Reading - Councilor Edwards

**ORDINANCE 2026-20 AMENDING NCO CHAPTER 208.08 MISCELLANEOUS FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

2nd Reading - Councilor Edwards

**ORDINANCE 2026-14 AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO RENEW A CONTRACT WITH NORTHWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE THE DISTRICT WITH A "SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)" PROGRAM FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Council President Melnyk. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

**RESULT:** *Passed (7-0)*

**ORDINANCE 2026-16 AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE RESURFACING OF STATE ROUTE 51, INCLUDING THE PORTION LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, AS PART OF AN ODOT 2027 RESURFACING PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Councilor Kretz. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

**RESULT:** *Passed (7-0)*

**ORDINANCE 2026-17 AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO THE FIRE/EMS MUTUAL-AID AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Council President Melnyk. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

**RESULT:** *Passed (7-0)*

June 11, 2026

No Report.

**CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Josh Auman**

**City Engineer's Report**

Contracts for the Curtice Road Project have been signed and a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled. The Dry Creek Restoration Project is nearing completion of its operations and maintenance documentation. Dalling Drive remains under construction.

**MOTION:** Councilor Huntermark made a motion to **awarding the 2026 Pavement Resurfacing Project (Richmand and Dillrose Roads) to Bowers Asphalt & Paving for approximately \$373,178.70;** seconded by Councilor Dickey. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None  
**RESULT: Passed (7-0)** Construction is expected to begin in August.

The west side of the Dalling Drive project has been postponed until 2027.  
Work continues on the Northwood Community Center parking lot project.  
The Wales Road closure was expected to end and the roadway reopen permanently.  
The Woodville Road Waterline Replacement Project has been delayed from June 15 to June 22.  
A pre-construction meeting for the sidewalk replacement project is tentatively scheduled for July 6.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council discussed questions from residents regarding electric bikes and scooters, including where they may operate and general safety concerns. Administration will review current regulations with the Police Department and may bring recommendations back to Council.

Council recognized the passing of Rick Radocy, who served on several City boards and commissions, including the Board of Zoning Appeals. Funeral services will be on June 26th.

Council received a letter from Judge Kuhlman thanking Council for the opportunity to address the previous Council meeting and expressing appreciation for their service to the community.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Council discussed complaints regarding backyard chickens.**  
It was noted that Council previously adopted regulations limiting the number of chickens, prohibiting roosters, and establishing setback requirements. Administration will coordinate with the Police Department regarding enforcement and any ongoing concerns.

**Great Eastern Property**  
Administration reported that the property owner had provided an updated timeline showing cleanup activities through June 30. The City will continue monitoring progress and may proceed with nuisance abatement actions if necessary.

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Bill Herman - 820 Bradner - A resident expressed concerns regarding ODOT's proposed roundabout at the intersection of Williston Road and Bradner Road, citing safety concerns and the potential impact on nearby property owners. City officials clarified that the project is being led by ODOT and provided information for the resident to contact ODOT directly regarding the proposal.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council President Melnyk made a motion to **enter into executive session with Mayor, Council and City Administrator to discuss hiring of a public employee ;** seconded by Councilor Kretz. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None  
**RESULT: Passed (7-0) 7:53PM**

The meeting was called back to order at 8:10PM and the roll was called by Council Clerk Popovitch. Those in attendance were as follows: Mayor Schimmel, Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk City Administrator Kevin Laughlin, City Attorney Brian Ballenger and City Engineer Josh Auman.

**MOTION:** Council President Melnyk made a motion to **hire Erik Engle as the Director of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development with an annual salary of \$100,000 ;** seconded by Councilor Barton. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Barton, Councilor Dickey, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Kretz, Councilor McGaharan, Council President Melnyk; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None  
**RESULT: Passed (7-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

08:10 PM

**June 11, 2026**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Council Clerk*

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mayor*

State of the City Address



5/4/2026

**State of the City Address: Northwood, Ohio Delivered by Mayor Edward Schimmel**

Members of the City Council, dedicated city staff, neighbors, and friends:

It is an honor to stand before you today to reflect on a year of transformative growth and to look ahead at the bright future we are building together. In 2025, with the help of over 600 residents and students, we reimagined what our community could be when we developed our Comprehensive Community Plan. As we look across the landscape of our city, a “Mile in the Middle” between two key highways, one truth is clear: the state of our city is strong, it is resilient, and it is more vibrant than ever before.

For years, we looked at the site of the former Woodville Mall and saw a relic of the past. Today, through the collective vision of this council and the challenging work of our administration, we see the future. The Enclave project is no longer just a blueprint but a reality taking shape. We have cleared the way, literally and figuratively, for a new “age-in-place” mixed-use neighborhood that will serve as the heart of Northwood.

We are proud to see the progress of the Ashford at The Enclave, Wallick’s new \$30 million assisted-living community that broke ground late last year, providing 110 units of affordable, high-quality care for our seniors. With residential developments like “The Bridges of Northwood” starting its third phase and new “Bark Park” and the completion of Main Street within the development, we are creating a “downtown” that Northwood has long deserved- a place where families and friends can rekindle past memories and grow.

Our commitment to your quality of life extends beyond new construction. We believe a great city is defined by its spaces for recreation and connection. This past year, we celebrated the opening of the Northwood Community Center (NCC), which has already become a hub of activity with over 1,200 members. We have invested heavily in our parks—completing the asphalt project at Central Park, resurfacing the Brentwood walking trail,

and working with nonprofit Wood County Plays on a new inclusive playground at Brentwood Park. From the new fishing dock at Stoner Pond and refinements at Nature Trails Park, we are ensuring that every corner of Northwood offers something special for our citizens.

Economically, we remain on a path of growth and fiscal discipline. Our “rainy-day fund” is healthy, and we continue to seek out grants and leverage our flexible and timely economic development incentive programs to attract investment. This year, through the help of our new Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) and its president Dave Gallaher, we launched the Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program to survey every business in Northwood and created a Revolving Loan Fund program to assist small businesses with project funding.

We aren't just looking for new businesses; we are listening to the ones that are already here like 135-year-old homegrown success story, Treu House of Munch, to ensure they have the tools and space to succeed. As I often say, it is not the government’s job to create jobs, but it is our job to ensure the environment is conducive for business.

None of this growth matters if our families do not feel safe. That is why we have prioritized public safety, securing a FEMA SAFER grant to bolster our fire department staffing and renewing our partnership with the Northwood Local School District to keep a School Resource Officer in our halls. By entering into a new dispatch agreement with the Wood County Sheriff’s Office, we are ensuring that when you call for help, the response is swift, cost effective, and professional.

We continue to work closely with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Wood County Port Authority on regional infrastructure and pedestrian connectivity improvements. In the coming year, we will see the benefits of expanded transportation

funding as we improve safety and east-west connectivity on our local roadways like Wales Road, ensuring that Northwood remains a strategic gateway to Northwest Ohio.

Northwood is proud to support the America250-OH initiative. As our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary, Northwood will find unique ways to showcase our local history and our contribution to the American story. As we look toward the remainder of 2026 and beyond, we do so with a sense of purpose. Whether it is through our leadership on the Lake Erie West Regional Council (formerly Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments) or our local efforts to revitalize our central business district, Northwood is a city that punches above its weight.

The State of the City is strong because our community is engaged. From the vision of The Enclave to the daily dedication of our police, fire, and service departments, Northwood is a city in motion. We are no longer just a place people drive through; we are returning to the place people drive to. Thank you for your continued trust as we build a stronger future for every resident.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless the City of Northwood.



**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON: JUNE 25, 2026

**LEGISLATION**

ORD. 2026-21                      The ordinance, amended at the June 11, 2026, Finance Committee discussion (2026-21), is on tonight's agenda for a second reading and must be adopted as amended on the third reading at July 1, 2026's Council Meeting.

**TOPIC/ ITEM**

**DISCUSSION**

Nature Trails Park                      National Illumination & Sign Corporation will be replacing the electronic sign with a static sign at the entrance to Nature Trails Park. At this time, there isn't a date set for the work to be completed.

BGSU Center for Regional Development Proposal                      As discussed at the June 11, 2026, Finance Committee meeting, we have received a proposal from BGSU's Center for Regional Development to study revenue options for the city and analyze the effectiveness of the particular options and potential economic development impacts of each. Two options for analysis are presented in the proposal and Administration recommends Option 2.

*City Administrator requests a motion authorizing the execution of the submitted proposal and to proceed with the study.*

Great Eastern Update                      Administration has begun talking to contractors to get an idea of what demolition will cost. It appears to fall between \$550,000-\$600,000. The plan will be to have bid advertisements ready and prepared for when the deadline expires to advertise immediately thereafter.

**COUNCIL FOLLOW UP (New & Old Business)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Status: (complete, in progress)</b>
Chicken Ordinance 2025-34	Northwood Police Department has only received one formal complaint regarding chickens since the ordinance's adoption last year. Residents are encouraged to contact the Police Department if issues arise.	Completed
E-Bike Safety Concerns	City of Northwood addresses E-Bikes in Chapter 402.105 of the NCO. See attachments.	Completed

# Municipal Revenue Modeling Analysis For the City of Northwood



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Proposal prepared June 23, 2026, by:

**Center for Regional Development (CRD)**  
**Bowling Green State University (BGSU)**  
**Lead by Dr. Nichole Fifer, PhD**

*Director*

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## I. About the Center for Regional Development at BGSU

The Center for Regional Development (CRD) is a vital community resource that collaborates with stakeholders to enhance economic well-being and quality of life in Northwest Ohio. As a trusted and neutral capacity builder, CRD serves as a bridge between community partners and Bowling Green State University (BGSU) faculty, students, and resources.

The CRD provides expertise in economic impact analysis, data analytics, and strategic planning to support economic and community development initiatives across Ohio. Our team includes six professional staff members with diverse backgrounds in economic development, community planning, program evaluation, and data analytics. Additionally, we employ a talented group of graduate and undergraduate students skilled in survey design, data visualization, and analysis.

Based at BGSU in Bowling Green, Ohio, CRD serves communities across the entire state, offering specialized expertise in:

- Applied research and data analysis
- Strategic planning and program evaluation
- Market and survey research
- Economic development and impact analysis
- Housing Studies and community revitalization
- Public health planning and assessment

Since its establishment in the early 1980s, CRD has played a key role in strengthening communities through capacity building and technical assistance. We partner with nonprofits, local governments, and state agencies to advance economic growth, community development, and public health initiatives.

Each year, we collaborate with a wide range of organizations—from small nonprofits to large statewide agencies—delivering high-quality research and actionable insights. Our stakeholder-driven, hands-on research approach combines qualitative and quantitative methods, including interviews, focus groups, and surveys. Using advanced tools like Qualtrics, we design engaging surveys that capture meaningful data, ensuring that research findings translate into real-world impact rather than sitting on a shelf.

At CRD, we don't just analyze data, we turn insights into action, empowering local communities with the knowledge and tools they need to thrive.

## II. Proposed Scope of Work

The Center for Regional Development (CRD) at Bowling Green State University proposes to conduct an independent analysis of potential revenue-generation strategies available to the City of Northwood. The purpose of this project is to provide community stakeholders with a neutral, fact-based assessment of three potential revenue options and evaluate their ability to generate approximately \$600,000-\$800,000 in additional annual revenue. The **Municipal Revenue Modeling Analysis** will focus on publicly available data, fiscal modeling, comparative benchmarking, and scenario analysis to evaluate the revenue potential, taxpayer impacts, and implementation considerations associated with each option.

To accommodate varying budget and analytical needs, CRD has prepared two proposal options. Both options include analysis of all three revenue strategies identified by the City of Northwood. The **Enhanced Revenue Modeling Analysis** provides additional depth related to economic development, sustainability, and long-term policy considerations.

The following tasks, their components, and the associated scope of work are proposed:

- Task 1: Kickoff Meeting & Project Management
- Task 2: Revenue Option Analysis
  - Municipal Income Tax Increase
  - Property Tax Levy
  - Reduction of Municipal Income Tax Credit
- Task 3: Comparative Analysis
- Task 4: Deliverables & Presentation

### Task 1. Kickoff Meeting and Project Management

CRD will facilitate a virtual project kickoff meeting with representatives of the City of Northwood to confirm project objectives, review available data sources, discuss analytical assumptions, and confirm project timelines and communication protocols. Given the focused nature of this project, the kickoff meeting will emphasize ensuring alignment on desired deliverables and identifying any additional data resources that may be available to support the analysis.

Project management activities will occur throughout the duration of the project and include client communication, coordination of data requests, progress updates, scheduling, and internal project oversight to ensure timely completion of all deliverables.

## Task 2. Revenue Option Analysis

CRD will conduct an independent analysis of three potential revenue-generation strategies available to the City of Northwood. Each option will be evaluated using a common analytical framework to assess revenue potential, taxpayer impacts, and implementation considerations. The analysis will rely on publicly available information, including municipal financial records, Ohio Department of Taxation data, property valuation records, Census workforce and commuting data, and comparable municipal tax information.

### A. Municipal Income Tax Increase

CRD will evaluate the potential revenue impacts associated with increasing Northwood's municipal income tax rate above the current 1.5% rate.

Activities will include:

- Review of Northwood's current municipal income tax structure and historical revenue trends
- Analysis of income tax collections and their contribution to overall municipal revenues
- Revenue yield modeling under multiple tax rate scenarios
- Identification of the tax rate necessary to generate approximately \$600,000-\$800,000 in additional annual revenue
- Illustrative taxpayer impact scenarios across multiple income levels
- Benchmarking of municipal income tax rates among comparable communities

#### *Enhanced Revenue Modeling Analysis:*

- Assessment of potential economic development implications associated with alternative income tax rates
- Evaluation of long-term revenue stability and sustainability considerations

### B. Property Tax Levy

CRD will evaluate the potential revenue impacts associated with implementing a municipal property tax levy.

Activities will include:

- Analysis of Northwood's residential, commercial, and industrial property tax base
- Review of historical property valuation trends
- Revenue yield modeling under multiple millage scenarios

- Identification of the levy size necessary to generate approximately \$600,000-\$800,000 in additional annual revenue
- Illustrative impact scenarios for residential, commercial, industrial, and multifamily property owners
- Benchmarking of municipal property tax structures among comparable communities

#### *Enhanced Revenue Modeling Analysis:*

- Assessment of potential impacts on housing affordability, commercial investment, and industrial competitiveness
- Evaluation of long-term revenue stability and sustainability considerations

### *C. Reduction of Municipal Income Tax Credit*

CRD will evaluate the potential revenue impacts associated with modifying Northwood's municipal income tax credit structure for residents who work outside the city.

Activities will include:

- Review of Northwood's current income tax credit policy and historical practices
- Analysis of workforce commuting patterns and major employment destinations
- Revenue modeling under alternative tax credit scenarios
- Identification of the tax credit structure necessary to generate approximately \$600,000-\$800,000 in additional annual revenue
- Illustrative taxpayer impact scenarios across multiple income levels
- Benchmarking of income tax credit policies among comparable Ohio municipalities

Revenue estimates will be developed using publicly available data sources and accepted planning assumptions

#### *Enhanced Revenue Modeling Analysis:*

- Assessment of economic, equity, and policy considerations associated with alternative tax credit structures
- Evaluation of long-term revenue stability and sustainability considerations

### **Task 3. Comparative Analysis**

Upon completion of the three revenue option analyses, CRD will conduct a comparative assessment to evaluate the relative strengths, limitations, and tradeoffs associated with each approach. Using a common evaluation framework, CRD will compare the revenue-generating potential of each option and identify the level of change required to generate approximately \$600,000-\$800,000 in additional annual revenue.

The comparative analysis will be designed to provide community stakeholders with a clear, side-by-side assessment of each option and support informed discussions regarding future revenue strategies.

Comparative analysis activities will include:

- Evaluation of projected revenue generation under each option
- Comparison of the level of change required to achieve target revenue levels
- Assessment of taxpayer impacts and distribution of financial burden
- Review of implementation considerations and administrative complexity
- Development of a comparative decision matrix summarizing key findings across all revenue options

#### *Enhanced Revenue Modeling Analysis:*

- Comparative assessment of long-term revenue stability and sustainability
- Comparative assessment of economic development, competitiveness, and policy considerations
- Identification of key advantages, disadvantages, and tradeoffs associated with each revenue option

### **Task 4. Deliverable**

CRD will prepare a final report that summarizes the methodologies, analyses, findings, and key considerations associated with each revenue option. The report will be designed to provide community stakeholders with a clear and objective assessment of the revenue-generating potential, taxpayer impacts, and implementation considerations associated with each option.

The final report will include:

- Project background and methodology
- Municipal income tax increase analysis
- Property tax levy analysis
- Municipal income tax credit reduction analysis
- Comparative evaluation of all revenue options
- Comparative decision matrix summarizing key findings
- Executive summary highlighting major findings and considerations

In addition to the final report, CRD will develop a PowerPoint presentation that communicates the project's key findings in a concise and accessible format suitable for elected officials, community stakeholders, and public audiences. CRD will present its findings to City of Northwood and other stakeholders.

*Enhanced Revenue Modeling Analysis:*

- Expanded discussion of economic development, sustainability, and policy implications within the final report
- Additional narrative analysis and interpretation of findings to support stakeholder decision-making

### III. Proposed Timeline

To fully implement Tasks 1–4, CRD proposes a five-week scope of work beginning on the Monday following full contract execution.

Activity	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Task 1					
Task 2					
Task 3					
Task 4					

### IV. Proposed Budget

Two project options are available for consideration:

- **Revenue Options Analysis:** \$9,840 inclusive of all personnel, data collection, data analysis, report preparation, presentation development, and BGSU administrative costs.
- **Enhanced Revenue Options Analysis:** \$13,080 inclusive of all personnel, data collection, data analysis, report preparation, presentation development, and BGSU administrative costs.

#### Payment:

CRD will collect funding in a 50% lump-sum payment due upon execution of the agreement. The remaining 50% balance will be invoiced upon completion of the project, delivery of the final report and presentation materials, and execution of the presentation.

### Option 1: Municipal Revenue Modeling Analysis

Activity	Labor Hours	Cost
Task 1: Kickoff Meeting & Project Management	5	\$500
Task 2: Revenue Options Analysis	48	\$4,800
Task 3: Comparative Analysis	8	\$800
Task 4: Deliverables and Presentation	21	\$2,100
Subtotal:	82	\$8,200
<b>+BGSU administrative Fee (20%):</b>		\$1,640
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$9,840</b>

### Option 2: Enhanced Revenue Modeling Analysis

Activity	Labor Hours	Cost
Task 1: Kickoff Meeting & Project Management	10	\$1,000
Task 2: Revenue Options Analysis	60	\$6,000
Task 3: Comparative Analysis	15	\$1,500
Task 4: Deliverables and Presentation	24	\$2,400
<b>Subtotal:</b>	99	\$10,900
<b>+BGSU administrative Fee (20%):</b>		\$2,180
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$13,080</b>

**402.105 ELECTRIC BICYCLE.**

“Electric bicycle.” Means a “class 1 electric bicycle”, a “class 2 electric bicycle”, or a “class 3 electric bicycle” as defined below.

(a) “**Class 1 electric bicycle.**” Means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that **provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling** and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

(b) “**Class 2 electric bicycle.**” Means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that **may provide assistance regardless of whether the rider is pedaling** and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

(c) “**Class 3 electric bicycle.**” Means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that **provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling** and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of **28 miles per hour.**  
(ORC 4511.01(RRR))

**402.195 MOTORIZED BICYCLE OR MOPED.**

“Motorized bicycle or moped” means any vehicle having either two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two wheels in the rear, that may be capable of being pedaled, and that is equipped with a helper motor of not more than 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than one brake horsepower, and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of not greater than 20 miles per hour on a level surface. **The terms do not include an electric bicycle.**

**402.04 BICYCLE.**

“Bicycle” means every device, other than a device that is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 14 inches in diameter.  
(ORC 4511.01(G))

**402.20 MOTOR VEHICLE.**

“Motor vehicle” means every vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead electric trolley wires, **except motorized bicycles, electric bicycles**, road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power cranes and other equipment used in construction work, and not designed for or employed in general highway transportation, hole-digging machinery, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging machinery, farm machinery, and trailers designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a street or highway for a distance of no more than ten miles and at a speed of 25 miles per hour or less.  
(ORC 4511.01(B))

**402.48 VEHICLE.**

“Vehicle” means every device, including a motorized bicycle and an electric bicycle, in, upon, or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except that “vehicle” does not include any motorized wheelchair, any electric personal assistive mobility device, any low-speed micromobility device, any personal delivery device as defined in R.C. § 4511.513, any device that is moved by power collected from overhead electric trolley wire or that is used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, or any device, other than a bicycle, that is moved by human power. (ORC 4511.01(A))

## **CHAPTER 474**

### **Bicycles and Motorcycles Generally**

**474.01 CODE APPLICATION TO BICYCLES.**

(a) The provisions of this Traffic Code which are applicable to bicycles and electric bicycles apply whenever a bicycle or electric bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(b) Except as provided in division (d) of this section, a bicycle operator or electric bicycle operator who violates any provisions of this Traffic Code described in division (a) of this section that is applicable to bicycles or electric bicycles may be issued a ticket, citation, or summons by a law enforcement officer for the violation in the same manner as the operator of a motor vehicle would be cited for the same violation. A person who commits any such violation while operating a bicycle or electric bicycle shall not have any points assessed against the person’s driver’s license, commercial driver’s license, temporary instruction permit, or probationary license under Ohio R.C. 4510.036.

(c) Except as provided in division (d) of this section, in the case of a violation of any provision of this Traffic Code described in division (a) of this section by a bicycle operator, electric bicycle operator, or motor vehicle operator when the trier of fact finds that the violation by the motor vehicle operator endangered the lives of bicycle riders or electric bicycle riders at the time of the violation, the court, notwithstanding any provision of the Ohio Revised Code to the contrary, may require the bicycle operator, electric bicycle operator, or motor vehicle operator to take and successfully complete a bicycling skills course approved by the court in addition to or in lieu of any penalty otherwise prescribed by this Traffic Code or the Ohio Revised Code for that violation.

(d) Divisions (b) and (c) of this section do not apply to violations of Ohio R.C. 4511.19, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance. (ORC 4511.52)

(e) Every person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control devices and signals applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

**474.02 RIDING UPON SEATS; CARRYING PACKAGES; MOTORCYCLE HANDLE BARS; HELMETS AND GLASSES.**

(a) For purposes of this section, "snowmobile" has the same meaning as given that term in Ohio R.C. 4519.01.

(b) (1) No person operating a bicycle or **electric bicycle** shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto or carry any other person upon the bicycle or electric bicycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, and no person shall ride upon a bicycle or electric bicycle other than upon such a firmly attached and regular seat.

(2) No person operating a motorcycle shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat or saddle attached thereto, or carry any other person upon the motorcycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle thereon, and no person shall ride upon a motorcycle other than upon such a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle.

(3) No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped with a saddle other than while sitting astride the saddle, facing forward, with one leg on each side of the motorcycle.

(4) No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped with a seat other than while sitting upon the seat.

(5) No person operating a bicycle or **electric bicycle** shall carry any package, bundle, or article that prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

(6) No bicycle, **electric bicycle**, or motorcycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. No motorcycle shall be operated on a highway when the handlebars rise higher than the shoulders of the operator when the operator is seated in the operator's seat or saddle.

(c) (1) Except as provided in division (c)(3) of this section, no person shall operate or be a passenger on a snowmobile or motorcycle without using safety glasses or other protective eye device. Except as provided in division (c)(3) of this section, no person who is under the age of 18 years, or who holds a motorcycle operator's endorsement or license bearing a "novice" designation that is currently in effect as provided in Ohio R.C. 4507.13, shall operate a motorcycle on a highway, or be a passenger on a motorcycle, unless wearing a protective helmet on the person's head, and no other person shall be a passenger on a motorcycle operated by such a person unless similarly wearing a protective helmet. The helmet, safety glasses, or other protective eye device shall conform with rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety. The provisions of this paragraph or a violation thereof shall not be used in the trial of any civil action.

(2) A. Except as provided in division (c)(3) of this section, no person shall operate a motorcycle with a valid temporary instruction permit and temporary instruction permit identification card issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4507.05 unless the person, at the time of such operation, is wearing on the person's head a protective helmet that conforms with rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety.

B. No person shall operate a motorcycle with a valid temporary instruction permit and temporary instruction permit identification card issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4507.05 in any of the following circumstances:

1. At any time when lighted lights are required by Ohio R.C. 4513.03(A)(1);
2. While carrying a passenger;
3. On any limited access highway or heavily congested roadway.

(3) Divisions (c)(1) and (c)(2)A. of this section do not apply to a person who operates or is a passenger in an autocycle or cab-enclosed motorcycle when the occupant compartment top is in place enclosing the occupants.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the carrying of a child in a seat or trailer that is designed for carrying children and is firmly attached to the bicycle or **electric bicycle**.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates division (b) or (c)(1) or (c)(2) of 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 division (b) or (c)(1) or (c)(2) of 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 division (b) or (c)(1) or (c)(2) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(R.C. § 4511.53)

#### 474.03 ATTACHING BICYCLE OR SLED TO VEHICLE.

(a) (1) No person riding upon any bicycle, **electric bicycle**, coaster, roller skates, sled, skateboard, or toy vehicle shall attach the same or self to any vehicle upon a roadway.

(2) No operator shall knowingly permit any person riding upon any bicycle, **electric bicycle**, coaster, roller skates, sled, skateboard, or toy vehicle to attach the same or self to any vehicle while it is moving upon a roadway.

(3) This section does not apply to towing a disabled vehicle.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 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.

(c) 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 [408.02\(b\)](#).

(R.C. § 4511.54)

#### 474.04 RIDING ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROADWAY; RIDING ABREAST.

(a) Every person operating a bicycle or **electric bicycle** upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(b) Persons riding bicycles, **electric bicycles**, or motorcycles upon a roadway shall ride not more than two abreast in a single lane, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, electric bicycles, or motorcycles.

(c) This section does not require a person operating a bicycle or **electric bicycle** to ride at the edge of the roadway when it is unreasonable or unsafe to do so. Conditions that may require riding away from the edge of the roadway include when necessary to avoid fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, surface hazards, or if it otherwise is unsafe or impracticable to do so, including if the lane is too narrow for the bicycle or electric bicycle and an overtaking vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 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.

(e) 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 [408.02](#)(b).  
(ORC 4511.55)

#### **474.05 LIGHTS, SIGNAL DEVICES, BRAKES ON BICYCLES.**

(a) Every bicycle or **electric bicycle** when in use at the times specified in Ohio R.C. 4513.03 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance shall be equipped with the following:

(1) A lamp mounted on the front of either the bicycle or electric bicycle or the operator that shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and 300 feet to the sides. A generator-powered lamp that emits light only when the bicycle or electric bicycle is moving may be used to meet this requirement.

(2) A red reflector on the rear that shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle;

(3) A lamp emitting either flashing or steady red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear shall be used in addition to the red reflector. If the red lamp performs as a reflector in that it is visible as specified in division (a)(2) of this section, the red lamp may serve as the reflector and a separate reflector is not required.

(b) Additional lamps and reflectors may be used in addition to those required under division (a) of this section, except that red lamps and red reflectors shall not be used on the front of the bicycle or electric bicycle and white lamps and white reflectors shall not be used on the rear of the bicycle or electric bicycle.

(c) A bicycle or **electric bicycle** may be equipped with a device capable of giving an audible signal, except that a bicycle or **electric bicycle** shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle or **electric bicycle** any siren or whistle.

(d) Every bicycle and **electric bicycle** shall be equipped with an adequate brake when used on a street or highway.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 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.

(ORC 4511.56)

**474.07 ELECTRIC BICYCLES.**

(a) (1) On and after January 1, 2020, manufacturers and distributors of electric bicycles shall permanently affix a label, in a prominent location, to each electric bicycle. The label shall specify whether the electric bicycle is a class 1, class 2, or class 3 electric bicycle, the top assisted speed that the electric bicycle is capable of reaching, and the motor wattage of the electric bicycle.

(2) No person shall modify an electric bicycle in a manner that changes the top assisted speed that the electric bicycle is capable of reaching unless the person also modifies the label required under division (a)(1) of this section to reflect the modification.

(b) (1) The manufacturer of an electric bicycle shall ensure that the electric bicycle complies with the equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles established by the consumer product safety commission under 16 C.F.R. §§ 1512 et seq.

(2) The manufacturer shall manufacture all class 1 electric bicycles and class 3 electric bicycles so that when the rider ceases pedaling the electric motor ceases to provide assistance. The manufacturer shall manufacture all class 2 electric bicycles so that when the rider applies the brakes or releases or activates a switch or similar mechanism the electric motor ceases to provide assistance.

(3) All class 3 electric bicycles shall be equipped with a speedometer that displays the speed of the electric bicycle in miles per hour.

(c) (1) The operation of a class 1 electric bicycle and a class 2 electric bicycle is permitted on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or on a shared-use path, unless the county, township, municipal corporation, other local authority, or state agency as defined in Ohio R.C. 1.60 with control over the path by resolution, ordinance, or rule prohibits the use of a class 1 electric bicycle or class 2 electric bicycle on such a path.

(2) No person shall operate a class 3 electric bicycle on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or a shared-use path unless that path is within or adjacent to a highway or the county, township, municipal corporation, or local authority, or state agency as defined in Ohio R.C. 1.60 with control over the path by resolution, ordinance, or rule authorizes the use of a class 3 electric bicycle on such a path.

(3) No person shall operate a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle, or a class 3 electric bicycle on a path that is intended to be used primarily for mountain biking, hiking, equestrian use, or other similar uses, or any other single track or natural surface trail that has historically been reserved for non-motorized use, unless the county, township, municipal corporation, other local authority, or state agency as defined in Ohio R.C. 1.60 with control over the path by resolution, ordinance, or rule authorizes the use of a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle, or a class 3 electric bicycle on such a path.

(4) Divisions (c)(2) and (c)(3) of this section do 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 while in the performance of the officer's duties.

(d) (1) No person under 16 years of age shall operate a class 3 **electric bicycle**; however, a person under 16 years of age may ride as a passenger on a class 3 **electric bicycle** that is designed to accommodate passengers.

(2) No person shall operate or be a passenger on a class 3 **electric bicycle** unless the person is wearing a protective helmet that meets the standards established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission or the American Society for Testing and Materials.

(e) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever operates an **electric bicycle** in a manner that is prohibited under division (c) of this section and whoever violates division (d) of 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.

(2) The offenses established under division (e)(1) of this section are strict liability offenses and strict liability is a culpable mental state for purposes of Ohio R.C. 2901.20. The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.

(ORC 4511.522)

**474.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Sections [408.01](#) and [408.02](#) for general Traffic Code penalty if no specific penalty is provided.)

**432.37 DRIVING UPON SIDEWALKS, TREE LAWNS OR CURBS.**

(a) (1) No person shall drive any vehicle, 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.

(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.**

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 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.

(c) 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 [408.02](#)(b).

(ORC 4511.711)

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

**432.13 SIGNALS BEFORE CHANGING COURSE, TURNING OR STOPPING.**

(a) (1) No person shall turn a vehicle or move right or left upon a highway unless and until the person has exercised due care to ascertain that the movement can be made with reasonable safety, nor without giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinafter provided.

(2) When required, a signal of intention to turn or move right or left shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning, except that in the case of a person operating a bicycle or **electric bicycle**, the signal shall be made not less than one time but is not required to be continuous. A bicycle or **electric bicycle** operator is not required to make a signal if the bicycle is in a designated turn lane, and a signal shall not be given when the operator's hands are needed for the safe operation of the bicycle or electric bicycle.

(3) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear, when there is opportunity to give a signal.

(4) Any stop or turn signal required by this section shall be given either by means of the hand and arm, or by signal lights that clearly indicate to both approaching and following traffic the intention to turn or move right or left, except that any motor vehicle in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and the required signal shall be given by, signal lights when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab or load of such motor vehicle exceeds 24 inches, or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load thereof exceeds 14 feet, whether a single vehicle or a combination of vehicles.

(5) The signal lights required by this section shall not be flashed on one side only on a disabled vehicle, flashed as a courtesy or "do pass" signal to operators of other vehicles approaching from the rear, nor be flashed on one side only of a parked vehicle except as may be necessary for compliance with this section.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 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.

(c) 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 [408.02\(b\)](#).  
(ORC 4511.39)

**432.14 HAND AND ARM SIGNALS.**

(a) Except as provided in division (b) of this section, all signals required by the provisions of this Traffic Code, when given by hand and arm, shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner, and the signals shall indicate as follows:

- (1) Left turn, hand and arm extended horizontally;
- (2) Right turn, hand and arm extended upward;
- (3) Stop or decrease speed, hand and arm extended downward.

(b) As an alternative to division (a)(2) of this section, a person operating a bicycle or **electric bicycle** may give a right turn signal by extending the right hand and arm horizontally and to the right side of the bicycle or electric bicycle.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 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.

(d) 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 [408.02\(b\)](#).  
(ORC 4511.40)

### how to tell a class 3 electric bicycle from a class 2 and class 1

Electric bicycles are categorized into three distinct classes based on **how the motor provides power** (pedal-assist vs. throttle) and the **maximum speed** before the motor cuts off. Every legal e-bike must have a factory-applied manufacturer's label that explicitly states its class, motor wattage, and top assisted speed. [\[1, 2, 3, 4, 5\]](#)

For a quick and scannable breakdown of the differences:

#### Class 1

- **Speed:** Motor assists up to **20 mph**.
- **Power:** Pedal-assist only. The motor only provides power while you are pedaling.
- **Throttle:** No throttle.
- **Trail Access:** Generally allowed on the widest variety of bike paths, lanes, and multi-use trails. [\[1, 2, 3, 4\]](#)

#### Class 2

- **Speed:** Motor assists up to **20 mph**.
- **Power:** Pedal-assist and **throttle**. The throttle allows the bike to move using just the motor without you needing to pedal.
- **Throttle:** Yes.
- **Trail Access:** Sometimes restricted on strictly non-motorized, multi-use paths due to the presence of a throttle. [\[1, 2, 3\]](#)

#### Class 3

- **Speed:** Motor assists up to **28 mph**.

- **Power:** Pedal-assist only.
- **Throttle:** Usually restricted or prohibited (varies by state); if a throttle is present, it is strictly capped at 20 mph.
- **Equipment:** Must feature an equipped, visible speedometer.
- **Trail Access:** Generally prohibited from shared-use paths and pedestrian trails for safety. Best suited for roads and paved bike lanes. [1, 2, 3, 4]

## How to Verify Your Bike's Class

If the bike is missing its factory sticker or label, you can determine its class by checking two things: [1]

1. **The Throttle:** Check if the handlebar has a twist grip or push-button throttle. If it has one, it is instantly either a Class 2 or an illegal/unclassified bike. [1, 2]
2. **The Display Settings:** Turn on the e-bike and cycle through the speedometer/settings on the display to check the maximum assisted speed limit.
  - If the motor stops assisting at **20 mph** and you **must pedal**, it's a **Class 1**.
  - If the motor stops assisting at **20 mph** and it **has a throttle**, it's a **Class 2**.
  - If the motor stops assisting at **28 mph**, it's a **Class 3**. [1, 2]

*(Note: If the display allows speeds beyond 28 mph, the bike is technically not recognized as a standard e-bike in most jurisdictions and may require a license, registration, or insurance). [1, 2, 3, 4]*

[https://www.aventon.com/blogs/aventon\\_bikes/difference-between-a-class-1-23-ebike?mai\\_source=google&mai\\_medium=paid&mai\\_campaign=23181560344&mai\\_adgroup=184397305901&mai\\_term=ebike%20class%20laws&mai\\_content={adid}&mai\\_click\\_id=CjwKCAjwuuPRBhAnEiwA2Ji8et4KOU3ZoWEIU5N9KqPEp\\_mG4-KvXvLhS4ZmvSzgHdZ-f2c2--zWJxoCCLMQAvD\\_BwE&utm\\_source=Google&utm\\_medium=CPC&utm\\_campaign=23181560344&utm\\_content=184397305901&utm\\_term={keywords}&gad\\_source=1&gad\\_campaignid=23181560344&gbraid=0AAAAADeI1THbHOOTRrZRSO0yzDFh8DuEi&gclid=CjwKCAjwuuPRBhAnEiwA2Ji8et4KOU3ZoWEIU5N9KqPEp\\_mG4-KvXvLhS4ZmvSzgHdZ-f2c2--zWJxoCCLMQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.aventon.com/blogs/aventon_bikes/difference-between-a-class-1-23-ebike?mai_source=google&mai_medium=paid&mai_campaign=23181560344&mai_adgroup=184397305901&mai_term=ebike%20class%20laws&mai_content={adid}&mai_click_id=CjwKCAjwuuPRBhAnEiwA2Ji8et4KOU3ZoWEIU5N9KqPEp_mG4-KvXvLhS4ZmvSzgHdZ-f2c2--zWJxoCCLMQAvD_BwE&utm_source=Google&utm_medium=CPC&utm_campaign=23181560344&utm_content=184397305901&utm_term={keywords}&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23181560344&gbraid=0AAAAADeI1THbHOOTRrZRSO0yzDFh8DuEi&gclid=CjwKCAjwuuPRBhAnEiwA2Ji8et4KOU3ZoWEIU5N9KqPEp_mG4-KvXvLhS4ZmvSzgHdZ-f2c2--zWJxoCCLMQAvD_BwE)

# WHAT IS A CLASS 1 EBIKE?

Class 1 ebikes are pedal-assist-only ebikes with a top speed of up to 20 mph and no throttle. Pedal assist on an ebike is a feature where the electric motor provides additional power as you pedal, making it easier to ride, especially on hills or over long distances.

Class 1 ebikes are popular for their balance of assistance and cycling experience, making them suitable for a variety of users, from commuters to recreational cyclists. They also provide riders with access to bike paths and trails where other classes of ebikes are not permitted.

## **What Are Class 1 Ebike Laws?**

The maximum speed for class 1 ebikes is 20 mph, and a driver's license is not necessary to ride one in most states. More than 30 states have adopted the three-class system, but in the other states, ebikes may be classified as motorized vehicles, so it's important to check local regulations.

In order to ride an Aventon ebike, you must be 16 or older. Class 1 ebikes are specifically designed for the accessibility of mountain bike trails and other roads and bike pathways where other ebike classes are not allowed.

### **Key features:**

- ✓ Pedal Assistance: Yes
- ✓ Throttle: No
- ✓ Max assisted speed: 20 mph
- ✓ Speedometer: Not mandatory

# WHAT IS A CLASS 2 EBIKE?

Class 2 ebikes have both pedal assist and a throttle, with a maximum speed of up to 20 mph. A throttle on an ebike is a feature that allows you to control the bike's motor power without pedaling. By twisting a handle or pressing a button, you can engage the motor.

Class 2 ebikes are popular among those who may want the option to ride without pedaling, such as for tackling hills or long distances with less physical strain.

## What Are Class 2 Ebike Laws?

Class 2 ebikes follow the same road rules as traditional bicycles and are typically allowed on roads with speed limits of 30 mph or less. They can also be used on bike lanes and shared-use pathways and are permitted to carry passengers.

Ebikes and the different classes of ebikes are subject to state laws. For example, in Florida, class 2 ebikes are considered bicycles. This means riders don't need a license or registration to operate them.

### Key features:

- ✓ Pedal assistance: Yes
- ✓ Throttle: Yes
- ✓ Max assisted speed: 20 mph
- ✓ Speedometer: Not mandatory

# WHAT IS A CLASS 3 EBIKE?

Class 3 ebikes are electric bikes with pedal assist, throttle, and a top speed of up to 28 mph.

Due to their higher speeds, class 3 ebikes often have specific regulations, particularly age limit and where they can be ridden. To find out the age limit, and which trails and bike paths near you are restricted to class 3, contact state or local authorities.

## What Are Class 3 Ebike Laws?

In the 36 states that recognize the three-class system of ebikes, class 3 ebike motors cannot exceed 750 watts of power and are generally prohibited on bike trails and shared-use pathways.

Class 3 ebikes are the fastest legal electric bikes, with a top speed of 28 miles per hour, and subjected to a number of laws, including:

**Speed limit:** Class 3 ebikes are limited to a top speed of 28 miles per hour. However, local speed limits may apply, such as in school zones.

**Age:** Riders must be at least 17 years old to operate a class 3 ebike.

**Helmet:** Riders must wear a helmet.

**Throttle:** Some class 3 ebikes have a throttle, but the throttle speed is capped at 20 miles per hour. In California, class 3 ebikes are not permitted to have a throttle at all.

**Pedal assist:** Class 3 ebikes provide pedal assist, just like class 1 ebikes.

**Where to ride:** Class 3 ebikes are allowed in road lanes or bike-only lanes on the shoulder of the road, but not on bike paths or multi-use trails.

**Driver's license and license plate:** Class 3 ebikes are still considered bicycles and do not require a driver's license or license plate.

#### **Key features:**

- ✓ Pedal assistance: Yes
- ✓ Throttle: No
- ✓ Max assisted speed: 28 mph
- ✓ Speedometer: Mandatory

## **WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EBIKE CLASSES 1, 2, AND 3?**

### **Class 1 vs Class 2 Ebike**

Class 1 and class 2 ebikes are two different categories of electric bicycles, each with distinct features and regulations. The key difference is how the motor is engaged.

While class 1 ebikes require pedaling to activate the motor, class 2 ebikes can be propelled by a throttle without needing to pedal. This

distinction often influences where they can be used, as well as the riding experience.

Class 1 is more like a traditional biking experience with a boost, whereas class 2 offers more flexibility for those who may want or need to ride without pedaling.

[Preview Aventon Class 1 Ebikes](#) | [Preview Aventon Class 2 Ebikes](#)

## **Class 2 vs Class 3 Ebike**

Class 2 and class 3 ebikes differ in motor assistance capabilities and speed limitations. Class 2 ebikes offer both throttle and pedal assistance up to 20 mph, allowing for riding with little to no pedaling.

Class 3 ebikes provide pedal assist only but can reach higher speeds of up to 28 mph. The choice between the two depends on the rider's needs for speed and whether they prefer a throttle feature for ease of use while riding up hills or to give a break on long rides.

[Preview Aventon Class 2 Ebikes](#)

## **Class 1 vs Class 3 Ebike**

Class 1 and class 3 ebikes differ in terms of speed capabilities, throttle, and motor operation. Class 1 ebikes have a top speed of 20 mph and no throttle, while class 3 ebikes have a top speed of 28 mph and a throttle.

Class 1 ebikes are generally more versatile for recreational use on trails and paths, while class 3 ebikes are geared towards faster commuting on roads.

## WHAT IS A CLASS 4 EBIKE?

- Class 4 ebikes are bikes that have motors larger than 750 watts and no top speed. They are treated as motorized vehicles, not bicycles—and are usually not allowed on mountain bike trails. They require riders to have a license and insurance, similar to other motorized vehicles.
- In most states, class 4 ebikes must be registered with the DMV. In some locations, riders are allowed to take their motorcycle license exam on an ebike rather than a traditional gas-powered motorcycle.

Aventon does not make nor recommend the use of these class 4 vehicles as they are unregulated and, in some cases, illegal.

Class 4 ebikes are classified as motor vehicles—similar to mopeds—and are not federally regulated. These “multi use” vehicles have a motor power exceeding 750 watts and do not have a maximum speed limit. These bikes can come with either throttle or pedal assistance systems, or both.

### **Key features:**

- ✓ Pedal assistance: Not required, can be throttle-only
- ✓ Throttle: Optional, may only have pedal assist
- ✓ Max assisted speed: Unlimited
- ✓ Speedometer: Mandatory

<https://himiwaybike.com/blogs/news/three-class-ebike-system>

## The 3 Classes Explained

The three-class system was developed to clarify laws and ensure safety on shared paths and roads. Here is exactly what distinguishes each category.

### Class 1: The Cyclist's Choice

Class 1 e-bikes are the most "bicycle-like" of the bunch. They **do not have a throttle**. The motor only kicks in when you are actively pedaling, and it stops assisting once you hit 20 mph. You can pedal faster than 20 mph, but it will be all your own muscle power beyond that limit.

**Why choose it?** Riders often describe Class 1 bikes as giving them "bionic legs." It feels natural and intuitive. Because they lack a throttle and have a lower top speed, they are the most universally accepted class. You can ride

them on almost any paved bike path and even many mountain bike trails where other motorized vehicles are banned.

## Class 2: The Flexible Option

Class 2 e-bikes share the same 20 mph speed limit as Class 1, but they have a "secret weapon": **a throttle**. This means you can propel the bike forward without pedaling at all, just like a scooter or motorcycle. The motor cuts off at 20 mph whether you are using the throttle or pedal assist.

**Why choose it?** This is the ultimate "sweat-free" commuter. If you want to arrive at work without needing a shower, or if you need help getting started from a dead stop at a traffic light, the throttle is a game-changer. It's also excellent for riders with knee issues or limited mobility who might need a break from pedaling during a ride.

**Pro Tip:** Many riders love Class 2 for the versatility. You can pedal when you want exercise, or twist the throttle when you're tired. The **Himiway A7 Pro** is a perfect example of a versatile commuter that fits this lifestyle.

## Class 3: The Commuter's Speedster

Class 3 e-bikes are built for speed and efficiency. They provide pedal assistance up to a zippy **28 mph**. While some Class 3 bikes also have a throttle, the throttle is usually capped at 20 mph, while pedaling unlocks the higher top speed. They are often equipped with a speedometer and are legally considered the "fastest" category of e-bikes.

**Why choose it?** If you have a long commute and need to keep up with city traffic, Class 3 is your best friend. That extra 8 mph makes a massive difference on long stretches of road, turning a 45-minute commute into a 30-minute breeze. However, because of their speed, they are often restricted from multi-use bike paths and trails to protect slower pedestrians.

# Comparison Table: Class 1 vs 2 vs 3

Here is a quick side-by-side comparison to help you decide.

Feature	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
<b>Top Assisted Speed</b>	20 mph	20 mph	28 mph
<b>Throttle?</b>	No	Yes	Optional (max)
<b>Motor Activation</b>	Pedaling Only	Pedal or Throttle	Pedaling (most)
<b>Allowed on Trails?</b>	Yes (Most)	Yes (Many)	Restricted (Ro)
<b>Best For</b>	Exercise, Trails	Commuting, Comfort	Speed, Long C

## Which Class Should You Buy?

While the three-class system is a federal guideline, individual states and cities have the final say. Here are the general rules of the road:

- **Do You Need a License?** Generally, **no**. In most states, Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are treated exactly like traditional bicycles. You don't need a license, registration, or insurance.
- **Age Restrictions:** Class 3 e-bikes often have stricter rules. Many states require riders to be at least 16 or 17 years old to operate a Class 3 bike.

- **Helmet Laws:** While helmets are always recommended, they are legally mandatory for Class 3 riders in many jurisdictions, regardless of age.

- **Where Can You Ride?**

- **Class 1:** Allowed on bike paths, bike lanes, and roads. Often allowed on shared-use trails (check local signage).
- **Class 2:** Allowed on bike paths, bike lanes, and roads. Sometimes restricted on "non-motorized" trails due to the throttle.
- **Class 3:** Allowed on roads and on-street bike lanes. **Often prohibited** from shared-use paths and trails to ensure pedestrian safety.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Can I unlock my Class 2 e-bike to go 28 mph?

Technically, many e-bikes can be "unlocked" via display settings to reach higher speeds. However, doing so legally changes the classification of your bike from Class 2 to Class 3. This means you may no longer be allowed on certain trails and might be subject to different age or helmet laws. Always ride responsibly and follow local regulations.

## I. Electric Bicycle (402.105 NCO)

### 1. 3 Classes

#### A. Class 1

- 1) pedals
- 2) motor
  - a) less than 750 watts
- 3) motor assist
  - a) ONLY when pedaling
- 4) no motor assist over 20 mph

#### B. Class 2

- 1) pedals
- 2) motor
  - a) less than 750 watts
- 3) motor assist
  - a) while pedaling
  - b) by way of throttle without pedaling
- 4) no motor assist over 20 mph

#### C. Class 3

- 1) pedals
- 2) motor
  - a) less than 750 watts
- 3) motor assist
  - a) ONLY when pedaling
- 4) no motor assist over 28 mph

### 2. Definitions (402.48 NCO)

#### A. Motorized Bicycle or Moped

- 1) does NOT include Electric Bicycle

#### B. Bicycle

- 1) propelled solely by human power

#### C. Motor Vehicle

- 1) does NOT include Electric Bicycle

#### D. Vehicle

- 1) includes Electric Bicycle
- 2) every device by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a highway

### 3. Laws (NCO)

- A. shall obey the instructions of official traffic control devices and signals applicable to vehicles (474.01)
- B. shall ride only on the permanent and regular seat attached (474.02 b1)
- C. shall not carry any other person other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat (474.02 b1)

- D. shall not carry any package, bundle, or article that prevents them from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars (474.02 b5)
- E. Can have a child/ baby seat firmly attached or towed (474.02 c3d)
- F. Shall not attach to any vehicle (474.03a1)
- G. shall ride as close to the right side of the roadway as practicable obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles (474.04a)
- H. shall ride not more than two abreast in a single lane (474.04b)
- I. Shall be equipped with, at specified times of the day/ night (474.05)
  - 1) white light to the front visible at 500 feet
  - 2) red reflector on rear visible 100 to 600 feet to the rear
  - 3) red light visible from 500 feet to the rear, steady or flashing, light may be used as the reflector
  - 4) shall be equipped with an adequate brake
- J. Label affixed, in prominent location (474.07)
  - 1) specifying class of e-bike
  - 2) top speed capable of reaching
  - 3) wattage
  - 4) shall not be modified
  - 5) Class 3 E-bikes shall have a speedometer
  - 6) Class 3 E-bikes shall not be used on a path set aside exclusively for bicycles or shared used paths
  - 7) no person under 16 years of age shall operate a class 3 E-bike
  - 8) Protective helmet mandatory for operator and passenger on class

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E-bike

- K. may drive on sidewalk if the motor is not engaged (432.37)
  - 1) local authority can restrict this, but cannot mandate e-bikes to ride on side-walks only instead of the roadway
- L. must signal lane change, turning, stopping at least once within 100 feet of maneuver, unless in a designated turn lane (432.13)
  - 1) hand or arm signs
  - 2) signal lights, if equipped

**2026-5**

**RESOLUTION 2026-05 TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY, OHIO AND THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5502.271, the Board of County commissioners established the Wood County Emergency Management Agency ("County EMA") by Resolution No. 96-396; and

**WHEREAS**, the County EMA has established a program for emergency management in Wood County that complies with sections 5502.21 to 5502.41 of the Ohio Revised Code, 42 U.S.C. 5121, et. seq. and all applicable rules and regulations adopted under those laws; and

**WHEREAS**, each political subdivision in Wood County must create a local capability for emergency management as set forth in sections 5502.26 through 5502.271 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, under Ohio Administrative Code 4501:3-3-01, a political subdivision may create a local capability for emergency management by contract with a county that has established an emergency management program under section 5502.271 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Political Subdivision herein desires to contract with Wood County and participate in the county's emergency management program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Administrator is hereby authorize to sign the contract to furnish Emergency management between Wood county, Ohio and the City of Nortwood. attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 2.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Vote to suspend rules: For:\_\_\_ Against:\_\_\_ Abstain:\_\_\_

Vote on emergency clause: For:\_\_\_ Against:\_\_\_ Abstain:\_\_\_

Vote on final adoption: For:\_\_\_ Against:\_\_\_ Abstain:\_\_\_

**Adopted this** \_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, **2026.** **In Effect:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

# Wood County Emergency Management Agency

Jeff Klein, EMA Director

*A department under the Board of County Commissioners  
Doris I. Herringshaw Ed.D • Dr. Theodore H. Bowlus • Craig LaHote*



## INVOICE

DATE: March 13, 2026  
TO: City of Northwood  
FROM: Wood County Emergency Management Agency  
REF: 2026 Allocations for Proportionate Share

In accordance with the "County-Wide Agreement" to provide Emergency Management services, the following is the proportionate share amount due for your political entity. The amount is based on the new 2020 census figures at \$0.55 cents per capita.

Subdivision **Northwood City** Population **5,160** Share **\$2,838.00**

Please make check payable to: **WOOD COUNTY TREASURER**

and remit to: **Wood County Emergency Management Agency  
#1 Courthouse Square  
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402**

Please remit the amount due by **May 29, 2026**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the EMA office.

Sincerely,

Jeff Klein  
EMA Director

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACT TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY, OHIO AND THE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City of Northwood**  
**City/Village/Township**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is entered into this   1st   day of   Januaray  , 2026, between the Board of County Commissioners, Wood County, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as "County") and   City of Northwood   **City/Village/Township**, Wood County, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as "Political Subdivision").

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5502.271, the Board of County Commissioners established the Wood County Emergency Management Agency ("County EMA") by Resolution No. 96-396; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Political Subdivision herein desires to contract with Wood County and participate in the county's emergency management program.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties, each in consideration of the mutual promises of the other made herein, agree as follows:

**I. County Responsibilities**

The County, by and through its Emergency Management Agency agrees to:

1. Develop and maintain an all-hazards emergency operations plan ("EOP") which will coordinate the emergency management framework activities of the Political Subdivision and other political subdivisions that execute an Emergency Management Contract with Wood County.
2. Provide the Political Subdivision with any updates of the Wood County All-Hazards Plan (EOP).

**II. Political Subdivision Responsibilities**

The Political Subdivision agrees to:

1. Provide the County EMA with police, fire, EMS and public works equipment information necessary to incorporate the political subdivision into the All-Hazards Plan (EOP) and County Resource Directory for response capabilities.
2. Develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) and/or standard operating guidelines (SOGs) under the framework of the Wood County All-Hazards Plan (EOP) and National Information Management System (NIMS) requirements for responding to local emergencies.
3. Provide the County EMA with names of persons with special training for any natural, human made, or technological hazardous event.
4. Provide the County EMA names and emergency contact information for key administrative, fire, police, EMS, and public works personnel and update this list annually on or before January 31.

**III. Term of Contract**

The term of this contract shall be from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, provided, however, that such contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice.

**IV. Compensation**

The City of Northwood *City/Village/Township* will pay to the TREASURER of WOOD COUNTY, for the Emergency Management Agency services mentioned above on a per capita basis based upon the 2020 official census population data as shown below:

*City/Village/Township* City of Northwood

<b><u>YEAR:</u></b>	<b><u>POPULATION:</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT PER CAPITA:</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL AMOUNT:</u></b>
<b>2026</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>.55_/100 (\$0.55)</b>	<b>\$ 2,838.00</b>
<b>2027</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>.55_/100 (\$0.55)</b>	<b>\$ 2,838.00</b>

\*Emergency Management Agency services compensation will be based on the most current population number from the 2020 Census.

Said payments shall be forwarded to the Wood County Emergency Management Agency, One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

**V. Independent Contractor**

It is mutually agreed by and between the parties that the relationship between the County and the Political Subdivision will be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent or employer-employee relationship is created by this agreement.

**VI. Modification of Contract**

Any alteration or modification of the terms or conditions of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.

**VII. Severability**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

**VIII. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement, the schedules and all attachments designated on the face of the agreement as included shall constitute the entire Agreement of the parties and shall supersede all prior negotiations and representations, whether written or oral.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties, as evidence of the Agreement to the above provisions, have set their hand hereunto and affixed our signatures below:

**BOARD OF WOOD  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:**

City of Northwood  
*City/ Village/ Township*

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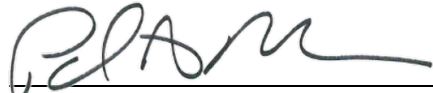
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**TEMPLATE APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul A. Dobson  
Wood County Prosecuting Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
12/8/2023  
Date

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Fiscal Officer for City of Northwood \_\_\_\_\_ *City/*  
*Village/ Township*, certify that the money to meet this agreement has been  
lawfully appropriated for the purpose of this agreement and is in the  
treasury of \_\_\_\_\_ or is in the process of collection to  
the credit of the appropriate fund, free from prior encumbrance.

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: Fiscal Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**2026-4**

**RESOLUTION 2026-04 ADOPTING ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Commission of Wood County has waived the requirement to hold a Public Hearing; publish Public Notices and adopt a tentative Tax Budget for Budget Year 2027, and

**WHEREAS**, The Estimate of Revenues format will replace the official budget and allow the County to establish an Original Certificate of Estimated Resources for the year 2027;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Estimate of Revenues for the City of Northwood for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2027 heretofore prepared by the Finance & Revenue Director and submitted to this Council, be and is hereby adopted as the official Estimate of Resources for the purpose of Wood County preparing a Certificate of Estimated Resources for the calendar year 2027, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 2.** That the Finance & Revenue Director is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of said Estimate of Revenues and a copy of this Resolution to the Wood County Auditor.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure because the dealing is July 15, 2026 therefore is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety, and welfare of our citizens. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Vote to suspend rules: For:\_\_\_ Against:\_\_\_ Abstain:\_\_\_

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**Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026. In Effect: \_\_\_\_\_**

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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City Attorney

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Mayor

# ESTIMATE OF REVENUES

FOR SUBMISSION TO WOOD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION  
FOR BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027

THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD

25-Jun-26

**EXHIBIT I**

PURPOSE	CURRENT YEAR	BUDGET YEAR
	2026	2027
<b>1. GENERAL FUND</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Balance, January 1st	\$ 4,232,083.00	\$ 3,532,083.00
<b>REVENUES:</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Local Taxes		
Real Estate Tax	309,316.00	310,000.00
Personal Property Tax	9,592.00	10,000.00
Municipal Income Tax	5,250,000.00	4,600,000.00
Other Local Taxes	16,070.00	26,000.00
Total Local Taxes	5,584,978.00	4,946,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
State Shared Taxes and Permits	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Local Government	207,781.00	210,000.00
Local Government Revenue Assistance	26,000.00	26,000.00
Estate Tax	100.00	100.00
Cigarette Tax	200.00	200.00
License Tax	-	-
Liquor and Beer Permits	14,700.00	16,500.00
Gasoline Tax	-	-
Rollbacks (Homestead, 10%, 2.5%, and PP)	25,000.00	27,000.00
Gas & Electric Deregulation Reimbursement	650.00	500.00
Other State Shared Taxes and Permits		
Total State Shared Taxes and Permits	274,431.00	280,300.00
Federal Grants or Aid	-	-
State Grants or Aid	75,000.00	75,000.00
Other Grants or Aid	400,000.00	65,000.00
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	475,000.00	140,000.00
Special Assessments	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Lighting	73,135.00	75,000.00
Sidewalks	-	-
Weed cutting	5,000.00	8,000.00
Total Special Assessments	78,135.00	83,000.00
Charges for Services	171,300.00	200,000.00
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	576,200.00	440,300.00
Miscellaneous	194,150.00	207,250.00
Other Financing Sources:		
Proceeds from Sale of Debt		
Transfers		
Advances		
Other Sources	340,000.00	290,000.00
Total Revenue	7,694,194.00	6,586,850.00
Total Revenue and Balance	11,926,277.00	10,118,933.00

# ESTIMATE OF REVENUES

FOR SUBMISSION TO WOOD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION  
FOR BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027

THE CITY OF   NORTHWOOD  

  JUNE 25  , 2026

CURRENT VALUATION   193,322,634  

**EXHIBIT III**

FUND List All Funds Individually Unless Reported on Exhibit I or II	ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JANUARY 1ST	BUDGET YEAR ESTIMATED REVENUE	TOTAL BALANCE AND REVENUE
<b>GOVERNMENTAL:</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE:</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
BUDGET STABILIZATION	4,200,000.00	200,000.00	4,400,000.00
SCMR	26,370.00	685,000.00	711,370.00
MVLT	3,705.00	17,000.00	20,705.00
ST HWY IMP	199,000.00	40,500.00	239,500.00
NW WASTE	3,700.00	15,000.00	18,700.00
FIREFIGHTER STAFFING	30,000.00	345,000.00	375,000.00
DRUG FINE	1,367.00	1,500.00	2,867.00
SPEC LAW ENF	285.00	3,000.00	3,285.00
ENF & EDUC	275.00	1,000.00	1,275.00
COMPUTER RESEARCH	25,000.00	14,000.00	39,000.00
ECON DEV & ACQ	183,333.00	11,000.00	194,333.00
STORM WATER	185,000.00	315,000.00	500,000.00
KNB	59,850.00	-	59,850.00
NWD CIVIC EVENTS	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
AMERICAN RECOVERY	-	-	-
OPIOID CRISIS	13,635.00	6,000.00	19,635.00
TREE CITY USA	190.00	1,000.00	1,190.00
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>4,931,710.00</b>	<b>1,665,000.00</b>	<b>6,596,710.00</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS:</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
GEN OBLIG DEBT	3,324.00	-	3,324.00
MENARDS DEBT RET	145.00	201,200.00	201,345.00
BROWNFIELD LOAN RESERVE	720,000.00	30,000.00	750,000.00
ENCLAVE DEBT RET	3,000.00	215,000.00	218,000.00
REC CENTER DEBT	2,600.00	-	2,600.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</b>	<b>729,069.00</b>	<b>446,200.00</b>	<b>1,175,269.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	2,100,000.00	1,405,000.00	3,505,000.00
CAPITAL REPLACEMENT	2,927,000.00	785,000.00	3,712,000.00
RECREATION/PARK	58,000.00	2,500.00	60,500.00
FIRE STA ADDN	9,700.00	1,000.00	10,700.00
REC CENTER BLG	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>	<b>5,094,700.00</b>	<b>2,193,500.00</b>	<b>7,288,200.00</b>

# ESTIMATE OF REVENUES

FOR SUBMISSION TO WOOD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION  
FOR BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027

THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD

\_\_June 25\_\_, 2026

**EXHIBIT II**

Reproduce as needed. Use for any fund receiving property tax revenue except the General Fund

FUND NAME:   ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ACQUISITION  

FUND TYPE/CLASSIFICATION:   SPECIAL REVENUE  

	2026	2027
DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YEAR	BUDGET YEAR
	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
BALANCE JANUARY 1ST	188,133.00	183,333.00
REVENUE		
FROM TAXES	89,200.00	-
FROM OTHER SOURCES	11,000.00	11,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND BALANCE</b>	<b>288,333.00</b>	<b>194,333.00</b>

FUND NAME:   ENCLAVE DEBT RETIREMENT  

FUND TYPE/CLASSIFICATION:   DEBT SERVICE  

	2026	2027
DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YEAR	BUDGET YEAR
	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
BALANCE JANUARY 1ST	8,815.00	3,000.00
REVENUE		
FROM TAXES	70,000.00	215,000.00
FROM OTHER SOURCES	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND BALANCE</b>	<b>78,815.00</b>	<b>218,000.00</b>

FUND NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FUND TYPE/CLASSIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

	2026	2027
DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YEAR	BUDGET YEAR
	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
BALANCE JANUARY 1ST		
REVENUE		
FROM TAXES		
FROM OTHER SOURCES		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND BALANCE</b>		

**EXHIBIT VI  
DEBT SCHEDULE**

PURPOSE OF BONDS AND NOTES	AUTHORITY FOR LEVY OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT*	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE DUE	ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION	SERIAL OR TERM	RATE OF INTEREST	AMTS OF BONDS & NOTES OUTSTANDING AT BEGINNING OF BUDGET YEAR	BUDGET YEAR	
								AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST 1/1/27_to 12/31/27_	AMOUNT RECEIVABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES TO MEET DEBT PAYMENTS 1/1/27 to 12/31/27
Payable from Bond Ret Fund									
INSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT:									
Enclave Infrastruc		4/19/22	12/1/2042	Ord2022-04	serial	2.81	4,860,000	390,450	390450
Comm Center		12/7/22	12/1/2052	Ord2022-21	serial	4.6	6,825,000	462,400	462400
TOTAL							11,685,000	852,850	852850
OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT:									
TOTAL									

\*If the levy is outside the 10 mill limit by vote enter the words "by vote" and the date of the election.  
If outside the 10 mill limit without a vote, enter the reference to the statute under which the levy is exempt from the 10 mill limit.

**2026-21**

**ORDINANCE 2026-21 AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northwood 2026 Budget Packet included a line item on pages 3 (Fund Balance Analysis) and 23 (Capital Projects) identifying the extension of Dalling Drive with an estimated cost of \$506,650 and indicated that it would be funded by General Fund reserve funds; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council passed Ordinance 2025-42 establishing a General Fund Reserve Policy, whereby the Dalling Drive project meets the criteria for expenditure; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2025-47 making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 did not include an account for this expenditure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the project was bid for \$732,000 and funds need to be appropriated;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to increase Supplemental Appropriations in the Budget Stabilization Fund totaling \$750,000 General Fund totaling ~~\$732,000~~ as follows:

110-7610-535350	Dalling Drive West extension	732,000
111-7610-53588	Engineering Costs	18,000

**SECTION 2.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety, and welfare of our citizens. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Vote to suspend rules: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

Vote on emergency clause: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

Vote on final adoption as amended: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

**Adopted this** \_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, **2026.** **In Effect:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**2026-22**

**ORDINANCE 2026-22 DETERMINING TO HAVE THE CITY JOIN THE NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the CITY of NORTHWOOD ("CITY") and this Council, after careful and thorough review, deems it advisable for the CITY to join the Northwestern Water and Sewer District ("District"), a regional water and sewer district existing under Chapter 6119 of the Ohio Revised Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** This Council hereby finds and determines it is necessary for the CITY to become part of the District to provide water and sanitary sewer services more economically and efficiently and that it is in the best interests of the residents of the CITY to have the CITY become part of the District, that it will be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience or welfare and that it is practical and feasible for the CITY to be included in the District.

**SECTION 2.** That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file with the District an Application to include the corporate area of the CITY in the District in accordance with Sections 6119.05, O.R.C., in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A hereto.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

**SECTION 4.** That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, comfort and welfare of the inhabitants of the CITY of NORTHWOOD in that said Application must be filed with the District as soon as possible to enable the CITY to join the District, and it shall take effect upon its adoption.

Vote to suspend rules: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_  
Vote on emergency clause: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_  
Vote on final adoption: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

**Adopted this** \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026. **In Effect:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

APPLICATION  
(Section 6119.05, O.R.C.)

The City of Northwood, Wood County, Ohio (“City”), a municipal corporation existing and in good standing under the laws and Constitution of the State of Ohio hereby applies to the Board of Trustees of the Northwestern Water & Sewer District (“District”) to include the City of Northwood within the District.

The City has determined it is necessary for the City to become part of the District to provide water and sanitary sewer services more economically and efficiently and that it is in the best interests of the residents of the City to have the City become part of the District, that it will be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience or welfare and that it is practical and feasible for the City to be included in the District.

The City agrees and understands its water and sanitary sewer users will be subject to the District’s rates and charges and other fees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mayor of the City of Northwood, Wood County, Ohio, being duly authorized by its City Council, has executed this Application on behalf of the City this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

CITY OF NORTHWOOD, OHIO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest:

[City Seal]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

## ORC Ann. 6119.05

Archived code versions

Current through File 67 of the 136th General Assembly (2025-2026).

### **§ 6119.05 Application for inclusion in district; procedure.**

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At any time after the creation of a regional water and sewer district, any county, township, or municipal corporation whose territory is not wholly included within such district may file an application with such district setting forth a general description of the territory it desires to have included within such district, the necessity for the inclusion of such territory within the district, that it will be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, or welfare, and that it will be practical and feasible for such territory to be included within the district. If said application is approved by a majority of the board of trustees of said district, the territory described in said application shall thereupon become part of such district. If such application fails to receive the approval of a majority of the board within sixty days after the filing of said application with said district, the county, township, or municipal corporation filing such application may file a petition in the court of common pleas requesting the order of such court upon the board directing the board to include the territory described in said application within said district. Upon the filing of such petition the court shall set a date for hearing and notify the district by service of process on the secretary of the board of the filing of such petition and of the date set for the hearing. If at such hearing the court finds that it will be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the district and to the territory described in the petition and that it will be practical and feasible for such territory to be included within such district, the court shall order that such territory be included within the district and the terms for its inclusion therein. If the court finds that it will not be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the district or to the territory described in the petition, or that it will not be practical or feasible for such territory to be included within such district, it shall dismiss the petition and adjudge the costs against the petitioner.

Such inclusion shall become legally effective unless, prior to the ninetieth day following the approval of the board or the order of the court for inclusion, qualified electors residing in the area proposed to be included in such district equal in number to a majority of the qualified electors voting at the last general election in such area file with the secretary of the board of trustees of the district in which inclusion is proposed a petition of remonstrance against such inclusion. The secretary shall cause the board of elections of the proper county or counties to check the sufficiency of the signatures on such petition.

### **History**

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GC § 6785; 123 v 413, § 5; Bureau of Code Revision, 10-1-53; 130 v 1409 (Eff 10-10-63); 134 v S 166. Eff 11-19-71.

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End of Document

2026-18

**ORDINANCE 2026-18 AMENDING NCO CHAPTER 220.02 RULES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Council has determined it necessary to amend Chapter 220.02 of the Northwood Codified Ordinances regarding standing committees of Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Council desires to remove the Recreation Board from the list of standing committees under Section 220.02(E)(6)B.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That Section 220.02(E)(6)(B) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Northwood, Ohio, is hereby amended to as follows:

B. Standing committees. Standing committees shall be as follows; which are permanent in their functions, but may have a change in membership from one Council to the next. Appointments shall be made as provided in division (h) of this section.

- Economic Development
- Finance
- ~~Recreation Board~~
- Safety
- Service
- Parks, Recreation and Community Center
- Tree Commission
- Committee of the Whole

**SECTION 2.** All other provisions of Chapter 220 of the Northwood Codified Ordinance not thereinbefore amended or modified shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety, and welfare of our citizens. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Vote to suspend rules: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

Vote on emergency clause: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

Vote on final adoption: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

**Adopted this** \_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, **2026.** **In Effect:** \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

2026-19

**ORDINANCE 2026-19 AMENDING NCO CHAPTER 270 RECREATION BOARD;  
PARKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northwood desires to update and reorganize Chapter 270 of the Codified Ordinances to modernize and streamline the administration of parks, recreation, and community center operations; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council finds it necessary and appropriate to consolidate the functions previously assigned to the Recreation Board and Parks, Recreation and Community Center Committee into a unified administrative structure; and

**WHEREAS**, Council further finds it appropriate to transfer certain duties and responsibilities formerly exercised by the Recreation Board to the Recreation Director and the appropriate Council committee for improved administrative efficiency and oversight.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 270 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Northwood, Ohio, currently titled "Recreation Board; Parks," shall amended, as provided in the attached "Exhibit A".

**SECTION 2.** That all other provisions of Chapter 270 of the Northwood Codified Ordinance not thereinbefore amended or modified shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety, and welfare of our citizens. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Vote to suspend rules: For:\_\_\_ Against:\_\_\_ Abstain:\_\_\_

Vote on emergency clause: For:\_\_\_ Against:\_\_\_ Abstain:\_\_\_

Vote on final adoption: For:\_\_\_ Against:\_\_\_ Abstain:\_\_\_

**Adopted this** \_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, **2026.** **In Effect:** \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

## CHAPTER 270

### Parks Recreation and Community Center Recreation Board; Parks

- 270.01 Establishment; composition.
- 270.02 Powers and duties.
- 270.03 Meetings.
- 270.04 Appointment; term.
- 270.05 Vacancies.
- 270.06 Officers; rules and regulations.
- 270.07 Budget.
- 270.08 Donations and bequests.
- 270.09 Disbursement of funds; approval of expenditures.
- 270.10 Baseball Commissioner.
- 270.11 ~~Parks. (Repealed)~~ Recreation Director

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Land appropriation for parks - see Ohio R.C. 715.21, 719.01

State law provisions - see Ohio R.C. 755.12 et seq.

#### 270.01 ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION.

There shall be a ~~Recreation Board~~ Parks Recreation and Community Center Commission consisting of five members, three council members and two residents; each all of whom shall be a resident and qualified elector of the City. The members shall appointed by the Mayor with the consent of Council. ~~Two of the members of the Recreation Board shall be members of the Board of Education or shall be members appointed by the Board of Education.~~

(Ord. 63-8. Passed 3-14-63; Ord. 2008-30. Passed 12-4-08.)

#### 270.02 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

The ~~Recreation Board~~ Parks Recreation and Community Center Committee shall generally act in an advisory capacity, making recommendations to Council concerning the development, maintenance and operation of playgrounds, recreational facilities, and programs for the City, including fees and rates thereof. The ~~Recreation Board~~ Parks

Recreation and Community Center Committee shall also have those powers and perform those duties as Council may provide by ordinance or resolution, including, specifically, the following powers and duties:

(a) To analyze community needs in the parks and recreation area, and recommend such programs, activities, and improvements as might be deemed necessary to Council.

(b) To plan for both long-range and short-range expansions and changes in parks, park facilities and make such recommendations to Council.

~~—(c) To recommend rules and regulations governing the use of parks and recreation facilities, such as: closing hours, restrictions on use, and guidelines for use of parks and recreation facilities, subject to the approval by legislation of Council.~~

~~—(d) To recommend rates and fees for recreational activities and facilities, subject to approval by legislation of Council.~~

(e) To review and make recommendations to Council concerning the need for capital outlays, or the acquisition of major pieces of equipment in the area of parks and recreation.

(f) To recommend the purchase, lease, sale, or exchange of real or personal property in the name of the City, no longer needed for recreational purposes, within or outside the City, subject to approval of Council.

~~—(g) The Board shall devise and recommend for adoption by Council a recreational program for children, young people, and men and women in all walks of life; offer leadership in coordinating and correlating all recreational activities to the maximum benefit of the citizens of the City; and cooperate and coordinate the building of the total community recreational program into and around the public and private organizations concerned with public welfare, education, and family relations.~~

~~—(h) To recommend the hiring of umpire-in-chiefs or providers of services deemed necessary or desirable to carry out the programs and duties as outlined herein, subject to approval by Council.~~

(Ord. 63-8. Passed 3-14-63; Ord. 2008-30. Passed 12-4-08.)

#### 270.03 MEETINGS.

The ~~Recreation Board~~Parks Recreation and Community Center Committee shall hold a meeting at least once ~~every two~~every two months at a regular scheduled place and time, and at other such times as may be necessary in the judgment of the ~~Chairperson~~Director or upon application ~~to the Chairperson~~by at least two members of the ~~Committee~~Board. Notice of each special meeting shall be given to the members personally by telephone or e-mail notification at least 24 hours prior to the time of the meeting, unless the member shall specifically waive notice in writing or by actual attendance. All meetings of the ~~Committee~~Board shall be public.

(Ord. 2008-30. Passed 12-4-08.)

#### 270.04 APPOINTMENT; TERM.

The members of the ~~Recreation Board~~Parks Recreation and Community Center Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor with the concurrence of Council and shall serve for terms of ~~five~~ four years, except that the members first appointed shall be appointed for such terms that the term of one member expires annually on December 31 thereafter.

(Ord. 63-8. Passed 3-14-63; Ord. 2008-30. Passed 12-4-08.)

#### 270.05 VACANCIES.

Vacancies in the membership of the Parks Recreation and Community Center Committee ~~Recreation Board~~ occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments are made.

(Ord. 63-8. Passed 3-14-63; Ord. 2008-30. Passed 12-4-08.)

#### 270.06 OFFICERS; RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Upon appointment and confirmation as hereinbefore provided, the members of the Parks Recreation and Community Center Committee ~~Recreation Board~~ shall elect a Chairman and Secretary and select all other necessary officers to serve for a period of one year. Such ~~Committee Board~~ may adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of all business within its jurisdiction.

(Ord. 63-8. Passed 3-14-63; Ord. 2008-30. Passed 12-4-08.)

#### 270.07 BUDGET.

The ~~Board Recreation Director~~ shall, on or before September 15 of each year, submit to Council a proposed budget and report of the program and activities proposed to be carried on under the jurisdiction of the ~~Board~~Committee for the next succeeding fiscal year and shall annually, on or before December 31, make and file with Council a complete report of its activities for the past year, showing expenditures made and obligations incurred together with any recommendations deemed pertinent to the activities, facilities or business under the jurisdiction of the ~~Board~~Committee.

(Ord. 63-8. Passed 3-14-63; Ord. 2008-30. Passed 12-4-08.)

#### 270.08 DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.

The ~~Recreation Board~~Parks Recreation and Community Center Committee may solicit or receive gifts, donations or bequests of money or property to be used for any activity or purpose within its jurisdiction, subject to the approval of occupancy and the loan of facilities and equipment to be used or employed for activities under its jurisdiction.

(Ord. 63-8. Passed 3-14-63; Ord. 2008-30. Passed 12-4-08.)

#### 270.09 DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS, APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.

~~—(a)—Expenditures from funds appropriated by Council for activities within the jurisdiction of the Recreation Board, after certification by the Board to the Finance and Revenue Director of the amounts and purposes thereof, shall be disbursed in the manner provided for disbursement of Municipal funds by the laws of the State and the ordinances of the City.~~

~~(a)(b)~~ All expenditures from appropriate funds, other than compensation for part-time employees, shall first be approved by the City Administrator unless in excess of \$10,000.  
~~Council upon the basis of vouchers duly prepared and submitted for such purpose.~~

(Ord. 2008-30. Passed 12-4-08.)

#### 270.10 BASEBALL COMMISSIONER.

There is hereby created the position, on a part-time basis, of Baseball Commissioner, who shall be responsible for the administration, supervision, scheduling and other required activities as prescribed by the ~~Committee Recreational Board~~ for the summer softball and baseball programs.

(Ord. 79-26. Passed 5-24-79; Ord. 2008-30. Passed 12-4-08.)

#### 270.11 ~~270.11 RECREATION DIRECTOR PARKS. (REPEALED)~~

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Section 270.11 was repealed by Ordinance 2019-24, passed September 26, 2019.)

The Recreation Director shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council.

##### a. Powers and Duties

1. To recommend rules and regulations governing the use of parks and recreation facilities, such as: closing hours, restrictions on use, and guidelines for use of parks and recreation facilities, subject to the approval by legislation of Council.

2. To recommend rates and fees for recreational activities and facilities, subject to approval by legislation of Council.
3. The shall devise and recommend for adoption by Council a recreational program for children, young people, and men and women in all walks of life; offer leadership in coordinating and correlating all recreational activities to the maximum benefit of the citizens of the City; and cooperate and coordinate the building of the total community recreational program into and around the public and private organizations concerned with public welfare, education, and family relations.
4. To recommend the hiring of umpire-in-chiefs or providers of services deemed necessary or desirable to carry out the programs and duties as outlined herein, subject to approval by Council.
5. Any and all other duties assigned by the City Administrator.

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**ORDINANCE 2026-20 AMENDING NCO CHAPTER 208.08 MISCELLANEOUS FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, The Council of the City of Northwood previously adopted Chapter 477 of the Northwood Codified Ordinances entitled “Low-Speed Vehicles,” establishing regulations for the operation of golf carts and other low-speed vehicles within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 477 requires golf carts to obtain a Certificate of Compliance prior to operation on designated City streets; and

**WHEREAS**, Council finds it necessary and appropriate to amend Chapter 208.08, “Miscellaneous Fees,” to establish a fee for such inspections and Certificates of Compliance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That Northwood Codified Ordinance Chapter 208.08, “Miscellaneous Fees,” is hereby amended as follows:

**208.08 MISCELLANEOUS FEES.**

The following fees shall be charged by the City for services, permits, licenses and products furnished, issued and supplied by the City:

- (a) Baseball and softball program: See Chapter 256, Recreation
- (b) Specifications and plans: As advertised
- (c) Zoning Code booklets: 25.00
- (d) Northwood Codified Ordinances book: 125.00
- (e) Public records: .05 per copy
- (f) Photographs: current developing cost
- (g) Zoning maps: \$15.00
- (h) Electronic fingerprint card(s) submission:
  - (1) BCI&I submission fee: \$30.00
  - (2) FBI submission fee: 30.00
- (i) Record check: 5.00
- (j) Rental fees: See Chapter 256, Recreation
- (k) CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation)
  - Non resident of the City 50.00
  - CPR cards 5.00 Charge
- (l) Master Plan Booklet 40.00 per booklet
- (m) Medical refusal to transport As advertised
- (n) Golf Cart Inspection Certificate of Compliance \$35

**SECTION 2.** All other provisions of Chapter 208 of the Northwood Codified Ordinance not thereinbefore amended or modified shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety, and welfare of our citizens. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Vote to suspend rules: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

Vote on emergency clause: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

Vote on final adoption: For: \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

**Adopted this** \_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, **2026.** **In Effect:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of Council

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

**APPROVED:**

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Mayor

## CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON: JUNE 25, 2026

### PROJECT UPDATES

Project Name	Project Budget	Current Status	Key Changes Since Last Meeting
Curtice Rd. Resurfacing & Curbs over I-280	\$195,600.00	Pre-construction	Pre-con meeting 6/24
Dry Creek Aquatic and Riparian Restoration Project	\$500,000.00	Construction	O&M finalization
Dalling Drive Extension Improvements	\$713,562.02	Construction	Construction to run tentatively until July 31.
Northwood 2026 Pavement Resurfacing Improvements (Richmand and Dilrose Dr.)	\$411,500.00	Design	Contract awarded to Bowers Asphalt & Paving, Inc., working on contract documents, pre-con meeting date TBD
Northwood 2026 Pavement Resurfacing Improvements (Dalling Dr. to Dead End)	\$265,300.00	Design	Project shelved until 2027
NCC Parking Lot - Phase 2	\$324,400.00	Design	Under design

### ISSUES REQUIRING COUNCIL ATTENTION

#### Motion to advertise for Bids

Project Name	Bid Opening Date

#### Motion to Award Contract

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