

# CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

## ORDINANCE No. 23-86 AC MS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (D.B.A. LORAIN COUNTY TRANSIT) TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSIT-RELATED SERVICES AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE

WHEREAS, the Lorain County budget suffered revenue losses that resulted in the elimination of transit services for the citizens of Oberlin and many others in Lorain County in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin in collaboration with Oberlin Community Services, Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority and others after evaluating options, including alternative providers for local transit service, concluded that contracting with Lorain County Transit (LCT) for the “Oberlin Connector” transit service was the most cost-effective way to meet the needs of Oberlin residents; and

WHEREAS, the “Oberlin Connector” service has been critically important in helping residents travel to work and to social and health services and helping those with limited mobility maintain their independence; and

WHEREAS, The Fund for Our Economic Future through the award of the Paradox Prize Grant and numerous community private and non-profit partners through the pledge of local funding to support the operating cost in the past have seen the value in providing the “Oberlin Connector” service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Oberlin and the Lorain County Board of Commissioners (d.b.a. Lorain County Transit (“LCT”)) to provide for transit-related services for 2024 and 2025, in form and substance approved by the Law Director and the City Manager respectively in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 to be paid by the City in 2024 and an amount not to exceed \$140,000 to be paid in 2025 for such services.

SECTION 2. That the use of available ARPA funds for the expenditure authorized herein is approved.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit: to assure continued local public transit service to residents of the City of Oberlin, without interruption, in 2024 and 2025, and provided that it is elevated to emergency status by the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council and receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council upon final passage, it shall go into full force and effect from and immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: December 18, 2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

  
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BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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BRYAN BURGESS  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 12/19/2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/18/2023