

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

ORDINANCE No. 25-60 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER 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 TO GO INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT

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 proposed 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 2026, a copy being attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved, and the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the City.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken 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 held in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. To authorize an agreement to continue local public transit demand response service, without interruption, in 2026 and provided that at least five (5) members of Council determine by motion, this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading: December 1, 2025

2nd Reading: _____

3rd Reading: _____

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



EBONI A. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 12/02/2025

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/01/2025