

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. R26-11 CMS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OBERLIN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEVELAND 2030 DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO UNDERTAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION TO GO INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainability, energy efficiency, and responsible fiscal management through investments that reduce operating costs while protecting natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that improving the energy performance and carbon efficiency of commercial, institutional, and industrial buildings is among the most cost-effective strategies for reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions while strengthening local economic resilience and supporting business growth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin supports the Cleveland 2030 District and its mission to significantly reduce energy consumption, water use, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation-related emissions through voluntary collaboration among building owners, businesses, institutions, local governments, and community partners throughout Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin recognizes that participation in the Cleveland 2030 District will further the City's efforts to decarbonize its commercial, institutional, and industrial building stock by improving energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting the development and expansion of high-performance facilities, including existing industries and businesses locating within the City's industrial park; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Cleveland 2030 District will provide the City of Oberlin opportunities to collaborate with peer communities and regional institutions, access technical expertise and best practices, benchmark municipal building performance, pursue grant opportunities, and demonstrate leadership in reducing operating costs and improving energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Cleveland 2030 District supports economic competitiveness by reducing operating costs, increasing property values, improving occupant comfort and productivity, and making Oberlin an attractive location for businesses seeking efficient and sustainable facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland 2030 District establishes measurable performance goals for reductions in energy consumption, water consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions in existing and new buildings through voluntary participation and shared best practices; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy Better Buildings Initiative provides technical assistance, benchmarking tools, peer learning opportunities, and nationally recognized best

practices that support organizations pursuing improved building performance and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin recognizes that local governments play a critical role in addressing climate change, improving community resilience, reducing operating expenses, and supporting sustainable economic development; and

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

SECTION 1: That this Council supports participation in the Cleveland 2030 District and authorizes the City Manager to execute such documents and undertake such actions as are necessary for the City to participate.

SECTION 2: That the City agrees to support the Cleveland 2030 District performance goals by:

(a) Benchmarking municipal building energy and water performance using ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or comparable tools, where appropriate.

(b) Sharing best practices, lessons learned, and performance information that may assist other participating members.

(c). Participating in Cleveland 2030 District meetings, committees, educational opportunities, and collaborative initiatives.

(d) Identifying opportunities to improve the efficiency, resilience, and carbon performance of municipal facilities.

SECTION 3: That this Council encourages Oberlin College, Oberlin City Schools, Mercy Health, Kendal at Oberlin, commercial property owners, industrial businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other community institutions to voluntarily participate in the Cleveland 2030 District and collaborate in achieving its performance goals.

SECTION 4: That this Council supports the goals of the U.S. Department of Energy Better Buildings Initiative and encourages participation in voluntary state and federal programs that advance energy efficiency, building performance, decarbonization, and greenhouse gas reductions.

SECTION 5: That this Council finds that participation in the Cleveland 2030 District advances the City's climate action, sustainability, and economic development objectives by improving building performance, supporting existing businesses, encouraging investment in high-performance commercial and industrial facilities, and reducing long-term operating costs.

SECTION 6: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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.

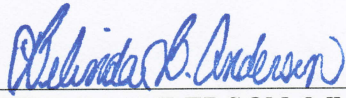
SECTION 7: To facilitate the implementation of the goals of the Cleveland 2030 District, which are in alignment with City of Oberlin Climate Action Plan, and provided that at least five (5) members of Council determine by motion, this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading: September 8, 2026

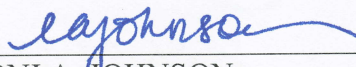
2nd Reading: _____

3rd Reading: _____

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



EBONI A. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 09/09/2026

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/08/2026