City Council Agenda

Monday, July 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm

6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Public Comments

4. **Visitor Comments**
   Public comments for topics not on the published agenda.

Public Hearings on Legislation

5. **Ordinance No. 19-2026 - Rezoning 445 E. Granville Road**
   To Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Worthington, Ohio, to Change Zoning of Certain Land from S-1, Special to PUD, Planned Use District at 445 E. Granville Rd.
   Executive Summary: This Ordinance approves a rezoning at 445 E. Granville Rd. (Exhibit A) from the S-1 District to a PUD.

   Recommendation: Approve as presented.

6. **Ordinance No. 20-2026 - Charter Review Commission Recommendation - Zoning Referendum Petitions**
   To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending the Charter of the City of Worthington to Delete Section 1.04 and Amend Sections 2.17 and 2.19 as Recommended by the Charter Review Commission
   Executive Summary: This ordinance places a question on the November 3, 2026, ballot to amend the Charter to reduce the number of days before which a zoning ordinance is effective and moves language related to zoning ordinances from Section 1.04 to Sections 2.17 and 2.19 as recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

   Recommendation: Motion to amend the ordinance to insert the Resolution number (46-2026) for the Special Election; Approve as Amended.

7. **Ordinance No. 21-2026 - Charter Review Commission Recommendation - Referendum Petitions**
   To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending the Charter of the City of Worthington Pertaining to Referendum Petition Signature

Requirements as Recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

Executive Summary: This ordinance places a question on the November 3, 2026, ballot to amend the Charter to reduce the number of signatures required on all referendum petitions as recommended by the Charter Review Commission. (See staff memo from Ordinance No. 20-2026 for more details.)

Recommendation: Motion to amend the ordinance to insert the Resolution number (46-2026) for the Special Election; Approve as Amended. (See staff memo from Ordinance No. 20-2026 for more details.)

8. Ordinance No. 22-2026 - Charter Review Commission Recommendation - Amendments

To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending Various Sections of the Charter of the City of Worthington as Recommended by the Charter Review Commission

Executive Summary: This ordinance places a question on the November 3, 2026, ballot for all other Charter amendments recommended by the Charter Review Commission. (See staff memo from Ordinance No. 20-2026 for more details.)

Recommendation: Motion to amend the ordinance to insert the Resolution number (46-2026) for the Special Election; Approve as Amended. (See staff memo from Ordinance No. 20-2026 for more details.)

9. Ordinance No. 23-2026 - Petition to Amend City Charter - Referendum Petition Signature Requirements

To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending the Charter of the City of Worthington Pertaining to Referendum Petition Signature Requirements as Proposed by Petition.

Executive Summary: Franklin County Board of Elections has certified a petition that was circulated in the community to amend the City's Charter to reduce the number of signatures required for referendum petitions. This Ordinance places the question on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

Recommendation: Motion to amend the ordinance to insert the Resolution number (46-2026) for the Special Election; Approve as Amended.

Consent Agenda

Notice to the Public: There will be no separate discussion of Consent Agenda items as they are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the City Council, staff, or public requests discussion on a particular item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

10. Ordinance No. 18-2026 - Appropriation - Orange Township Joint Economic Development District (JEDD)

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2025 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Orange Township JEDD Unappropriated Balance.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance appropriates funds in the Orange Township JEDD fund for the purpose of distributing the income tax collected.

Recommendation: Approve as Presented.

11. Ordinance No. 24-2026 - Granting an Easement to Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio)

Granting a Permanent Easement to Ohio Power Company through Property Owned by the City of Worthington at 350 W Dublin Granville Road.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance grants a permanent easement to Ohio Power Company, a unit of American Electric Power and authorizes the City Manager to enter into an easement agreement to allow the installation of electrical service equipment and use of a portion of the Outdoor Pool property at 350 W Dublin Granville Road.

Recommendation: Approve as Presented.

12. Ordinance No. 25-2026 - Appropriation - 2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2025 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of the 2026 Sewer Rehabilitation Project and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 781-25)

Executive Summary: This Ordinance funds Worthington's 2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation work, Project Number 781-25.

Recommendation: Approve as Presented.

13. Resolution No. 48-2026 - Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) Annual Report

Accepting the Recommendations of the 2026 Worthington Tax Incentive Review Council concerning parcels of commercial real property in the City of Worthington receiving tax exemptions for purposes of economic development .

Executive Summary: This Resolution summarizes the actions taken by the Worthington Tax Incentive Review Council and accepts their recommendations for tax year 2025.

Recommendation: Introduce and Approve as presented.

14. Resolution No. 49-2026 - Amendment - Sharon Township Joint Economic Development District (JEDD)

Authorizing an Amendment to the Existing Joint Economic Development District Contract with Sharon Township to Add a New Property to the Area.

Executive Summary: This Resolution authorizes an amendment to the existing Joint Economic Development District agreement with Sharon Township to add a new property to the area.

Recommendation: Introduce and Approve as presented.

15. Resolution No. 50-2026 - Façade Assistance and Corridor Enhancement (FACE) Program Award

Authorizing the Award of Façade Assistance and Corridor Enhancement Funds to Help Improve Facility Exterior Facade and Streetscape Along Certain of the City's Commercial Corridors. (37 E. Wilson Bridge Road)

Executive Summary: This Resolution would authorize $10,000 in financial assistance under the FACE Program to SKR Realty, LLC, located at 37 E. Wilson Bridge Road.

Recommendation: Introduce and Approve as presented.

16. Resolution No. 51-2026 - Amendment to Development Plan - 300 W. Wilson Bridge Road

Authorizing an Amendment to the Final Development Plan for 300 W. Wilson Bridge Rd. and Authorizing Variances (Kessler Sign Co./OPOC.us).

Executive Summary: This Resolution is for an Amendment to Development Plan with Variances a sign that exceeds forty (40) square feet in size.

Recommendation: Introduce and Approve as presented.

17. Resolution No. 52-2026 - Transfer of Appropriations

Adjusting the Annual Budget by Providing for a Transfer of Previously Appropriated Funds

Executive Summary: This Resolution authorizes the transfer of previously appropriated funds to cover expenses as anticipated for the remainder of the year in appropriate accounts. Approval of this Resolution will not result in an increase of total appropriations.

Recommendation: Introduce and Approve as Presented.

End of Consent Agenda

New Legislation - Ordinance(s)

18. Ordinance No. 26-2026 - Appropriation - Active Transportation and Mobility Services Project

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2025 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of the Caren Avenue Waterline Improvement Project and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 764-24)

Executive Summary: This Ordinance funds the City's 2026 Active Transportation and Mobility Services Project and authorizes the City Manager to enter in contract with the recommended consultant.

Recommendation: Introduce for a Public Hearing on September 8, 2026.

Reports of City Officials

19. Policy Item(s)

a. Northeast Area Plan Correction

Executive Summary: This agenda item seeks to correct a discrepancy found in the Northeast Area Plan.

Recommendation: Motion to correct a discrepancy found in the Northeast Area Plan.

b. W. Wilson Bridge Road Waterline Project

Executive Summary: Staff is seeking approval to obtain bids for the West Wilson Bridge Road Waterline Improvements, Project No. 744-23.

Recommendation: Motion granting permission to bid the West Wilson Bridge Road Waterline Improvements.

c. Solid Waste Collection Contract

Executive Summary: Staff is seeking approval to obtain bids for Worthington's 2027-2031 Solid Waste Collection contract.

Recommendation: Motion granting permission to bid Worthington's 2027-2031 Solid Waste Collection contract.

d. 2027 Operating Budget & 2027-2031 Capital Improvements Program

Executive Summary: This item provides time to discuss current financial trends and the upcoming Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program development. Additionally, there will be a discussion of the General Fund carryover balance.

e. E-Bikes & E-Scooters

Executive Summary: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council information and questions to facilitate a policy discussion regarding possible regulations involving electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters (e-scooters), and other low-speed electric motorized devices.

f. June Financial Report

Executive Summary: The Financial Report for the month of June is attached.

Recommendation: Motion to accept the Report as presented.

Reports of Council Members

Other Business

20. Motion to Recess for the month of August

Executive Session

Adjournment

21. Motion to Adjourn

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager
David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager

From: R. Lee Brown, Director of Planning and Building

Subject: Ordinance No. 19-2026 – Rezoning – 445 E. Granville Rd. – PUD 01-2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Ordinance approves a rezoning at 445 E. Granville Rd. (Exhibit A) from the S-1 District to a PUD.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve as presented.

On June 25, 2026, the Municipal Planning Commission reviewed and recommended ***approval*** of the rezoning by a 4 to 1 vote. To view the meeting, please go to the Video Archives for June 25, 2026 ARB & MPC Meeting.

Staff is recommending ***approval*** of the proposed rezoning for the following reasons:

- Redevelopment of a portion of the Boundless property has been anticipated for some time and was planned as part of the Northeast Area Plan. Residential was an acceptable use for the area south of Rush Run and preservation of Rush Run was expected.
- This proposal permanently protects the trees, steep slopes, and area along Rush Run.
  - A "No Disturbance" without express written approval of the City will be placed on the subdivision plat. This includes removal of any trees and vegetation that are not considered invasive or noxious by the City.
- The sale of this land will provide Boundless with additional funds to continue the renovation of the campus and support the redevelopment of the E. Granville Rd. frontage with additional office/commercial space.
- Provides 74 Workforce Housing units on the site for people making 80% of the Area Medium Income for 10-years.

- Retention of existing jobs and expansion of an additional 65-80 new jobs for one of the City's largest income tax producing employers.
- Legally formalizes the Emergency-Only access to the south at Park Overlook Dr. and Indianola Ave. as part of the adopted Development Text and Development Plan. This would formalize this agreement for the long term.
    - Any change would require Municipal Planning Commission and City Council approval.
- A dedicated 11' multi-use path will be installed that will connect north/south throughout the site. In addition to the proposed multi-use path there will be lighting, benches, trash receptacles, dog-waste bag dispensers, etc. to accompany the path. This will legally formalize access from Colonial Hills through the Boundless site to E. Granville Rd. This further enhances the recommendations found in the 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan.
- The proposal further enhances the recommendations found in the Worthington Housing Needs Assessment that recommend increasing housing types at different price points and scale to permit more population diversity. Recommends multi-family housing in buffer zones between commercial and residential areas.
- Further enhancement of one of the Vision Worthington Statements that Worthington offers a high quality of life as it pertains to our commitment to quality housing, services and amenities for all residents while providing a stable and diverse housing market.
- The Boundless Mixed-Use Zone in the DRAFT Worthington Together Comprehensive Plan this area represents a unique redevelopment opportunity within the Northeast Area due to its frontage along Route 161, its relationship to Rush Run, and its adjacency to established neighborhoods. This area should function as a mixed-use campus environment that integrates employment, residential, and institutional uses in a coordinated live-work setting.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

Previous Hearings:

- January 22, 2026 – Tabled
- May 28, 2026 – On agenda but not discussed, remained on the table.
- June 25, 2006 – Approved by a 4 to 1 vote by MPC and recommended to go to City Council for review.

Background & Request:

Zoning: S-1 Zoning District
Original Subdivision: Wright Addition
Business: Boundless
Existing Property Dimensions:

- ~ 660' wide along E. Granville Rd.
- ~ 41 acres

Request: Rezone a 20.4 acre portion of Boundless property to allow residential development.

Project Details:

1. Preliminary Plan Submission Requirements (Section 1174.06)
    a. Legal descriptions (pages 22-24) are included for the two subareas proposed within the 20.3 acre tract of the property to be divided from the 40.934 Boundless parcel.
        1) Sub-area #1 ±20 acres – Most of eastern portion of site and all of the Rush Run ravine corridor
        2) Sub-area #2 ±0.4 acres
            - 120' wide x 150' deep on north side of Park Overlook Dr. east of existing single-family
            - 2 single-family residential lots planned
        3) A Subdivision application will be required to divide the property.
            - Preliminary Zoning Plat shows the 20.4 acre tract (page 28 of 58)
            - See exhibit with Lots #1-5 for the basic property division for entire Boundless property (page 25 of 58)
            - Ingress/egress easements and utility easements must be included.
    a. Owners, developers, surveyors, engineers and architects have been identified.
    b. Date, north arrow and site acreage are shown.
    c. Existing Conditions (page 27 of 58) – Four buildings are planned for removal
    d. Preliminary Grading Plan (page 31 of 58)
    e. Site Layout Plan (page 29 of 58)
    f. Site Utility Plan (page 30 of 58)
    g. Dwelling Units/Acre:
    246 multi-family + 2 single-family = 248 units ÷ 20.4 acres = 12.2 units/acre
    h. Proposed Uses – Dwelling Units and Uses Accessory to Dwellings
    i. Proposed Phasing
        1) Sub-area #1 – One Phase
        2) Sub-area #2 – Lots will be developed separately
    j. Development Standards Text (pages 5-14)

2. Allowable Uses (Section 1174.04)
    a. Sub-area #1
        1) Multi-family Dwellings
            - Apartments – 2 & 3 story buildings
            - Certain amount to be priced as work-force housing – 74-units equally distributed throughout the site and amongst the 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, and 3-bedroom units.
                - A CRA-Application was submitted on June 23rd, the application will be reviewed by City Council at a future meeting.
        2) Accessory uses & structures
        3) Home Occupations
        4) Public Uses
        5) Essential Services
    b. Sub-area #2
        1) Single-family dwellings
        2) Accessory Uses & Structures

3) Home Occupations
4) Public Uses
5) Essential Services

3. Design Regulations (Section 1174.05)
   a. Site Layout:
      1) Two sub-areas proposed in PUD
         - Sub-area #1 – ±20 acres – Most of eastern portion of site and all of Rush Run
           - Multi-family development
           - Two-story buildings
             - 58.9' east of northeast corner of Sub-area #1
             - ≤ 88' north of single-family northern property lines
             - ≤ 168' north of house at 560 Park Overlook Dr.
           - Carriage Houses (two-stories)
             - ≤ 220' north of single-family northern property lines
             - ≤ 107' east of closest Boundless building
           - Three-story buildings
             - ≤ 250' north of single-family northern property lines
             - ≤ 330' north of house at 560 Park Overlook Dr.
             - ≤ 108' from east property line
           - Drive
             - ≤ 45' from east property line
             - ≤ 180' north of single-family northern property lines
           - Rush Run No Build/No Disturbance Zone
         - Sub-area #2 – ±0.4 acres
           - 2 single-family residential lots
           - 60' wide lots
           - 9000 sf in area
           - Required front and rear yards – 25'
           - Required side yard – 6'
           - Required sum of side yards – 12'
           - Maximum building height – 2 ½ stories and 30'
      2) Access to Sub-area #1
         - Proposed roundabout
           - North of main Boundless building
           - Connections
             - Drive to/from E. Granville Rd.
             - North of Boundless buildings/parking
             - South of Boundless buildings/parking
             - East to apartment development
         - Drives between buildings and along eastern edge of apartment development
           - Head in parking at buildings
           - Islands with trees throughout parking
         - All roads/drives privately owned/maintained
         - Emergency access only to Indianola Ave. and Park Overlook Dr.

- Bollards that can be removed by emergency personnel will block the drive at the right-of-way and at the southern end of the apartment parking lot.
- Drive to head northeast from Park Overlook Dr. and Indianola Ave.
- This cannot be changed without going back to MPC and City Council for a public hearing.

3) Access to Sub-area #2
   - Each lot allowed 1 curb cut for a driveway from Park Overlook Dr.
4) Multi-use Path
   - 11" wide
   - Beginning at Park Overlook Dr. across from Indianola Ave.
   - Curves northwest between new single-family lots and 2 story apartments
   - Continues along west side of development between carriage houses and Boundless drive
   - Connects to existing drive and sidewalk leading to E. Granville Rd. (SR-161)
   - Public use allowed
   - The path and any proposed amenities will be maintained by the property owner, or in agreement with the City.
   - Sharrows planned on Proprietors Rd. south extension until future development along the E. Granville Rd. (SR-161) frontage.
   - The property owner (Elford) will be responsible for the maintenance of the multi-use path and any proposed amenities.

b. Buildings:
   1) 248 Dwelling Units
      - Apartment Buildings
        - 246 Apartments:
          - 60% - 1-bedroom units – 148 units
          - 30% - 2-bedroom units – 74 units
          - 10% - 3-bedroom units – 24 units
        - Type A
          - 2 stories
          - 2 buildings at south end of site (north of 2 proposed single-family lots)
        - Types B, C, D, E
          - 3 stories
          - North of 2 story buildings
      - Carriage Houses
        - 5 buildings along western edge of development
        - 2 stories
      - Affordability
        - Rental rate for at least 74 dwelling units will meet 80% Area Median Income for 10 years, and will be a mix of 1-bedroom, 2-bedrooms, and 3-bedrooms scattered throughout the development.
          - $62,450 for 1-person
      - EV charging stations are proposed at each building.
      - 2 Single-family houses on Park Overlook Dr.

2) Accessory Buildings/Uses
   - Clubhouse
   - Amenity area with pool
   - Dumpster enclosure
   - Other structures to maintain/serve the development
3) Design Intent
   - Gabled roofs
     - 6:12 roof pitch
   - Balconies/Patios
   - Materials
     - Brick
       - Red/brown brick blend
       - Gray grout
     - Siding
       - Architectural grade composite
       - White – Clapboard style
       - Storm (gray) – Dutch Lap
     - Trim
       - Fiber cement
       - White
     - Asphalt fiberglass dimensional roof shingles
       - Landmark
       - Colonial Slate color

c. Landscaping
   1) Tree replacement plan included showing trees in the parking lot and around the site
   2) Detailed landscaping plan required with Final Plan
   3) L2.1 – South Property Line Planting Plan included
      - Mounding shown
      - New deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs planned
      - Leave healthy trees
      - Remove existing invasive plants
      - Typical foundation plantings shown

d. Lighting
   Lighting plan required with the Final Plan submittal.

e. Screening
   Parking facilities and refuse containers must be permanently screened from adjoining residential uses. Section 1149.03 (b) of the Code should be generally followed and screening must be detailed with the Final Plan
   - L2.1 – South Property Line Planting Plan included

f. Tract Coverage
- Site Area – 20.01 acres
- Disturbed Area 11.22 acres
- Impervious Area 6.95 acres

g. Traffic
A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) was submitted and reviewed by the City Engineer and City's engineering consultant Arcadis. The TIS summary is included in the packet. Complete Boundless Traffic Study 6/17/2026

h. Parking
1) As stated in Development Standards Text, the plan will comply with the requirements in the Code for parking space size and for not less than one parking space per dwelling unit.
   - 325 parking spaces are proposed for 246 dwelling units.
2) EV charging stations will be provided at each building.
3) Bicycle parking to be provided – To be shown on the Final Plan

i. Natural Features
1) Tree Preservation/Replacement
   - All trees 6" and larger have been identified and the condition evaluated in consultation with a City Arborist. Alignment was slightly modified to save certain trees.
   - Existing trees that can be saved will be protected during construction with fencing
   - Owner will monitor health of trees throughout construction
   - Preserved trees will be fertilized and pruned (if needed) two years after construction
   - Any trees removed or damaged in conflict with the Tree Preservation Plan will be replaced
   - Tree removal - 135 trees:
     - 88 trees in poor, very poor and dead condition
     - 47 trees in fair or good condition
       - 1172 caliper inches to be removed in fair to good condition
   - Tree Replacement Plan - 275 trees planned
     - 668 caliper inches to be added
     - 54 trees to meet parking lot requirement (325 parking spaces/6)
     - 91 added for screening from existing residential
   - Tree Replacement Fee - $150 per caliper inch not replaced
     - 1172 caliper inches – 668 caliper inches = 504 x $150 = $75,600
     - Review of the requested waiver will occur when Council reviews the Subdivision Final Plat and the Workforce Housing Agreement at a future meeting.

2) Rush Run Preservation
The applicant commits to acquisition and preservation of the 6.25-acres of Rush Run corridor. This is shown in the Development Text and Development Plan. A note will also be required on the Final Plat for the Subdivision that this area will be a "No Disturbance" area without City approval.
3) Request
The applicant is requesting the tree replacement fee be waived due to the expense involved in acquiring and preserving the Rush Run corridor and constructing the shared-use path with amenities.
- Waiver of fee will be reviewed by City Council at a future meeting.

j. Public Area Payments
1) Creation of new dwelling units requires a cash payment to the City of $250/dwelling unit for deposit into the special Parks Fund.
2) 246 multi-family units + 2 single-family units = 248 dwelling units x $250 = $62,000

k. Public Space Amenities
One Public Space Amenity is required for every 5,000 sf of gross floor area. All public space amenities will be required to be maintained by the property owner.
1) The applicant requests the requirement be met with the shared-use path and potential lighting, benches, trash receptacles, dog-waste bag dispensers, etc. to accompany the path.
2) Street trees will be expected for the two single-family lots on Park Overlook Dr.

l. Signage
1) Entry signage at E. Granville Rd. identifying all site uses
- Size & design to be presented with PUD Final Plan
- ≥10' from right of way
2) Development sign at roundabout exit
- Size & design to be presented with PUD Final Plan
3) Wayfinding Signage
- Size & design to be presented with PUD Final Plan

Worthington Land Use Plans:
1174.03 General Provisions.
(a) Preliminary Plan. The Preliminary Plan shall be submitted to the Municipal Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council, and which, if approved by the City Council, becomes the Zoning for the property and permits preparation of the Final Plan. The Preliminary Plan shall establish uses and development standards for the property as detailed in drawings and Development Standards Text.

1174.05 Development Standards and Development Standards Text.

Section 1174.06 Preliminary Plan Submission Requirements.

Northeast Area Plan

Primary Uses – South of Rush Run Ravine

(No vehicular connector to Indianola Avenue is planned as part of any development on this site.)

- Class-A office
- Residential
- Institutional

Rush Run – Protection expected

Worthington Together Comprehensive Plan - DRAFT

The Boundless Mixed-Use Zone represents a unique redevelopment opportunity within the Northeast Area due to its frontage along Route 161, its relationship to Rush Run, and its adjacency to established neighborhoods. This area should function as a mixed-use campus environment that integrates employment, residential, and institutional uses in a coordinated live-work setting.

Worthington Housing Assessment

The Housing Needs Assessment included a review of existing housing inventory and housing needs, an understanding of current and future housing supply and demand, and assessment of housing affordability with consideration of current demographics, fiscal and market trends. Key findings:

- 6% of residents worked in the City, while 94% of residents worked outside the City.
- Worthington housing prices tracked 40% higher than County sales in 2023.
- Demand for apartments in Worthington is strong. 3.6% vacancy rate compared to 5% in the County.
- Worthington rental rates are 17% higher than surrounding areas.
- A third of renters are cost-burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on rent. 53% of these are seniors.
- Demand for additional housing in Worthington exceeds 2,000 units between displaced commuters, burdened residents, and overcrowded households.
- Approximately 68% of needed housing would be owner occupied and 32% rentals.
- Survey Results:
  - Top Housing Market Concerns:
    - 47% - House prices
    - 46% - Property taxes
    - 34% - Inventory
  - 73% of respondents felt that the City should be involved in housing goals.
- Increase housing types:
  - Light growth in neighborhoods
  - Multi-units in buffer zones between commercial and residential
  - Denser growth along major corridors

Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

The installation of a publicly accessible shared use path connecting Park Overlook Drive to the proposed roundabout is consistent with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan's goals of creating a trail connection between E. Granville Rd. (SR-161) and Indianola Ave.

Staff Analysis:

Service & Engineering Department Comments:

- Elford's traffic impact study demonstrates that the proposed development would have an acceptable impact on congestion or the movement of vehicles at the intersection of Proprietors Road and SR 161. New traffic generated by the proposed apartments can be accommodated at the existing traffic signal without modification. Elford's analysis shows that future traffic growth along SR-161 can be accommodated through signal timing optimization. No public improvements are necessary to alleviate the traffic impacts from the proposed development.
- Internal circulation of vehicles and pedestrians is adequately managed through the proposed sidewalks, drives, and roundabout. The installation of a publicly accessible shared use path connecting Park Overlook Drive to the proposed roundabout is consistent with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan's goals of creating a trail connection between SR 161 and Indianola Avenue.
- All roadways will be private roadways that will be maintained by the property owners (Boundless & Elford), this includes all maintenance, snow removal and future replacement.
- A portion of the building south of the pool extends into the waterline easement so will need to be moved out of the easement. Placement can be on the Final Plan.
- Utilities:
    - The developer is responsible for water, sewer and stormwater connections that the City will need to review and approve along with the City of Columbus.
    - Stormwater will be handled by underground retention and will be designed to meet the Ohio EPA standards for water quality and quantity.
    - All storm sewer and drainage connections are planned to be private and occur on private property.
    - All stormwater management infrastructure will be maintained by a Stormwater Operational & Maintenance (O&M) Plan and will be required as part of the subdivision process.
    - Proposed stormwater management practices will reduce the peak rate of runoff leaving the site and will treat runoff for common pollutants.
    - The Developer will be extending a new public sanitary sewer to serve the buildings, which would be accepted for public maintenance upon completion.
    - The developer is making a new connection to an existing 12" water main, from which they will extend private water lines to serve the site.
    - The city will need easements over any proposed public sanitary sewers.
    - A preliminary evaluation of the sanitary capacity showed adequate capacity in the existing sewers to serve the development.
    - Water demands from the site are not expected to impact the existing 12” main supplying the site.

Division of Planning Comments:

- Redevelopment of a portion of the Boundless property has been anticipated for some time and was planned as part of the Northeast Area Plan. Residential was an acceptable use for the area south of Rush Run and preservation of Rush Run was expected. This proposal would allow Rush Run to be preserved by the developer/new property owner for its long-term benefit by concentrating the residential on the east side, south of Rush Run.
- The sale of this land would provide Boundless with funds to continue the renovation of the campus and support redevelopment of the E. Granville Rd. frontage with additional office/commercial space.
- Once divided, staff recommends this property not be included in the Architectural Review District. The parcel will not have frontage on E. Granville Rd., and the PUD will dictate the development with any modifications regulated as part of Chapter 1174. As the Boundless campus would not be part of the rezoning, inclusion of the new parcel south of Rush Run housing the Boundless campus should be retained in the Architectural Review District.
    - The PUD Development Text and Development Plan for the proposed development will be the governing document as it pertains to the any change on the site.
        - Section 1174.08 outlines modifications to any approved Final Plan that would require MPC and/or City Council review and approval at a public hearing.
- As part of this project, Boundless has agreed to the retention of existing jobs on the site and expansion of 65-80 jobs on the site. Boundless is one of the City's largest employers.
    - Elford made application on June 23rd requesting a 10-year, 75% CRA. Elford is committing to 74 of the 246 units (30%) to be Workforce Housing at 80% AMI for 10-years.
    - The project investment is $52,450,000. The project will result in the retention of $7.5 million in annual payroll (worth $187,500/year in income tax collections), and the creation of an additional $3 million in new payroll (worth $75,000/year in income tax collections). Total annual income tax revenues (retained + new) are estimated at $262,500, or approximately $2.6 million over the 10-year abatement period.
    - The TIRC (Tax Incentive Review Council) reviews annually for compliance and makes a recommendation to City Council. If not meeting the Workforce Housing criteria, City Council can terminate or reduce the timeframe of the abatement. Workforce Housing Abatement Program.
- This project permanently protects the wooded area, steep slopes, and Rush Run itself throughout the Boundless site from development and creates a riparian area for protection water quality and quantity entering Rush Run.
    - There are currently no easements or protections that would prevent further impacts to this wooded area.
- Emergency-only access to the site on the south side, at Park Overlook Dr. and Indianola Ave., has long been a desire of the Colonial Hills residents and the City.

This rezoning will legally formalize that access point is for "Emergency" only for the long term.

- Currently, the Boundless site hosts many residents with and without dogs that traverse through and around the site. The planned path would allow that activity to legally continue and add amenities for active transportation on the east side of the site.
    - Boundless is also planning the creation of a path around the western portion of the campus and will seek approval at a future meeting.
- Site layout
    - Proposed layout of the access and parking drives should provide for ease of movement and convenient access to parking around the entire site.
    - Location of the 2-story buildings closer to the single-family residential should help mitigate any effect of the 3-story buildings.
    - Parking is not planned directly adjacent to single-family residential.
    - The eastern portion of the existing Boundless parking lot is 25-feet from the southern property line will be removed as part of this proposal and will have further landscaping improvements installed in this area.
    - The addition of two single-family lots on Park Overlook Dr. should also help reduce the impact of the development and provide an opportunity for two additional single-family homes to be constructed in Colonial Hills.
    - L2.1 – South Property Line Planting Plan would add additional screening of the site from Park Overlook Dr.
- Building design was completely modified to better complement Colonial Hills and Worthington generally, including the use of red/brown brick and more design detail such as varied roof lines, chimneys, and various window sizes.
- The addition of Workforce Housing that is affordable to people making 80% of the Area Median Income is desirable.
    - Columbus Region 80% AMI for 1 person: $62,450
- The amount of parking exceeds the amount required by the PUD Code.
- Boundless has stated that if additional parking is needed for special events associated with the proposed development that they would be willing to have guests park in their lot after hours.
- The Development Plan and Development Text that accompanies a PUD provides the City and residents a greater regulatory control over the site regarding what can occur and/or change on the site.
- The Final Plan and Subdivision Plat must illustrate a no disturbance area and convey the following information: *There shall be no disturbance in the area identified on the Final Plan and Final Plat as "No Disturbance" without express written approval of the City. This includes removal of any trees and vegetation that are not considered invasive or noxious by the City.*
    - This will be documented on the Subdivision Final Plat and in the Development Text, Development Plan, and Development Agreement with the City for the PUD.
- A copy of a Cross Access and Maintenance Agreement between Boundless and Elford Development is needed at the time of the submittal for the Final Plan and

the Subdivision Plat.

- The Division of Police and the Division of Fire & EMS do not have concerns at this time concerning their ability to access and service the site if needed via the existing access to E. Granville Rd. and/or the emergency access provided to the south.

Planning Commission Discussion Comments:

- Provide a clearer, less detailed explanation of the Traffic Study and the proposed recommendations to City Council.
- Visually provide a better understanding of what the "Emergency Access Only" entrance will look like with the bollards and landscaping.
    - This can be accomplished at the Final Plan if the rezoning is approved.

ATTACHMENTS

- Ordinance No. 19-2026
- Exhibit A
- Exhibit B
- Application Materials

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2026

To Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Worthington, Ohio, to Change Zoning of Certain Land from S-1, Special to PUD, Planned Use District at 445 E. Granville Rd.

WHEREAS, a request has been made by Underhill & Hodge, LLC on behalf of Elford Development to amend the official zoning map of the City of Worthington, Ohio to change the zoning of certain land from S-1, Special to a PUD, Planned Use District, for a portion of the property located at 445 E. Granville Rd.; and,

WHEREAS, the property is located on the south side of E. Granville Rd. south of the intersection of E. Granville Rd. (SR-161) and Proprietors Rd., including Rush Run and the area southeast of Rush Run; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Planning Commission on June 25, 2026, reviewed this request and recommends approval based on the Planning Goals of the City, as referenced in the Land Use Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The 20.4 +/- acres of land located on the south side of E. Granville Rd. south of the intersection of E. Granville Rd. (SR-161) and Proprietors Rd., including Rush Run and the area southeast of Rush Run. The property is located at 445 E. Granville Rd., and the graphical depiction of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and incorporated by reference herein, is hereby rezoned to "PUD", Planned Use District pursuant to Chapter 1174 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington.

SECTION 2. The Development Text and Development Plan dated June 17, 2026, attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and incorporated by reference herein, are hereby approved.

SECTION 3. The applicant shall be required to follow the provisions of Chapter 1101 Chapter 1174 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington, Ohio for a Subdivision Preliminary Plat and Final Plat approval and a PUD Final Plan approval.

SECTION 4. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington Ohio.

Passed:

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President of Council

Attest:

MPC: June 25, 2026
Introduced:
Public Hearing:
Effective:

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Clerk of Council

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
20.0± ACRE
ZONING BOUNDARY (SUBAREA-1)

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Franklin, City of Worthington, being part of Quarter Township 3, Township 2, Range 18, United States Military Lands, beings parts of those two parcels of land (First Parcel and Second Parcel) as described in a deed to The Columbus Sanitarium Company (n.k.a. Harding Sanitarium, Inc.), of record in Deed Volume 874, Page 274, all references herein being to the records of the Recorder's Office, Franklin County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the northwesterly corner of the Second Parcel, at the northeasterly corner of that 2.25 acre tract as described in a deed to Harding Sanitarium, Inc., of record in Deed Volume 1885, Page 81 and in the centerline of Dublin-Granville Road (State Route 161);

Thence South 86°51'52" East, along said centerline, a distance of 71.28 feet to the intersection of centerline of Proprietors Road, 50 feet in width, being also a corner common to the First Parcel and Second Parcel;

Thence South 86°55'27" East, continuing along said centerline, a distance of 403.39 feet to the northeasterly corner of the First Parcel and in the westerly right-of-way line of the Norfolk & Western Railway Co.;

Thence South 03°21'12" East, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 300.00 feet to a point in the easterly line of the 40 foot wide (+/-) strip of land (originally out of said First Parcel) as described in a deed to Ohio Railway Museum, Inc., of record in Official Record Volume 29706, Page E09;

Then northerly along said easterly line the following two courses:

1) North 13°18'55" West, a distance of 24.09 feet to a point of curvature;
2) With the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 1753.18 feet, a central angle of 08°31'54", a chord that bears North 09°02'57" West, a chord distance of 260.82 feet to a point in the original southerly right-of-way line of Dublin-Granville Road (20.00 feet south of centerline);

Thence North 86°55'27" West, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 44.77 feet to a point at the intersection of the westerly line of said 40 foot wide (+/-) strip;

Thence southerly along said westerly line the following courses:

1) South 06°52'23" East passing an iron pin set in the southerly right-of-way line of Dublin-Granville Road at 35.53 feet, a total distance of 117.77 feet to a point being the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;**

BEGINNING at a point along said westerly line right-of-way line of Norfolk & Western Railway Co. as described in a deed to Ohio Railway Museum, Inc., of record in Official Record Volume 29706, Page E09;

Thence southerly along said westerly line the following courses:

1) South 06°52'28" East, a distance of 51.59 feet to a point;
2) South 13°12'28" East, a distance of 819.40 feet to an iron pin set at the point of curvature;
3) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 5699.00 feet, a central angle of 09°59'57", a chord that bears South 08°12'29" East, a chord distance of 993.32 feet to a point at the northeasterly corner of the subdivision "Colonial Hills No. 2", of record in Plat Book 20, Page 10, in the easterly right-of-way line of a vacated alley;

Thence North 86°21'34" West, along the northerly line of Colonial Hills No. 2, a distance of 140.23 feet to a point;

Thence North 02°51'05" West, a distance of 30.19 feet to a point;

Thence North 86°21’34’ West, along the northerly line of a 0.402 acre tract (northerly right-of-way line of Park Overlook) as described in a deed to The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio (for right-of-way purposes), of record in Deed Volume 1688, Page 284, a distance of 113.59 feet to a point;

Thence North 02°54’50” East, a distance of 151.53 feet to a point;

Thence North 87°05’10” West, passing the northeasterly corner of the property of Karen S. and Shawn E. Miller, of record instrument No. 200103090048575, a distance of 120.00 feet to a point;

Thence northernly the following courses:

1) North 86°21’34” West, a distance of 128.07 feet to a point;
2) North 02°17’01” East, a distance of 179.71 feet to a point;
3) North 87°46’20” West, a distance of 40.91 feet to a point;
4) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 126.71 feet, a central angle of 36°33’33”, a chord that bears North 68°46’27” West, a chord distance of 79.48 feet to a point;
5) With an arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 116.50 feet, a central angle of 76°00’45”, a chord that bears North 25°29’27” East, a chord distance of 143.47 feet to a point;
6) North 14°14’39” West, a distance of 153.19 feet to a point;
7) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 350.00 feet, a central angle of 26°32’26”, a chord that bears North 00°58’25” West, a chord distance of 160.68 feet to a point;
8) North 12°17’48” East, a distance of 85.36 feet to a point;
9) With an arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 219.10 feet, a central angle of 48°50’59”, a chord that bears North 12°29’39” West, a chord distance of 181.20 feet to a point;
10) North 01°41’11” West, a distance of 173.00 feet to a point;
11) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 88.50 feet, a central angle of 47°00’26”, a chord that bears North 43°50’56” West, a chord distance of 70.59 feet to a point;

Thence westerly the following courses:

1) South 76°05’04” West, a distance of 213.57 feet to a point;
2) South 59°40’09” West, a distance of 292.80 feet to a point;
3) South 65°51’58” West, a distance of 358.51 feet to a point along the easterly line of “Rush Creek Subdivision” (a re-plat of a portion of Subdivision of Reserve “B”, Colonial Hills Plat No. 2) of record in Plat Book 28, Pages 38 and 39);

Thence North 02°57’00” East, along the easterly line of said Rush Creek Subdivision, a distance of 281.05 feet to an iron pin set at the southwesterly corner of the 0.69 acre tract as described in a deed to George T. and Joan L Harding, of record in Deed Volume 2316, Page 198;

Thence South 86°58’28” East, along the southerly line of said 0.69 acre tract, a distance of 200.03 feet to an iron pin set at the southeasterly corner of same and at the southwesterly corner of that 2.323 acre tract as described in a deed to Harding Hospital, Inc., of record in Deed Volume 3790, Page 425;

Thence North 58°27’44” East, along the southerly line of said 2.323 acre tract, a distance of 534.25 feet to an iron pin set at the most easterly corner of same and at the southeasterly corner of the aforementioned 2.25 acre tract;

Thence North 78°37’05” East, a distance of 174.01 feet to a point;

Thence North 41°57’57” East, a distance of 323.63 feet to a point;

Thence North 80°19’43” East, a distance of 52.45 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing +/- 20.0 acres more or less.

This description is based on a field survey conducted on March 9, 2026.

EXHIBIT "B"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
0.4± ACRE
ZONING BOUNDARY (SUBAREA-2)

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Franklin, City of Worthington, being part of Quarter Township 3, Township 2, Range 18, United States Military Lands, being part of an original 40.934 acre tract of land, referred to as “Tract 1” conveyed to Strategic Resources, Inc. by deed in Instrument Number 201402270024366 and Affidavits in Instrument Number 201910080133085 and Instrument Number 202505050045860, all records being of the Recorder’s Office, Franklin County, Ohio and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: all references herein being to the records of the Recorder’s Office, Franklin County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly right-of-way line of Park Overlook Drive (60 feet wide), also being on the northerly line of a 0.402 acre tract of land conveyed to The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County in D.B. 1688, Page 284, also being a southerly corner of said original 40.934 acre tract, and also being the the southeasterly corner of a 0.0688 acre tract of land, referred to as “PARCEL TWO”, conveyed to KAREN S. MILLER AND SHAWN E. MILLER in Instrument Number 200103090048575;

Thence along a westerly line of said original 40.934 acre tract, North 02°54’50” East, 150.01 feet to a point at a southerly corner of said original 40.934 acre tract;

Thence across said original 40.934 acre tract for the following two (2) courses:

1) South 87°05’10” East, 120.00 feet to a point;
2) South 02°54’50” West, 151.53 feet to a point on the southerly line of said original 40.934 acre tract;

Thence along said southerly line, North 86°21’34” West, 120.01 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**, containing 0.4± acres, more or less.

This description is based on a field survey conducted on March 9, 2026.

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PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TEXT
May 20, 2026

I. INTRODUCTION

This Planned Unit Development application is submitted by Elford Development, the Applicant and Developer of record. Elford is an Ohio-based development and construction firm with extensive experience delivering high-quality residential and mixed-use developments, with an emphasis on thoughtful site planning, architectural quality, and long-term compatibility with surrounding communities. Elford is acting with the authorization and cooperation of the property owner, Boundless Strategic Resources Inc., a nonprofit organization providing behavioral health, developmental disability, and supportive services to individuals and families throughout Central Ohio.

The subject property is located at 445 East Granville Road in the City of Worthington and consists of approximately 40.934 acres developed historically as a low-intensity institutional campus with direct access to East Granville Road. The property is currently zoned S-1 (Special District). The surrounding context includes established R-10 single-family residential neighborhoods to the south and west, with institutional and corridor-oriented uses located east and north along East Granville Road. A railroad line runs along the east perimeter of the site. Due to its size, configuration, and historic campus-style use, the property is distinct from surrounding residential parcels and is well-suited for a coordinated, planned redevelopment approach.

As part of this application, the eastern portion of the Boundless campus, consisting of ±20.4 acres, consisting of Subarea 1 (±20.0 acres) and Subarea 2 (±0.4 acres) will be subdivided and conveyed to the Applicant for residential development. The remaining portion of the property will remain under Boundless ownership and continue it's institutional use. This PUD application applies exclusively to the newly created eastern parcel and is structured to ensure that the proposed development does not interfere with or diminish the continued operations of Boundless on the retained property.

The proposed subdivision and rezoning are consistent with the City's adopted planning framework. The Worthington Northeast Area Plan identifies the Boundless campus as an appropriate location for thoughtful evolution and mixed-use redevelopment, including residential uses on select portions of the site, while emphasizing neighborhood compatibility, protection of natural features, and controlled access. The Worthington Comprehensive Plan recognizes large institutional properties along the East Granville Road corridor as key redevelopment opportunities and encourages intentional reuse supported by strong design and environmental stewardship. Specifically, for this OSU Harding Hospital Site, the proposed development directly implements the Comprehensive Plan's vision for a campus-style redevelopment that preserves wooded ravines, provides natural buffers and public path connections, and introduces new residential development compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and the East Granville Road corridor. In addition, the City's Housing Needs Assessment documents ongoing demand for new housing options and identifies redevelopment of large, underutilized sites as a necessary strategy in a largely built-out community. The proposed PUD advances these policies by introducing new housing in a planned and context-sensitive manner without encroaching on established neighborhoods.

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The Applicant proposes to rezone the subdivided eastern parcel from S-1 to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) pursuant to Chapter 1174 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington. The PUD is organized into two subareas:

- Subarea 1 is ±20.0 acres in area. It consists of the primary multifamily residential development and is governed by project-specific development standards. This subarea includes apartment buildings, carriage houses, garage, clubhouse, and pool, with a total of 246 dwelling units proposed. This subarea also provides ±6.25 acres of open space reserve.

- Subarea 2 is ±.4 acres in area. It consists of two single-family lots (Lots 1 and 2) located along the southern edge of the PUD area. These lots are subject to development standards which complement the neighborhood's existing R-10 zoning district and are intended to function as a buffer and transition between the multifamily development and the adjacent single-family neighborhood.

The proposed development is informed by early coordination with City staff and community stakeholders and incorporates several guiding principles reflected throughout this PUD. These include preservation of significant natural features, including a designated reserve area along the northern portion of the site; careful management of access to protect adjacent residential streets; and the incorporation of a publicly accessible shared-use path network, to be made available through an easement granted to the City of Worthington. Together, these elements reinforce the project's emphasis on environmental stewardship, neighborhood compatibility, and connectivity.

Through subdivision and rezoning to a Planned Unit Development, the proposed project replaces S-1 zoning with a modern, predictable regulatory framework that implements adopted plans, provides needed housing, preserves natural features, and ensures long-term compatibility with surrounding development.

II. PERMITTED USES

The following uses are permitted within the Planned Unit Development, subject to the applicable development standards set forth in this Development Standards Text and as depicted on the approved Preliminary Plan.

A. Subarea 1 – Multifamily Residential

Subarea 1 is intended to accommodate the primary residential development within the PUD. Permitted uses within Subarea 1 include:

1. Multifamily residential dwellings, including apartment buildings.

2. Carriage house dwelling units and similar small-scale residential buildings containing dwelling units.

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3. Accessory uses customarily incidental to multifamily residential development, including but not limited to:

   a. Leasing and on-site management offices;

   b. Resident amenities and common areas;

   c. Indoor and outdoor recreational facilities;

   d. Parking areas and garages; and

   e. Maintenance and service facilities serving the development.

4. Open space, landscaping, and natural areas, including pedestrian pathways, shared-use paths, and stormwater management facilities.

5. Utilities and infrastructure necessary to serve permitted uses, Public Uses, Essential Services

All uses within Subarea 1 shall be developed in accordance with the site-specific standards established in this Planned Unit Development.

B. Subarea 2 – Single-Family Transition Lots

Subarea 2 consists of two single-family residential lots intended to provide a transition between the multifamily development and adjacent single-family neighborhoods. Permitted uses within Subarea 2 shall include the following:

1. Single-family detached dwellings.

2. Public uses.

3. Essential services.

4. Accessory uses and structures customarily incidental to a permitted principal use, including garages and residential accessory buildings.

5. Home occupations, conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Planning and Zoning Code.

III. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Subarea 1 – Multifamily Residential

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The following development standards apply to Subarea 1 of the Planned Unit Development. All development within Subarea 1 shall comply with these standards and the approved Preliminary Plan and associated exhibits.

A. Design Regulations (Worthington Planning and Zoning Code Section 1174.05(a))

1. Character

a. Subarea 1 shall be developed as a cohesively planned multifamily residential community.

b. Development shall consist of a coordinated arrangement of apartment buildings, carriage house buildings, garage, club house, pool, internal private streets, pedestrian pathways, parking areas, and open space.

c. The overall development pattern shall reflect a campus-style layout, consistent with the approved Preliminary Plan.

d. The development shall provide an appropriate transition in scale and intensity between multifamily residential buildings, open space areas, and adjacent site boundaries.

2. Design

a. Design Intent

i. Building design, architectural character, and exterior materials shall be generally consistent with the submitted Elevations and Materials exhibit, as approved with the Preliminary Plan.

b. Permitted Building Types

i. Apartment buildings.
ii. Carriage house residential buildings.
iii. Accessory buildings customarily incidental to multifamily residential use.

c. Maximum Building Height

i. Apartment buildings and shall not exceed three (3) stories in height.
ii. Carriage house buildings shall not exceed two (2) stories in height.

d. Number of Dwelling Units

i. A maximum of 246 dwelling units shall be permitted within Subarea 1.

e. Building Location and Arrangement

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i. Buildings shall be located within the development areas depicted on the approved Preliminary Plan.

ii.. Building placement and orientation shall be generally consistent with the approved Site Plan and architectural exhibits.

f. Exterior Building Materials

i. Permitted exterior building materials include:

(a). brick or masonry;
(b). composite siding or panels;
(c). architectural-grade composite siding; and
(d). other comparable materials approved with the Final Plan.

ii. Exterior materials shall be durable and appropriate for long-term residential use.

3. Screening

a. Parking areas, service areas, and utility equipment shall be screened where appropriate in accordance with the screening, fencing, and landscaping provisions of Chapter 1180 (Fences, Shrubbery, and Hedges) of the Worthington Planning and Zoning Code.

b. Screening may consist of landscaping, fencing, walls, or a combination thereof.

c. Screening treatments shall be shown on the Final Plan.

4. Tract Coverage

a. Buildings, internal streets, parking areas, and open space shall be arranged in general conformance with the approved Preliminary Plan.

b. Subarea 1 shall include landscaped open space and common areas distributed throughout the site.

c. Open space areas may include lawn areas, pedestrian plazas, seating areas, and stormwater facilities designed as site amenities.

B. Traffic and Parking (Worthington Planning and Zoning Code Section 1174.05(b))

1. Vehicular Access

a. Primary vehicular access to Subarea 1 shall be provided from East Granville Road, as depicted on the approved Preliminary Plan.

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b. Internal private streets shall provide access to buildings, parking areas, and service areas within Subarea 1.

2. Emergency Access

a. A secondary access point located at the southern edge of Subarea 1, as shown on the approved Preliminary Plan, shall be limited to emergency access only.

b. This access shall be controlled by removable or knockdown bollards.

c. Construction access at this location is prohibited.

d. Details of emergency access control, including bollard type and placement, shall be addressed with the Final Plan.

3. Internal Circulation

a. Internal streets and drive aisles shall be designed to accommodate residential traffic, service vehicles, and emergency vehicles.

b. Internal circulation shall be generally consistent with the approved Preliminary Plan.

4. Parking

a. Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with the approved Preliminary Plan and shall comply with Section 1174.05(b)(2)(C) of the Worthington Planning and Zoning Code.

b. Parking may include surface parking areas and garage parking associated with carriage house buildings.

c. Accessible parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with applicable law.

d. Bicycle Parking shall comply with Section 1174.05(b)(2)(D) of the Worthington Planning and Zoning Code.

C. General Requirements (Worthington Planning and Zoning Code Section 1174.05(c)

1. Utilities

a. Utilities serving Subarea 1 shall be placed underground where practicable.

b. Above-ground utility equipment shall be screened where feasible.

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2. Natural Features

   a. Natural features within Subarea 1, including wooded areas and the Rush Run corridor, shall be preserved to the greatest extent practicable. Extent and protection language shall be shown on the Final Plan.

   b. Tree preservation, removal, and replacement shall be conducted in accordance with the submitted Tree Preservation Plan, which identifies trees to be preserved, trees approved for removal, and replacement or mitigation measures.

   c. The Tree Preservation Plan prioritizes preservation of mature trees and woodland areas while accommodating necessary site development.

   d. The Tree Preservation Plan may be modified and approved as part of the Final Development Plan.

   e. The boundaries and general extent of the Reserve Area are shown on the approved Preliminary Plan.

3. Environmental Protection

   a. Stormwater management facilities shall be designed and constructed in accordance with approved engineering plans.

   b. Stormwater facilities may be integrated into landscaped open space areas.

4. Lighting

   a. Site lighting shall be provided to ensure safety and security within Subarea 1 for residential use.

   b. Lighting shall be designed to minimize glare and light spill onto adjacent properties.

   c. Lighting fixtures, mounting heights, and illumination areas shall be shown on the Final Plan.

5. Signage

   a. Entry Signage

      i. Entry signage shall be permitted to provide primary identification for the overall site.
      ii. Location shall be at least 10’ from the E. Granville Rd. right of way.
      iii. Size and design shall be presented with the Final Plan

   b. Development Monument Signage

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i. One development monument sign shall be permitted at the roundabout exit serving the primary residential entrance.
ii. The purpose of the monument sign is to mark the main entrance to the residential development.
iii. Size and design shall be determined as part of the Final Plan in coordination with City staff.

c. Wayfinding Signage

i. Up to 5 wayfinding signs shall be permitted internal to the residential development.
ii. The purpose of wayfinding signage is directional guidance for residents and visitors.
iii. Size and design shall be determined as part of the Final Plan in coordination with City staff.

6. Phasing

a. Development of Subarea 1 shall occur in one (1) phase, unless otherwise approved by the City.

7. Shared-Use Path

a. A shared-use path shall be provided within Subarea 1 generally as depicted on the approved Preliminary Plan.

b. The shared-use path shall be designed to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle circulation and shall function as part of the internal non-motorized circulation system serving the development.

c. The shared-use path shall provide connectivity between residential buildings, open space areas, and other site amenities shown on the approved plans.

d. Final alignment, design details, and construction specifications for the shared-use path shall be reviewed and approved as part of the Final Plan.

8. Residential Affordability

a. A minimum of 74 dwelling units shall be allocated to work force housing with rental rates at 80% of Area Median Income for a period of 10 years

D. Divergence

1. 1174.05(c)(2)(B) – Natural Features. The Applicant requests a divergence from, and a full waiver of, the natural feature replacement and fee in lieu of replacement provisions of

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Section 1174.05(c)(2)(B) of the Planning and Zoning Code. As shown on the approved Preliminary Plan, substantial portions of Subarea 1 are reserved for the preservation of existing wooded areas and the Rush Run corridor, and the remaining developable area is constrained by site geometry, infrastructure, and access requirements. Full replacement of natural features within Subarea 1 would result in unreasonable crowding and is not feasible given the site layout depicted on the approved plan. In addition to on-site preservation, the Applicant is committing to the acquisition and long-term preservation of ±6.2 acres of stream corridor, and to the construction of a publicly accessible shared-use path, both of which represent significant environmental and public benefits and involve costs that exceed the applicable fee in lieu of replacement. The proposed development therefore provides a comprehensive approach to natural feature preservation and enhancement consistent with the approved Preliminary Plan. In further consideration of this divergence, the Applicant is committed to provide certain affordable dwelling units reserved for qualified residents.

Subarea 2 – Single-Family Transition Lots

The following development standards apply to Subarea 2, consisting of Lots 1 and 2 of the Planned Unit Development. All development within Subarea 2 shall comply with these standards and the approved Preliminary Plan and associated exhibits.

A. Design Regulations (Worthington Planning and Zoning Code Section 1174.05(a))

1. Character

   a. The purpose of Subarea 2 is to provide a buffer and transition between the multifamily development in Subarea 1 and the adjacent single-family residential neighborhood.

2. Design

   a. Number of Dwelling Units

      i. A maximum of 2 dwelling units shall be permitted within Subarea 2.

   b. Building Location and Arrangement

      i. Minimum Lot Width - 60 feet
      ii. Minimum Lot Area - 9,000 square feet
      iii. Minimum Front Yard – 25 feet.
      iv. Minimum Rear Yard – 25 feet
      v. Minimum Either Side Yard – 6 feet
      vi. Minimum Sum of Side Yards – 12 feet
      vii. Maximum Height of Buildings in Stories – 2-1/2 stories
      viii. Maximum Height of Buildings in Feet – 30 feet

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B. Traffic and Parking

1. Vehicular access and off-street parking within Subarea 2 shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 1171 (Off-Street Parking and Loading) of the Worthington Planning and Zoning Code.

2. Access to the single-family residential lots shall be provided from Park Overlook Drive.

C. Screening and Landscaping

Fencing, landscaping, and screening within Subarea 2 shall comply with Chapter 1180 (Fences, Shrubbery, and Hedges) of the Worthington Planning and Zoning Code.

D. Phasing

The lots may develop in separate phases and independent of Subarea 1 development.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
20.0± ACRE
ZONING BOUNDARY (SUBAREA-1)

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Franklin, City of Worthington, being part of Quarter Township 3, Township 2, Range 18, United States Military Lands, beings parts of those two parcels of land (First Parcel and Second Parcel) as described in a deed to The Columbus Sanitarium Company (n.k.a. Harding Sanitarium, Inc.), of record in Deed Volume 874, Page 274, all references herein being to the records of the Recorder's Office, Franklin County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the northwesterly corner of the Second Parcel, at the northeasterly corner of that 2.25 acre tract as described in a deed to Harding Sanitarium, Inc., of record in Deed Volume 1885, Page 81 and in the centerline of Dublin-Granville Road (State Route 161);

Thence South 86°51'52" East, along said centerline, a distance of 71.28 feet to the intersection of centerline of Proprietors Road, 50 feet in width, being also a corner common to the First Parcel and Second Parcel;

Thence South 86°55'27" East, continuing along said centerline, a distance of 403.39 feet to the northeasterly corner of the First Parcel and in the westerly right-of-way line of the Norfolk & Western Railway Co.;

Thence South 03°21'12" East, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 300.00 feet to a point in the easterly line of the 40 foot wide (+/-) strip of land (originally out of said First Parcel) as described in a deed to Ohio Railway Museum, Inc., of record in Official Record Volume 29706, Page E09;

Then northerly along said easterly line the following two courses:

1) North 13°18'55" West, a distance of 24.09 feet to a point of curvature;
2) With the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 1753.18 feet, a central angle of 08°31'54", a chord that bears North 09°02'57" West, a chord distance of 260.82 feet to a point in the original southerly right-of-way line of Dublin-Granville Road (20.00 feet south of centerline);

Thence North 86°55'27" West, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 44.77 feet to a point at the intersection of the westerly line of said 40 foot wide (+/-) strip;

Thence southerly along said westerly line the following courses:

1) South 06°52'23" East passing an iron pin set in the southerly right-of-way line of Dublin-Granville Road at 35.53 feet, a total distance of 117.77 feet to a point being the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;**

BEGINNING at a point along said westerly line right-of-way line of Norfolk & Western Railway Co. as described in a deed to Ohio Railway Museum, Inc., of record in Official Record Volume 29706, Page E09;

Thence southerly along said westerly line the following courses:

1) South 06°52'28" East, a distance of 51.59 feet to a point;
2) South 13°12'28" East, a distance of 819.40 feet to an iron pin set at the point of curvature;
3) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 5699.00 feet, a central angle of 09°59'57", a chord that bears South 08°12'29" East, a chord distance of 993.32 feet to a point at the northeasterly corner of the subdivision "Colonial Hills No. 2", of record in Plat Book 20, Page 10, in the easterly right-of-way line of a vacated alley;

Thence North 86°21'34" West, along the northerly line of Colonial Hills No. 2, a distance of 140.23 feet to a point;

Thence North 02°51'05" West, a distance of 30.19 feet to a point;

Thence North 86°21’34’ West, along the northerly line of a 0.402 acre tract (northerly right-of-way line of Park Overlook) as described in a deed to The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio (for right-of-way purposes), of record in Deed Volume 1688, Page 284, a distance of 113.59 feet to a point;

Thence North 02°54’50” East, a distance of 151.53 feet to a point;

Thence North 87°05’10” West, passing the northeasterly corner of the property of Karen S. and Shawn E. Miller, of record instrument No. 200103090048575, a distance of 120.00 feet to a point;

Thence northernly the following courses:

1) North 86°21’34” West, a distance of 128.07 feet to a point;
2) North 02°17’01” East, a distance of 179.71 feet to a point;
3) North 87°46’20” West, a distance of 40.91 feet to a point;
4) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 126.71 feet, a central angle of 36°33’33”, a chord that bears North 68°46’27” West, a chord distance of 79.48 feet to a point;
5) With an arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 116.50 feet, a central angle of 76°00’45”, a chord that bears North 25°29’27” East, a chord distance of 143.47 feet to a point;
6) North 14°14’39” West, a distance of 153.19 feet to a point;
7) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 350.00 feet, a central angle of 26°32’26”, a chord that bears North 00°58’25” West, a chord distance of 160.68 feet to a point;
8) North 12°17’48” East, a distance of 85.36 feet to a point;
9) With an arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 219.10 feet, a central angle of 48°50’59”, a chord that bears North 12°29’39” West, a chord distance of 181.20 feet to a point;
10) North 01°41’11” West, a distance of 173.00 feet to a point;
11) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 88.50 feet, a central angle of 47°00’26”, a chord that bears North 43°50’56” West, a chord distance of 70.59 feet to a point;

Thence westerly the following courses:

1) South 76°05’04” West, a distance of 213.57 feet to a point;
2) South 59°40’09” West, a distance of 292.80 feet to a point;
3) South 65°51’58” West, a distance of 358.51 feet to a point along the easterly line of “Rush Creek Subdivision” (a re-plat of a portion of Subdivision of Reserve “B”, Colonial Hills Plat No. 2) of record in Plat Book 28, Pages 38 and 39);

Thence North 02°57’00” East, along the easterly line of said Rush Creek Subdivision, a distance of 281.05 feet to an iron pin set at the southwesterly corner of the 0.69 acre tract as described in a deed to George T. and Joan L Harding, of record in Deed Volume 2316, Page 198;

Thence South 86°58’28” East, along the southerly line of said 0.69 acre tract, a distance of 200.03 feet to an iron pin set at the southeasterly corner of same and at the southwesterly corner of that 2.323 acre tract as described in a deed to Harding Hospital, Inc., of record in Deed Volume 3790, Page 425;

Thence North 58°27’44” East, along the southerly line of said 2.323 acre tract, a distance of 534.25 feet to an iron pin set at the most easterly corner of same and at the southeasterly corner of the aforementioned 2.25 acre tract;

Thence North 78°37’05” East, a distance of 174.01 feet to a point;

Thence North 41°57’57” East, a distance of 323.63 feet to a point;

Thence North 80°19’43” East, a distance of 52.45 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing +/- 20.0 acres more or less.

This description is based on a field survey conducted on March 9, 2026.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION
0.4± ACRE
ZONING BOUNDARY (SUBAREA-2)

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Franklin, City of Worthington, being part of Quarter Township 3, Township 2, Range 18, United States Military Lands, being part of an original 40.934 acre tract of land, referred to as “Tract 1” conveyed to Strategic Resources, Inc. by deed in Instrument Number 201402270024366 and Affidavits in Instrument Number 201910080133085 and Instrument Number 202505050045860, all records being of the Recorder’s Office, Franklin County, Ohio and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: all references herein being to the records of the Recorder’s Office, Franklin County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly right-of-way line of Park Overlook Drive (60 feet wide), also being on the northerly line of a 0.402 acre tract of land conveyed to The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County in D.B. 1688, Page 284, also being a southerly corner of said original 40.934 acre tract, and also being the the southeasterly corner of a 0.0688 acre tract of land, referred to as “PARCEL TWO”, conveyed to KAREN S. MILLER AND SHAWN E. MILLER in Instrument Number 200103090048575;

Thence along a westerly line of said original 40.934 acre tract, North 02°54’50” East, 150.01 feet to a point at a southerly corner of said original 40.934 acre tract;

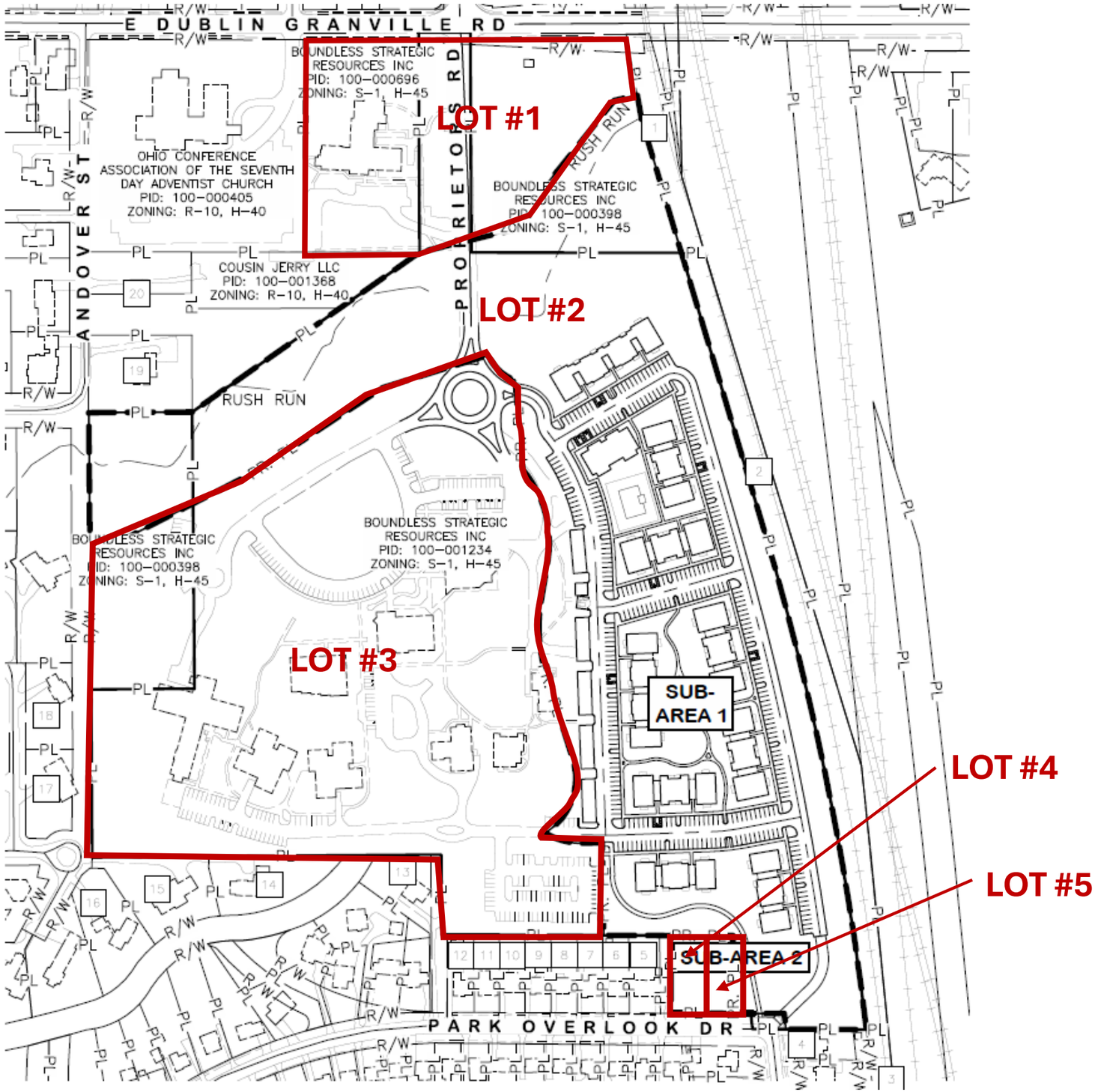
Thence across said original 40.934 acre tract for the following two (2) courses:

1) South 87°05’10” East, 120.00 feet to a point;
2) South 02°54’50” West, 151.53 feet to a point on the southerly line of said original 40.934 acre tract;

Thence along said southerly line, North 86°21’34” West, 120.01 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**, containing 0.4± acres, more or less.

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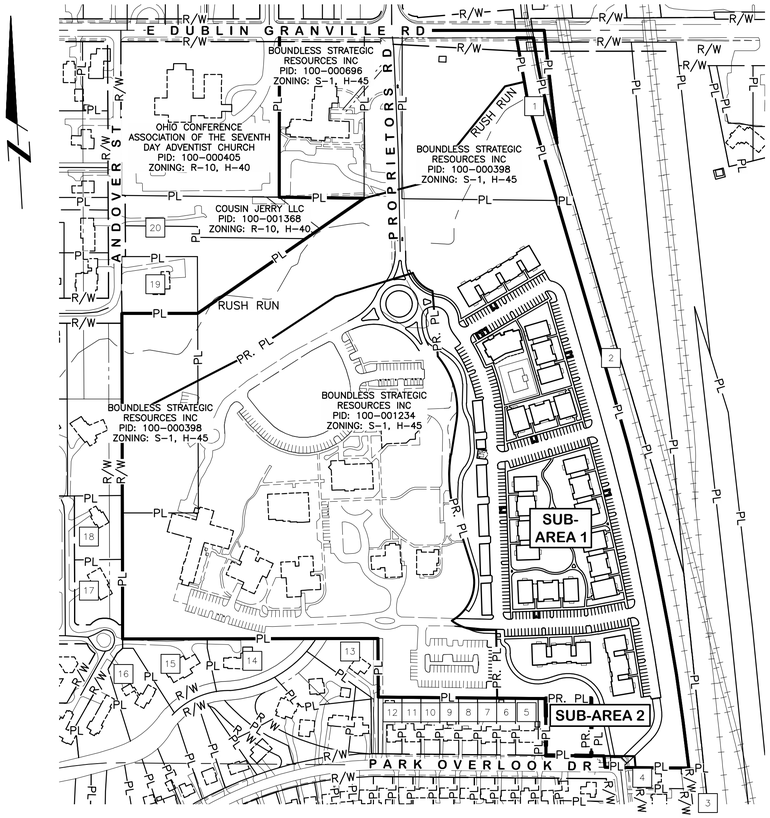
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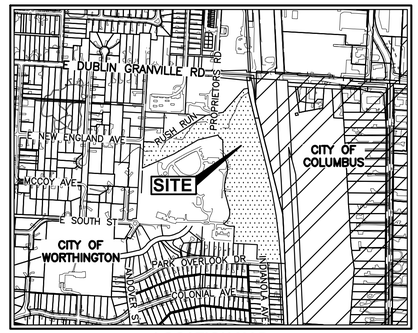
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PID: 100-000780
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INDEX MAP
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LOCATION MAP
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SITE DATA TABLE		
DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT
TOTAL SITE AREA (PRIVATE)	20.01	AC
TOTAL DISTURBED AREA	11.22	AC
PRE-DEVELOPED IMPERVIOUS AREA	3.19	AC
POST-DEVELOPED IMPERVIOUS AREA	6.95	AC

GENERAL ZONING INFORMATION	
MULTI-FAMILY (SUB-AREA 1)	
SITE ADDRESS	445 E DUBLIN GRANVILLE RD
PARCEL NUMBER(S)	100-001234 & 100-000398
EXISTING ZONING CLASSIFICATION/DISTRICT	S-1
PROPOSED USE	MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
HEIGHT DISTRICT	H-45
TOTAL SITE AREA (ACRES)	20.01
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP NUMBER (FIRM)	39049C0159K
MOST RECENT EFFECTIVE DATE OF FIRM	06/17/2008
BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE)	N/A
SINGLE FAMILY (SUB-AREA 2)	
NUMBER OF LOTS	2
TOTAL AREA (ACRES)	0.41
LOT FRONTAGE	60'
FRONT SETBACK	25'
REAR SETBACK	25'
SIDE SETBACK	6'

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION	
MULTI-FAMILY (SUB-AREA 1)	
MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT	45'
PROPOSED BUILDING HEIGHT	41'-3"
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS (RESIDENTIAL ONLY)	246
DENSITY	12.3 UNITS/AC
TOTAL PROPOSED PARKING	356

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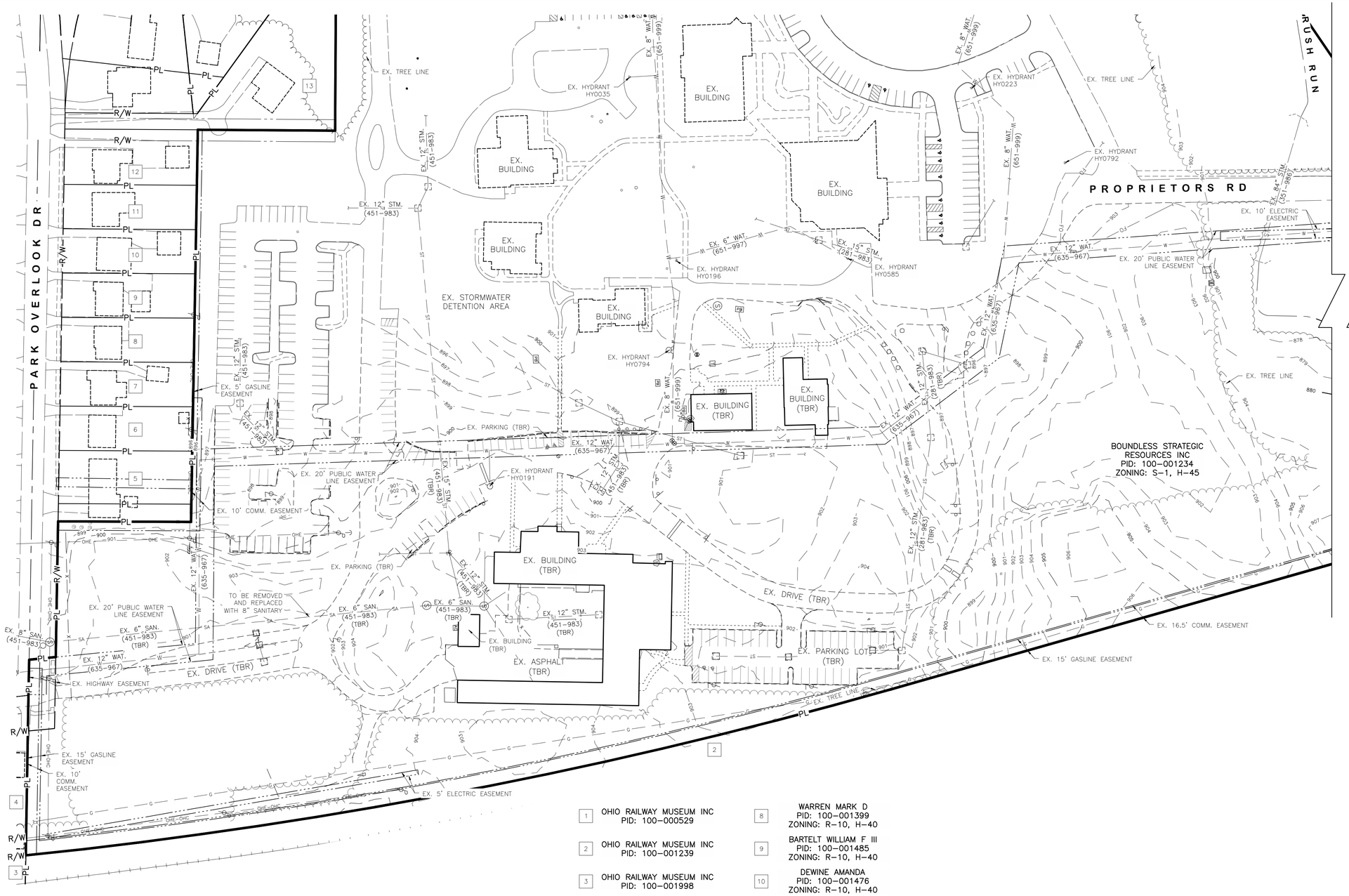
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- EX. WATER SERVICE VALVE
- EX. PULL BOX
- EX. TREE
- EX. SANITARY MANHOLE
- EX. CATCH BASIN
- EX. STORM MANHOLE
- EX. STORM CURB INLET
- EX. UTILITY POLE
- EX. LIGHT POLE
- EX. UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE PEDESTAL
- EX. SIGN
- EX. FENCE
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- EX. OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
- EX. RIGHT OF WAY
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1.716 Ac. (D)

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PARCEL TWO
0.0688 Ac. (D)

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Original 40.934 Ac. (D)

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ANDOVER ST. (35')
(PUBLIC ROADWAY)
P.B. 1 Pg. 119
(Formerly Foster St.)

E DUBLIN GRANVILLE RD.

PROPRIETORS RD.
(PRIVATE ROADWAY)

PARK OVERLOOK DR. (60')

INDIANOLA AVE. (80')

RUSH RUN

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20.0± Ac.

POB
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POB
0.4± Ac.

SUB-AREA 1
20.0± Ac.

SUB-AREA 2
0.4± Ac.

COLONIAL HILLS PLAT NO. 2
P.B. 20 Pg. 10
LOT 619

20' Alley Vacated by Ord. No. 117-57

LEGEND

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PL — SUBJECT PROPERTY LINE
PR. PL — PR. PROPERTY LINE
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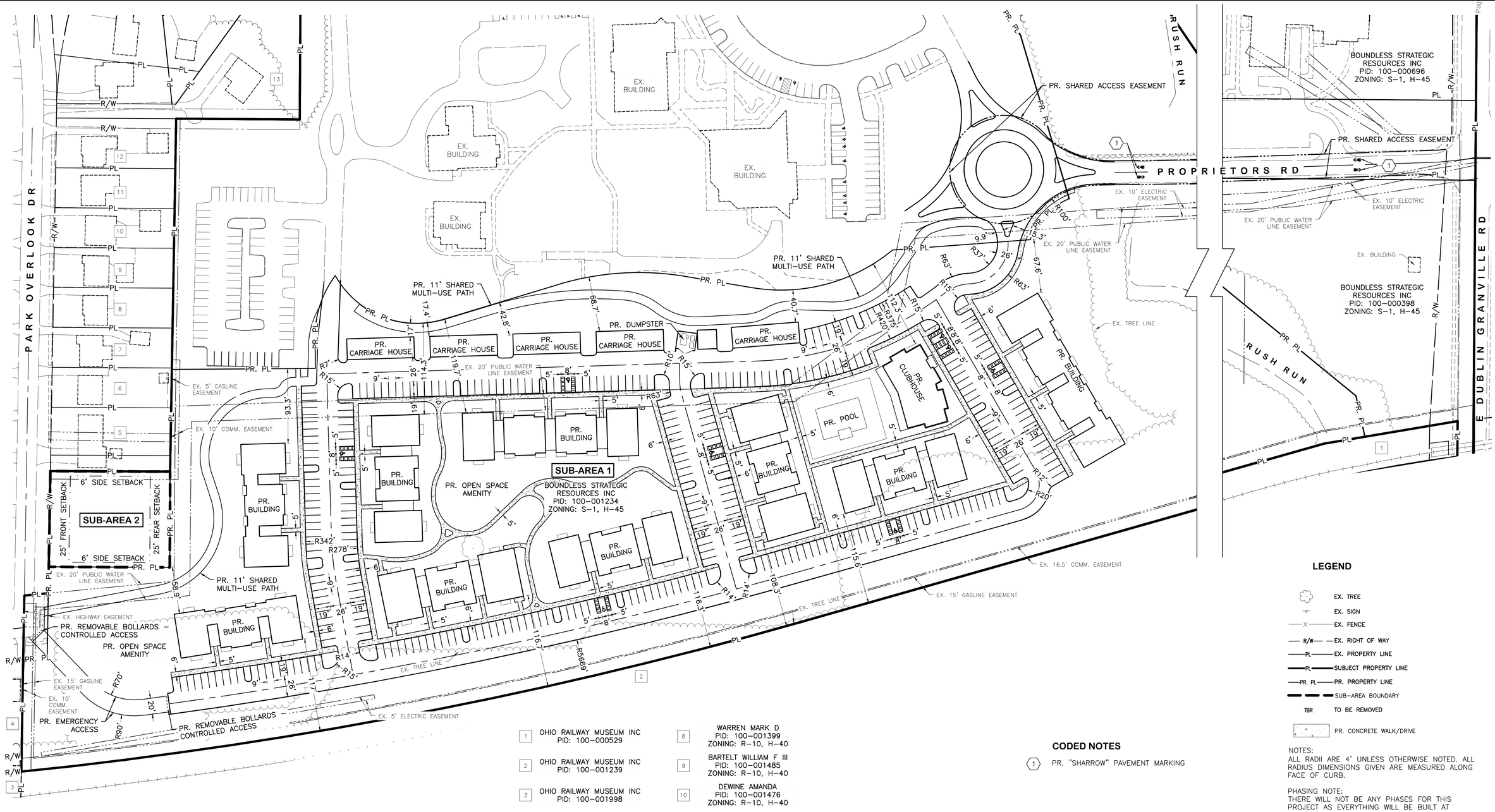
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CODED NOTES

(1) PR. "SHARROW" PAVEMENT MARKING

LEGEND

- EX. TREE
- EX. SIGN
- EX. FENCE
- R/W — EX. RIGHT OF WAY
- PL — EX. PROPERTY LINE
- PL — SUBJECT PROPERTY LINE
- PR. PL — PR. PROPERTY LINE
- SUB-AREA BOUNDARY
- TBR — TO BE REMOVED
- PR. CONCRETE WALK/DRIVE

NOTES:
ALL RADII ARE 4' UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. ALL RADIUS DIMENSIONS GIVEN ARE MEASURED ALONG FACE OF CURB.

PHASING NOTE:
THERE WILL NOT BE ANY PHASES FOR THIS PROJECT AS EVERYTHING WILL BE BUILT AT ONCE.

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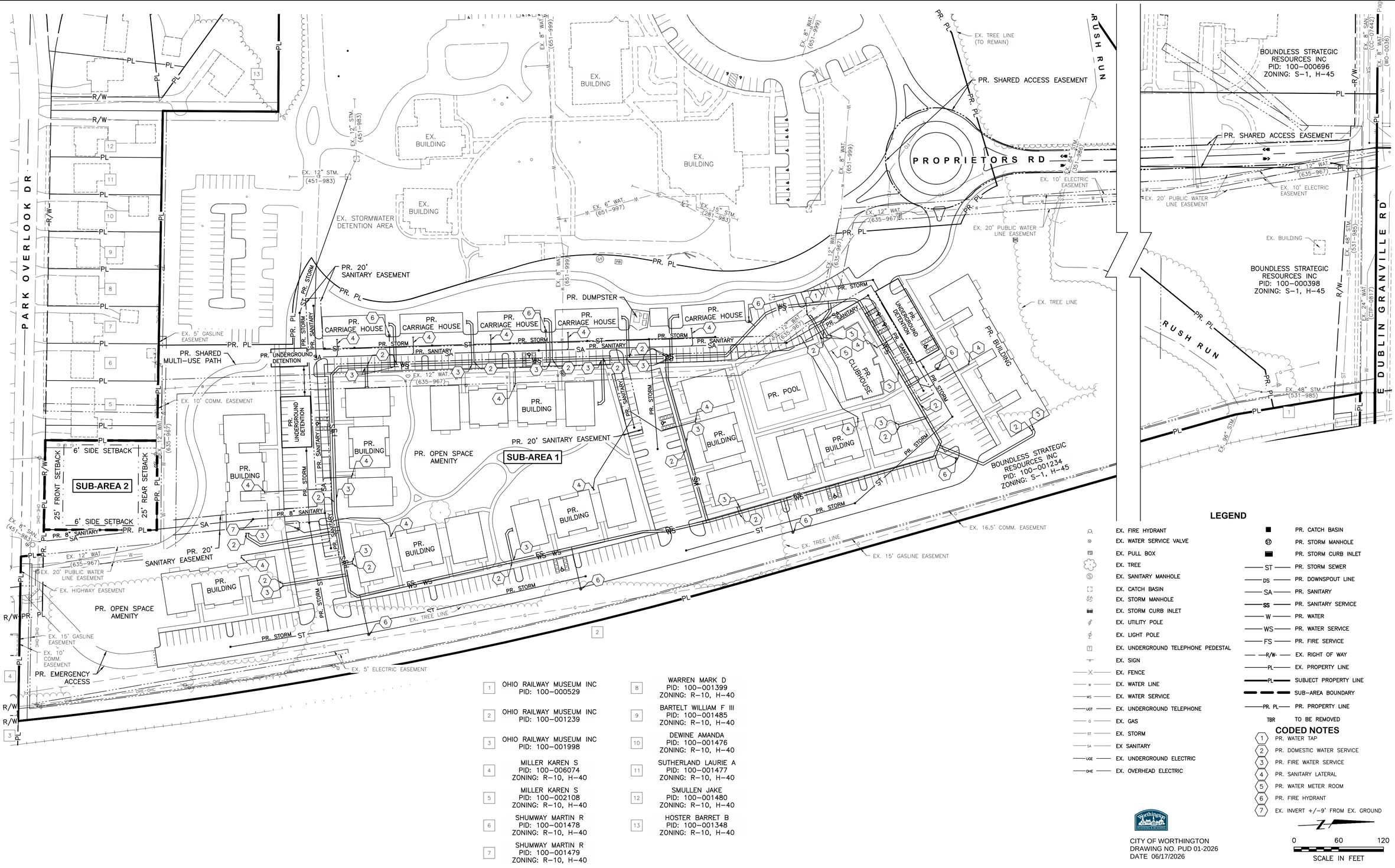
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LEGEND

- EX. FIRE HYDRANT
- EX. WATER SERVICE VALVE
- EX. PULL BOX
- EX. TREE
- EX. SANITARY MANHOLE
- EX. CATCH BASIN
- EX. STORM MANHOLE
- EX. STORM CURB INLET
- EX. UTILITY POLE
- EX. LIGHT POLE
- EX. UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE PEDESTAL
- EX. SIGN
- EX. FENCE
- EX. WATER LINE
- EX. WATER SERVICE
- EX. UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE
- EX. GAS
- EX. STORM
- EX SANITARY
- EX. UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC
- EX. OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
- PR. CATCH BASIN
- PR. STORM MANHOLE
- PR. STORM CURB INLET
- PR. STORM SEWER
- PR. DOWNSPOUT LINE
- PR. SANITARY
- PR. SANITARY SERVICE
- PR. WATER
- PR. WATER SERVICE
- PR. FIRE SERVICE
- EX. RIGHT OF WAY
- EX. PROPERTY LINE
- SUBJECT PROPERTY LINE
- SUB-AREA BOUNDARY
- PR. PROPERTY LINE
- TBR TO BE REMOVED

CODED NOTES

1. PR. WATER TAP
2. PR. DOMESTIC WATER SERVICE
3. PR. FIRE WATER SERVICE
4. PR. SANITARY LATERAL
5. PR. WATER METER ROOM
6. PR. FIRE HYDRANT
7. EX. INVERT +/-9' FROM EX. GROUND

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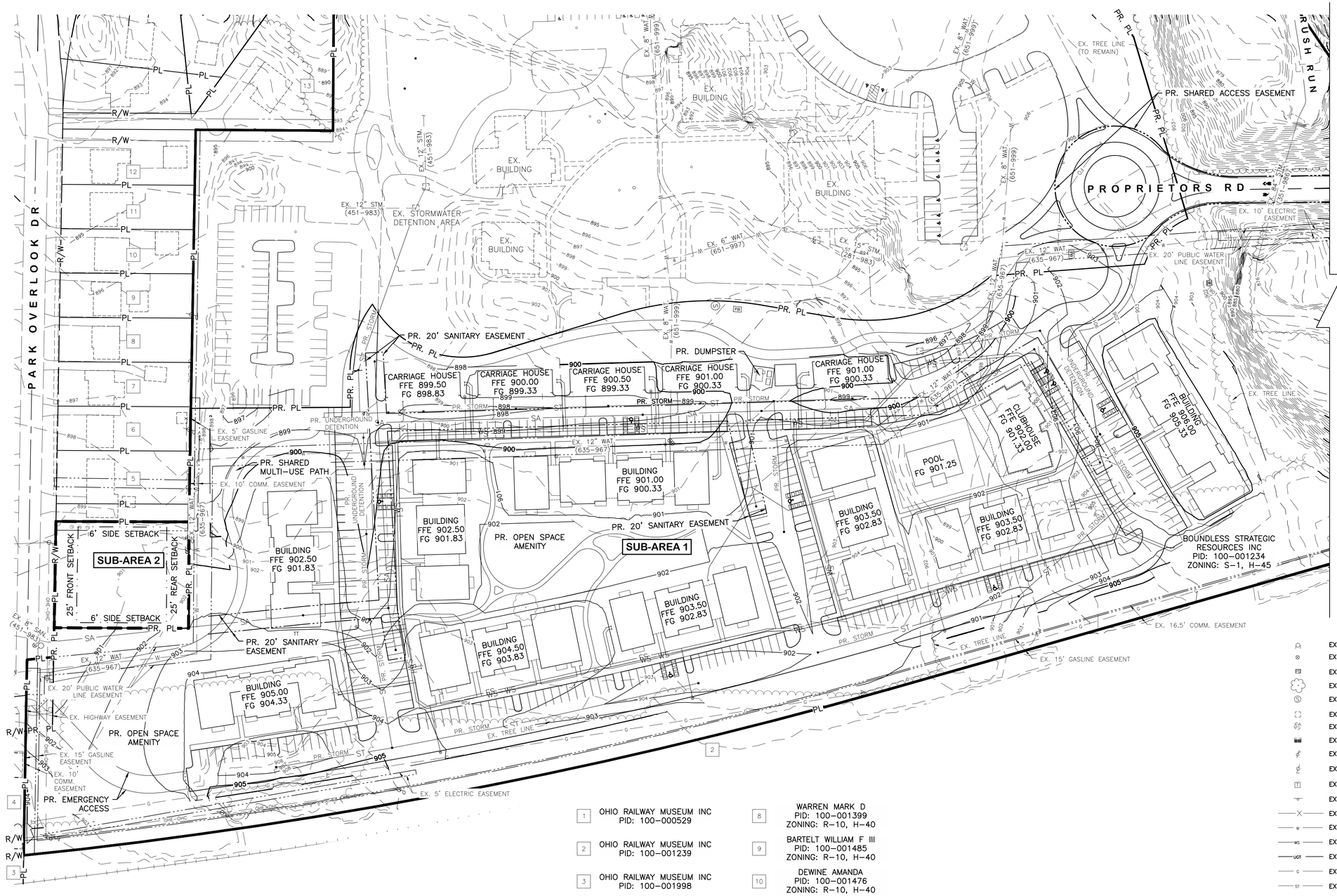
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- PR. FIRE SERVICE
- EX. RIGHT OF WAY
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- SUBJECT PROPERTY LINE
- PR. PROPERTY LINE
- EX. MINOR CONTOUR ELEVATION
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1 Tree Preservation Plan
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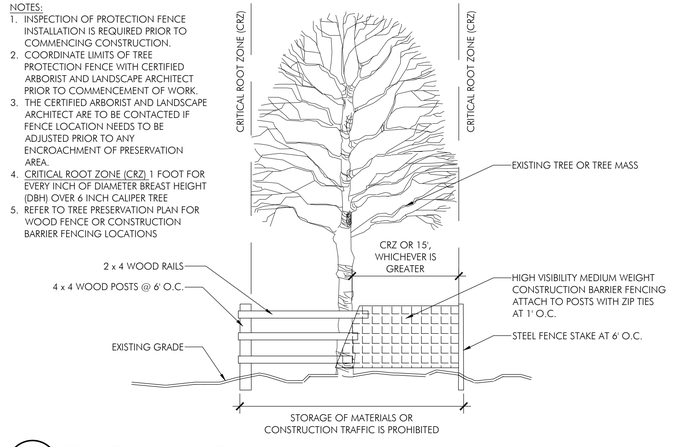
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LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- EXISTING TREE LINE TO REMAIN
- EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN AND BE PROTECTED, SEE DETAIL, THIS SHEET
- EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED, SEE SHEET L1.1 FOR SPECIES INFORMATION & REMOVAL CALCULATIONS

NOTE: TREE REMOVAL AND PRESERVATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE PER FINAL ENGINEERING AND COORDINATION WITH CITY STAFF.

NOTES:
1. INSPECTION OF PROTECTION FENCE INSTALLATION IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION.
2. COORDINATE LIMITS OF TREE PROTECTION FENCE WITH CERTIFIED ARBORIST AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.
3. THE CERTIFIED ARBORIST AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT ARE TO BE CONTACTED IF FENCE LOCATION NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED PRIOR TO ANY ENCROACHMENT OF PRESERVATION AREA.
4. CRITICAL ROOT ZONE (CRZ) 1 FOOT FOR EVERY INCH OF DIAMETER BREAST HEIGHT (DBH) OVER 6 INCH CALIPER TREE
5. REFER TO TREE PRESERVATION PLAN FOR WOOD FENCE OR CONSTRUCTION BARRIER FENCING LOCATIONS



2 Tree Preservation Detail

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TREE PRESERVATION PLAN

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TREE ID	DBH	TREE TYPE	TREE CONDITION	SATUS
1	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
2	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
4	24-30	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	
5	18-24	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
6	18-24	OAK (PIN)	POOR	REMOVE
7	12-18	OAK (WHITE)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
17	12-18	PINE (WHITE)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
19	24-30	LOCUST (HONEY)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
20	18-24	LOCUST (HONEY)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
22	18-24	LOCUST (HONEY)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
32	24-30	RED MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
42	12-18	OAK (RED)	POOR	REMOVE
51	18-24	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	
52	12-18	OAK (BUR)	FAIR	
53	18-24	LOCUST (HONEY)	POOR	REMOVE
54	18-24	LOCUST (HONEY)	POOR	REMOVE
76	18-24	RED MAPLE	FAIR	REMOVE
77	36-42	SWEETGUM	GOOD	REMOVE
78	42+	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
79	18-24	RED MAPLE	FAIR	REMOVE
80	42+	BASSWOOD (AMERICAN)	FAIR	REMOVE
81	24-30	MAPLE (SUGAR)	FAIR	
82	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
83	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
84	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
85	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
86	30-36	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
87	30-36	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
88	30-36	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
89	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
90	36-42	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
91	36-42	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
92	36-42	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
93	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
94	30-36	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
95	30-36	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
96	18-24	HICKORY (SHAGBARK)	GOOD	REMOVE
117	12-18	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
118	12-18	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
119	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	FAIR	
120	24-30	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	FAIR	
121	12-18	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	FAIR	REMOVE
122	24-30	HICKORY (SHAGBARK)	FAIR	REMOVE
123	24-30	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
124	30-36	SWEETGUM	POOR	REMOVE
125	12-18	MAPLE (SUGAR)	DEAD	REMOVE
126	12-18	MAPLE (SUGAR)	DEAD	REMOVE
127	12-18	MAPLE (SUGAR)	DEAD	REMOVE
128	12-18	MAPLE (SUGAR)	DEAD	REMOVE
129	12-18	NORWAY MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
130	12-18	NORWAY MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
131	12-18	NORWAY MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
132	18-24	FRAXINUS SP.	POOR	REMOVE
133	12-18	CRATAEGUS SP.	DEAD	REMOVE
162	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
163	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
164	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
165	24-30	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
166	12-18	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
167	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
168	18-24	MAPLE (SUGAR)	POOR	REMOVE
169	24-30	OAK (RED)	FAIR	REMOVE
170	18-24	FRAXINUS SP.	POOR	REMOVE
171	18-24	OAK (RED)	FAIR	REMOVE
172	12-18	OAK (PIN)	GOOD	REMOVE
173	24-30	SPRUCE SP.	FAIR	REMOVE
174	36-42	TULIP TREE	FAIR	REMOVE
175	30-36	WHITE MULBERRY	POOR	REMOVE
176	30-36	NORWAY MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
177	30-36	BASSWOOD (AMERICAN)	FAIR	REMOVE
178	30-36	BALDCYPRESS	GOOD	REMOVE
179	30-36	NORWAY MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
180	30-36	NORWAY MAPLE	POOR	REMOVE
181	12-18	REDBUD (EASTERN)	POOR	REMOVE
182	12-18	WALNUT (BLACK)	FAIR	REMOVE
183	18-24	WALNUT (BLACK)	FAIR	REMOVE
184	18-24	WALNUT (BLACK)	FAIR	REMOVE
185	12-18	SPRUCE (BLUE)	DEAD	REMOVE
186	12-18	SPRUCE (BLUE)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
187	30-36	BALDCYPRESS	GOOD	REMOVE
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198	30-36	MAPLE (SUGAR)	FAIR	
199	30-36	MAPLE (SUGAR)	POOR	REMOVE
200	24-30	BALDCYPRESS	GOOD	REMOVE
201	24-30	BALDCYPRESS	GOOD	REMOVE
202	24-30	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
203	24-30	OAK (PIN)	POOR	REMOVE
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206	30-36	BALDCYPRESS	GOOD	
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217	12-18	OAK (PIN)	GOOD	
218	12-18	OAK (PIN)	GOOD	
219	18-24	PEAR (BRADFORD)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
220	18-24	SWEETGUM	POOR	REMOVE
221	18-24	PEAR (BRADFORD)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
222	12-18	HACKBERRY	POOR	REMOVE
223	12-18	RED MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
224	12-18	RED MAPLE	POOR	REMOVE
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227	24-30	SHUMARD OAK	FAIR	REMOVE
228	12-18	OAK (WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
234	12-18	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	DEAD	REMOVE
269	18-24	FRAXINUS SP.	VERY POOR	REMOVE
270	18-24	WHITE PINE	FAIR	
272	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
275	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
276	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
277	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
278	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
279	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
281	18-24	N/A	VERY POOR	REMOVE
289	12-18	WHITE OAK	GOOD	REMOVE
290	12-18	SCOTCH PINE	FAIR	
291	12-18	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	FAIR	
292	12-18	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	FAIR	
293	12-18	BLUE SPRUCE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
294	12-18	OHIO BUCKEYE	FAIR	
295	12-18	GINKGO	POOR	REMOVE
296	12-18	SHINGLE OAK	FAIR	
330	18-24	BALD CYPRESS	GOOD	
331	18-24	PIGNUT HICKORY	FAIR	REMOVE
382	6-9	JAPANESE CRABAPPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
383	6-9	JAPANESE CRABAPPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
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422	6-9	SWEETGUM	POOR	REMOVE
437	6-9	N/A	POOR	REMOVE
439	6-9	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
447	6-9	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
451	9-12	RED MAPLE	POOR	REMOVE
454	9-12	MAPLE (SUGAR)	GOOD	
455	30	LONDON PLANE	GOOD	
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459	18-24	WHITE PINE	GOOD	

TREES REMOVED NOTES

2920 TOTAL INCHES TO BE REMOVED
(135 TREES)

1853 CALIPER INCHES OF TREES WHICH ARE TO BE REMOVED DUE TO THE POOR, VERY POOR OR DEAD CONDITIONS
(88 TREES)

1172 CALIPER INCHES OF TREES WHICH ARE TO BE REMOVED ARE IN FAIR TO GOOD CONDITION
(47 TREES)

TREE PRESERVATION, REMOVAL, & REPLACEMENT NOTES

1. ALL TREES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AREA NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOR REMOVAL SHALL BE PRESERVED. ALL TREE REMOVAL AND PRESERVATION WORK SHALL BE SUPERVISED WITH THE INPUT OF A CERTIFIED ARBORIST.

2. FENCING SHALL BE INSTALLED AROUND ALL TREES TO BE PRESERVED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION. THE FENCING MUST REMAIN IN PLACE DURING ALL PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION. ANY CHANGES IN THE PROTECTIVE FENCING MUST BE APPROVED BY THE LANDSCAPE INSPECTOR. OWNER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ERECTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF PROTECTION FENCING; REFER TO TREE PRESERVATION DETAIL.

3. PRESERVED TREES REMAINING ARE TO BE FERTILIZED AND PRUNED (IF NEEDED) TWO YEARS AFTER CONSTRUCTION.

4. OWNER SHALL MONITOR HEALTH AND VIGOR OF EXISTING TREES THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT.

5. CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY A CERTIFIED ARBORIST IF ANY DECLINE IN HEALTHY TREES IS APPARENT. THE ARBORIST SHALL DETERMINE THE REMEDIAL ACTION, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN.

6. ALL EXISTING TREES NOTED AS FAIR TO POOR HEALTH SHALL BE FERTILIZED YEARLY IN THE SPRING USING A HORTICULTURALLY APPROVED METHOD FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. AFTER THREE YEARS, THE HEALTH OF THE TREE SHOULD BE EVALUATED BY A CERTIFIED ARBORIST AND CONTINUING MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE MADE.

7. ANY TREES REMOVED OR DAMAGED IN TREE PRESERVATION WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED PER CODE.

8. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE TERMS OF THE TREE PRESERVATION, REMOVAL, AND REPLACEMENT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL.

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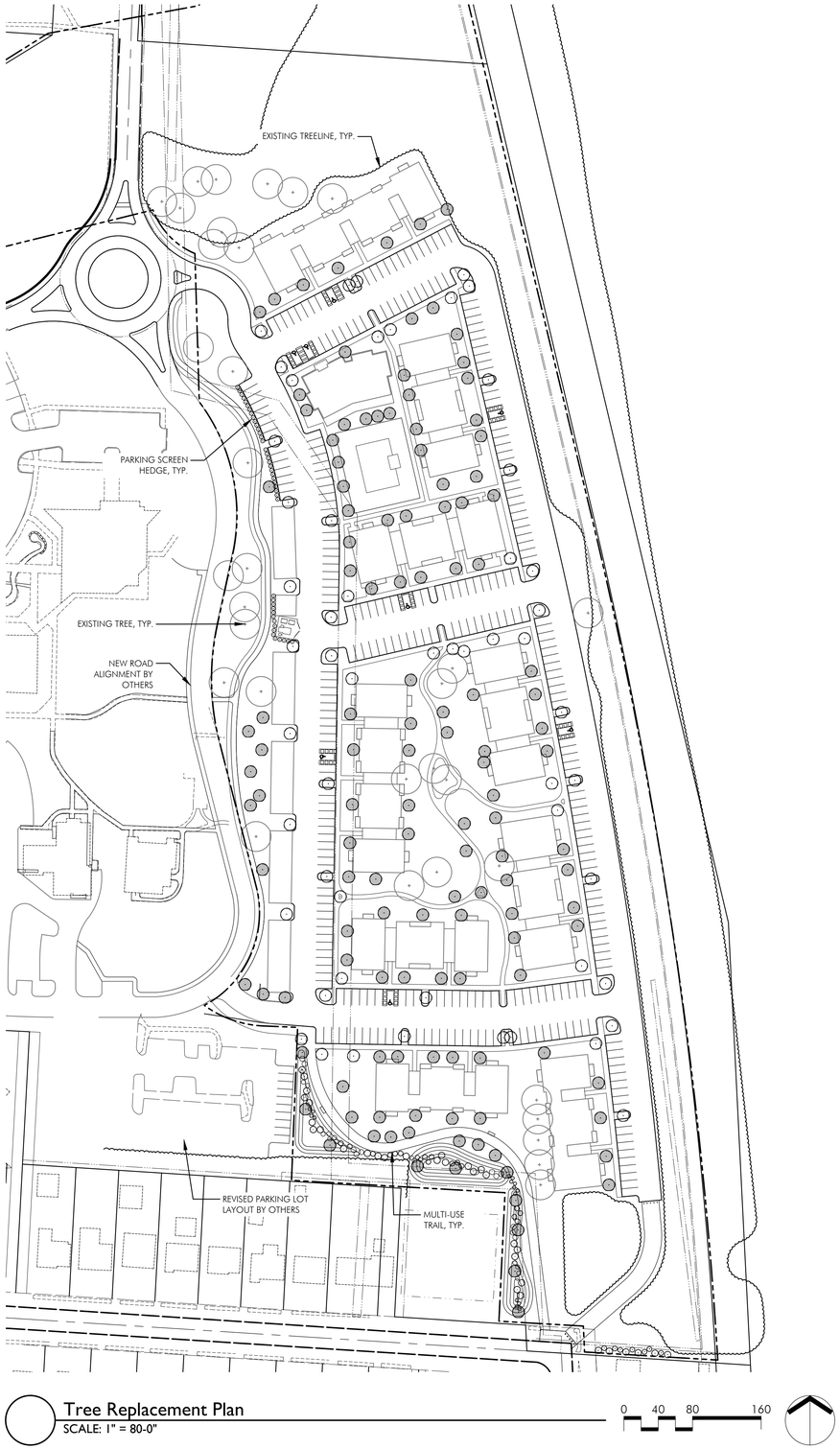
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Tree Replacement Plan
SCALE: 1" = 80-0"

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LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- EXISTING TREE LINE
- EXISTING TREE
- PROPOSED TREE (PER PARKING AREA CODE)
- PROPOSED TREE (PER TREE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS)
- PROPOSED EVERGREEN TREE (FOR PERIMETER SCREENING)

LANDSCAPE ZONING CODE REQUIREMENTS

1171.02(h) LANDSCAPING OF PARKING AREAS

2" DBH TREE TRUNK FOR EVERY SIX PARKING SPACES

REQUIRED TREES: 54 (325 TOTAL PARKING SPACES/6)
PROPOSED TREES: 54

TOTAL TREES REMOVED: 1172 CALIPER INCHES / 47 TREES IN FAIR TO GOOD CONDITION
TOTAL TREES PROVIDED: ±688 CALIPER INCHES / 275 TREES (AVERAGE OF 2.5" CAL.)
54 PER PARKING LOT CODE REQUIREMENTS
91 FOR PERIMETER SCREENING

CONCEPTUAL PLANT PALETTE			
SYMBOL	BOTANICAL & COMMON NAMES	SIZE	COND.
DECIDUOUS TREES			
AC SA	Acer saccharum 'Commemoration' Commemoration Sugar Maple	3" Cal.	B&B
AE GL	Aesculus glabra Ohio Buckeye	3" Cal.	B&B
TI TO	Tilia tomentosa 'Sterling' Silver Linden	2" Cal.	B&B
CE OC	Celtis occidentalis Hackberry	2" Cal.	B&B
GL TR	Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Skyline' Skyline Thornless Honeylocust	2.5" Cal.	B&B
GY DI	Gymnocladus dioicus Kentucky Coffeetree	2.5" Cal.	B&B
PL AC	Platanus acerifolia 'Morton Circle' EXCLAMATION! London Planetree	3" Cal.	B&B
QU BI	Quercus bicolor Swamp White Oak	3" Cal.	B&B
QU MA	Quercus macrocarpa Bur Oak	3" Cal.	B&B
QU MO	Quercus montana Chestnut Oak	2.5" Cal.	B&B
QU PA	Quercus palustris Pin Oak	2" Cal.	B&B
QU RU	Quercus rubra Red Oak	3" Cal.	B&B
UL FR	Ulmus 'Frontier' Frontier Elm	2.5" Cal.	B&B
EVERGREEN TREES			
PI AB	Picea abies Norway Spruce	3" Cal.	B&B
TS CA	Tsuga canadensis Canadian Hemlock	3" Cal.	B&B
JU BU	Juniperus virginiana 'Burkii' Burkii Eastern Red Cedar	3" Cal.	B&B
PI ST	Pinus strobus White Pine	3" Cal.	B&B

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TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN

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1 South Property Line Planting Plan
Scale: 1" = 20'-0"

LEGEND

PROPERTY LINE

EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN

GENERAL NOTES

1. ALL AREAS OUTSIDE OF PAVING, BUILDING, AND PLANTING AREAS ARE TO BE SEEDED.
2. AREAS OF LAWN BETWEEN SIDEWALKS AND PLANT BEDS SHALL BE 24" MINIMUM WIDTH. WHERE LESS THAN 24" REMAINS, EXTEND PLANT BED TO SIDEWALK.

PLANT LIST

QTY	SYMBOL	BOTANICAL & COMMON NAMES	SIZE	CONDITION	REMARKS
DECIDUOUS TREES					
6	PL AC	Platanus x acerifolia 'Morton Circle' Exclamation! London Planetree	3" Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
4	QU BI	Quercus bicolor Swamp White Oak	2.5" Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
3	QU PA	Quercus palustris Pin Oak	2" cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
3	UL FR	Ulmus 'frontier' Frontier Elm	3" cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
EVERGREEN TREES					
12	PI AB	Picea abies Norway spruce	3' Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
12	TS CA	Tsuga canadensis Canadian Hemlock	3" Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
23	JU BU	Juniperus virginiana 'Burkii' Burkii Eastern Red Cedar	3" Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
8	PI ST	Pinus strobus White Pine	3" Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
SHRUBS					
11	FO IN	Forsythia × intermedia Forsythia	#3	Cont.	Spacing As Shown
15	JU CH	Juniperus chinensis 'Nick's Compact' Nick's Compact Juniper	#5	Cont.	Spacing As Shown
15	VI PL	Viburnum plicatum Snowball Virburnum	#3	Cont.	Spacing As Shown

*PLANT SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE REQUIRED PENDING ON PLANT AVAILABILITY. ANY SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND SHALL MEET MINIMUM CODE REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF INSTALLATION.

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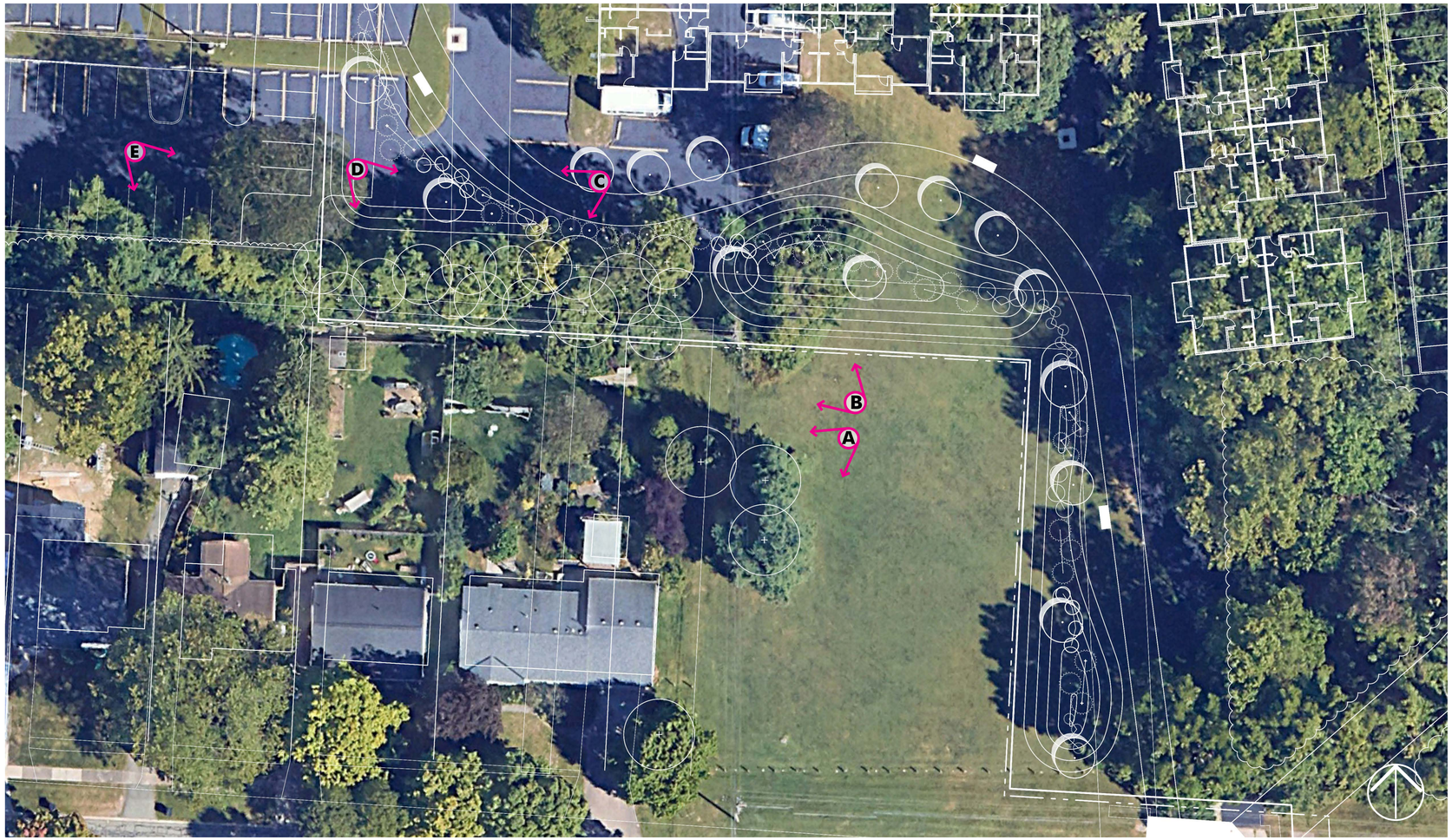
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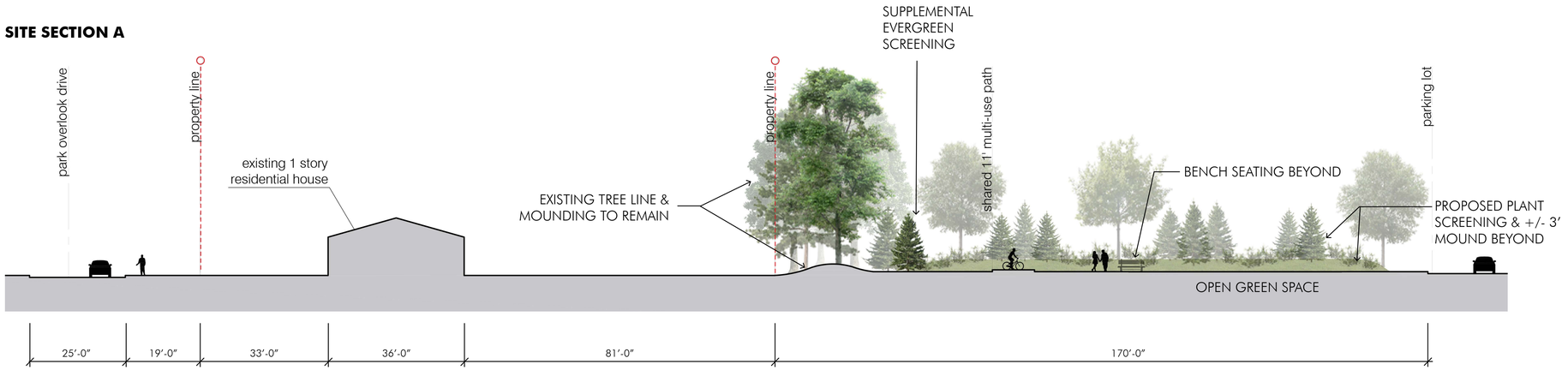




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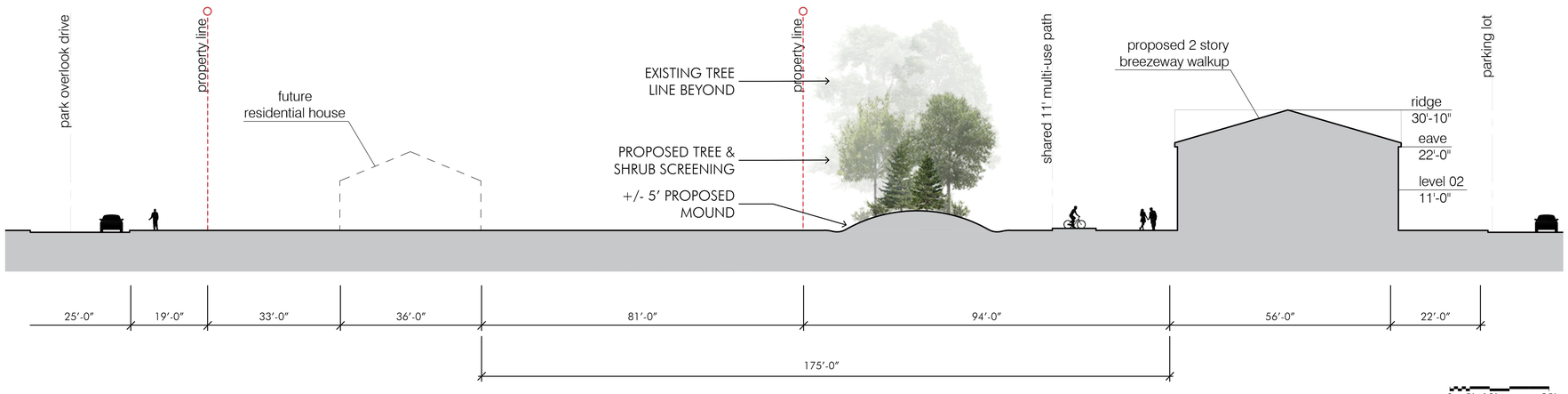
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SITE SECTION A



0 5' 10' 25'
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

SITE SECTION B



0 5' 10' 25'
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"



Overall Site Reference Plan
Scale: 1" = 80'

0 40 80 ft

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EXHIBIT "A"

View From Park Overlook Dr



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EXHIBIT "A"

View From Park Overlook Dr



560 Park Overlook Dr

Existing Tree Line to Remain

Proposed 2 Story Walkup

Proposed Mounding and Landscaping Buffer

Proposed Multi-Use Path

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CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

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CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN | MULTI-USE PATH EXTENTS

BOUNDLESS CAMPUS

PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT

PROPRIETORS RD.

PROPERTY LINE

11' SHARED MULTI-USE PATH

PARKING BUFFER, TYP.

CARRIAGE HOUSE, TYP.

EXISTING RAVINE / WOODED AREAS TO BE PRESERVED, TYP.

CLUBHOUSE

AMENITY AREA & POOL DECK

BUILDING TYPE E

BUILDING TYPE D

BUILDING TYPE C

BUILDING TYPE A

OPEN SPACE AMENITY

BUILDING TYPE B

BUILDING TYPE C

PARK OVERLOOK DR.

11' SHARED MULTI-USE PATH

EMERGENCY ACCESS ONLY

INDIANOLA AVE.

CONTROLLED ACCESS (EX. BOLLARDS, GATE)

POSTE LAKE

0 25' 50' 100'

SCALE: 1" = 50'-0"

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EXHIBIT "A"

CIRCULATION & OPEN SPACE

LEGEND

EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

- SIDEWALK
- ROAD CROSSING

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION (MULTI-FAMILY SITE)

- MULTI-USE TRAIL (11' WIDE)
- INTERNAL WALKWAYS
- ROAD CROSSING

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION (BOUNDLESS CAMPUS)

- SIDEWALK
- ROAD CROSSING

BOUNDLESS CAMPUS

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CARRIAGE HOUSE, TYP.

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CLUBHOUSE

AMENITY AREA & POOL DECK

OPEN SPACE AMENITY (±1 ACRE)

PARK OVERLOOK DR.

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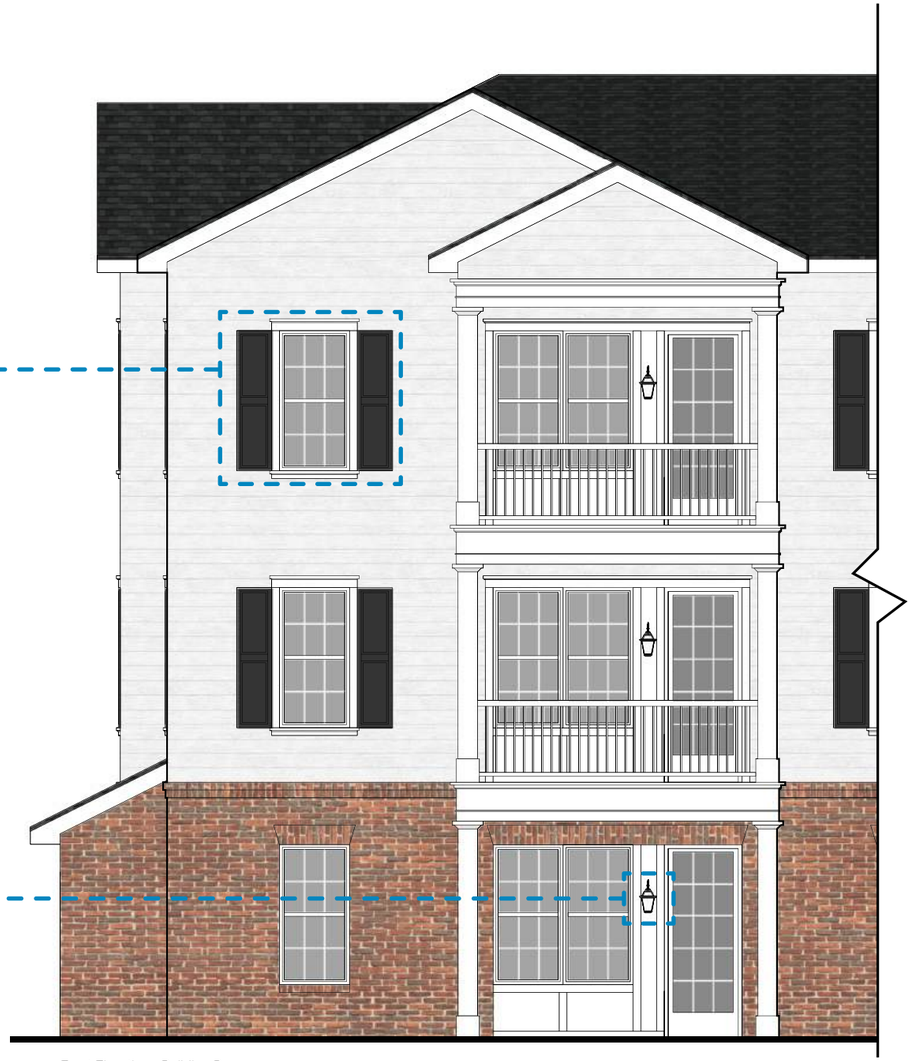
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Window Trim and Shutters

Traditional Sconce



Front Elevation - Building B
N.T.S.



Front Elevation - Carriage House
N.T.S.



Jack Arch



Carriage House Garage Doors

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Front Elevation - Buliding A
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Front Elevation - Building C
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Balcony Entablature



Roof Bracket

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Balcony Entablature



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Front Elevation - Building D
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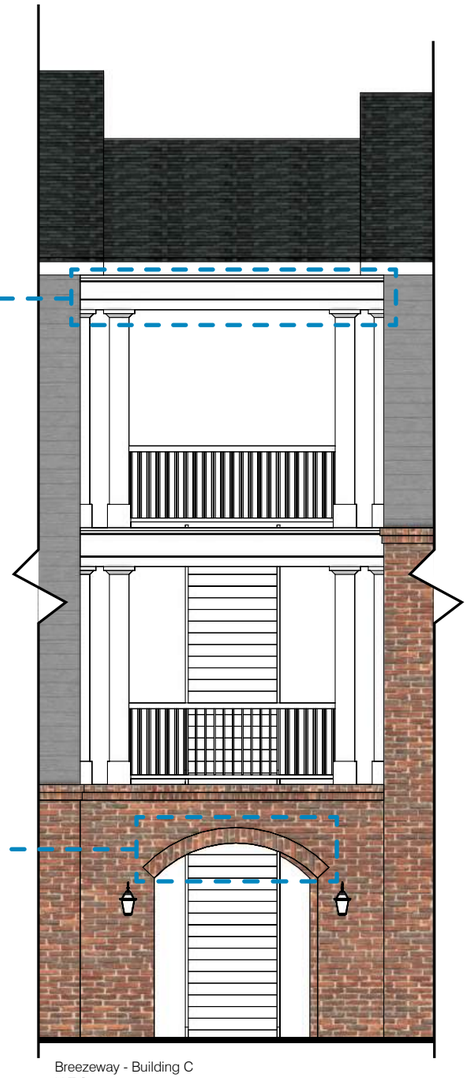
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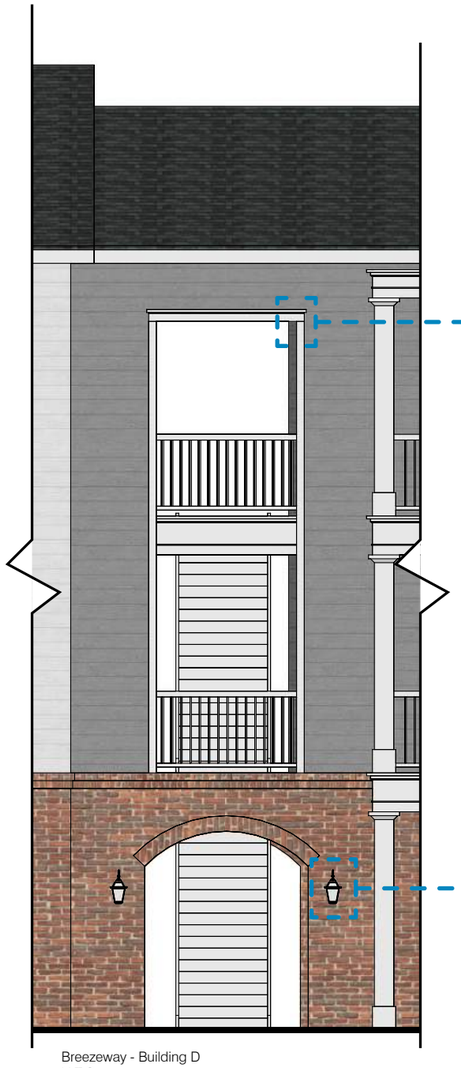
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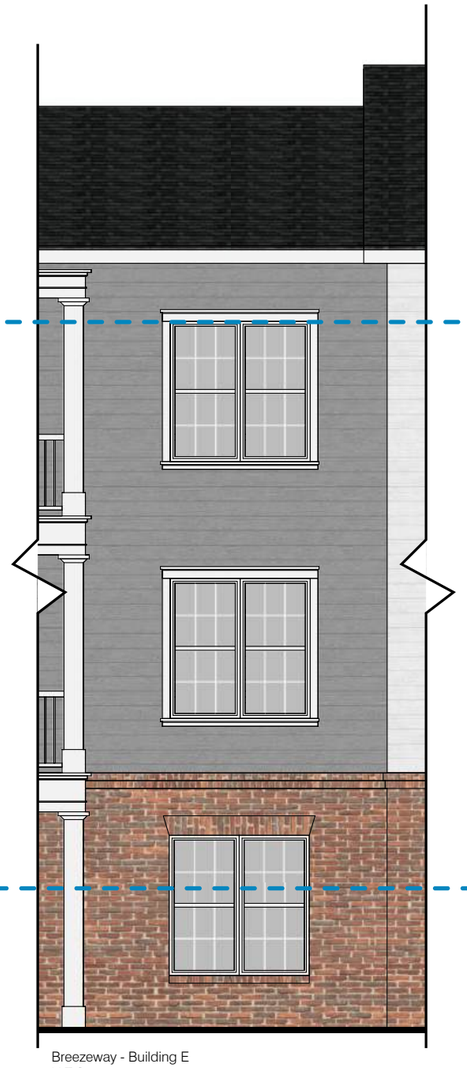
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Segmented Arch



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grout: gray

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manufacturer: tbd
style: d4.5 clapboard
color: glacier white

VS-02
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style: d4.5 dutch lap
color: storm

TR-01
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AS-01
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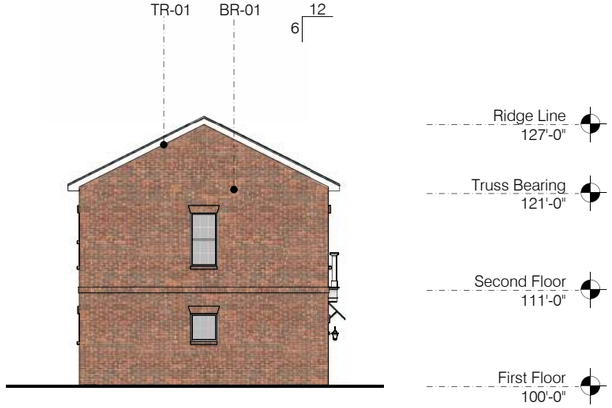
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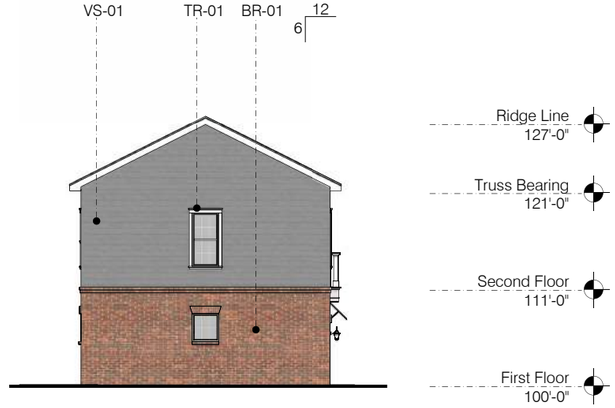
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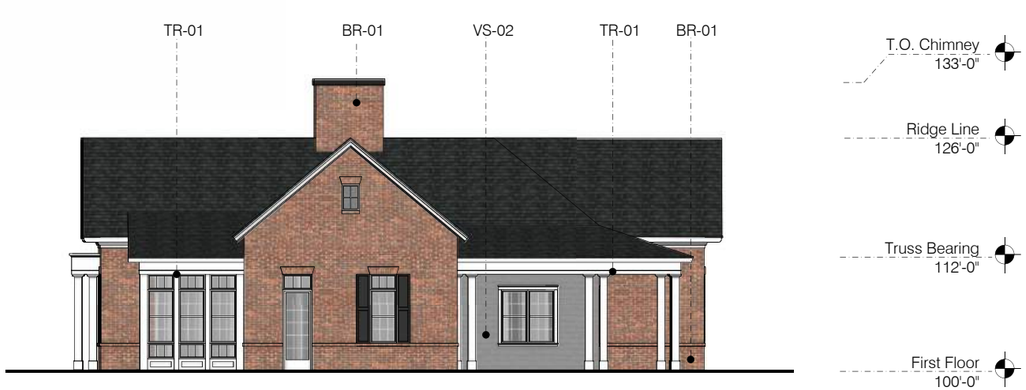
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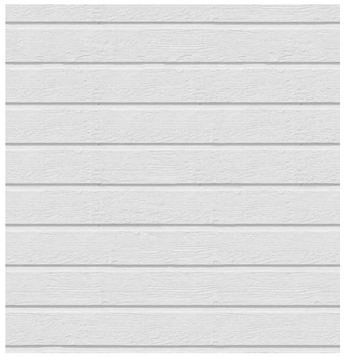
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Work Class: Preliminary Plan
Status: In Review
Valuation: $0.00
Project:
District: City of Worthington
App Date: 01/09/2026
05/22/2026
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MPC 05/28/2026 - On agenda but not discussed
Description: Rezone 20.4 acres at southeast corner of Boundless site as a PUD to allow multifamily development

Parcel:	**Address:**	**Zone:**
100-000696 Main	445 E Dublin-Granville Rd Bldg A Main Worthington, OH 43085	Planned Unit Development

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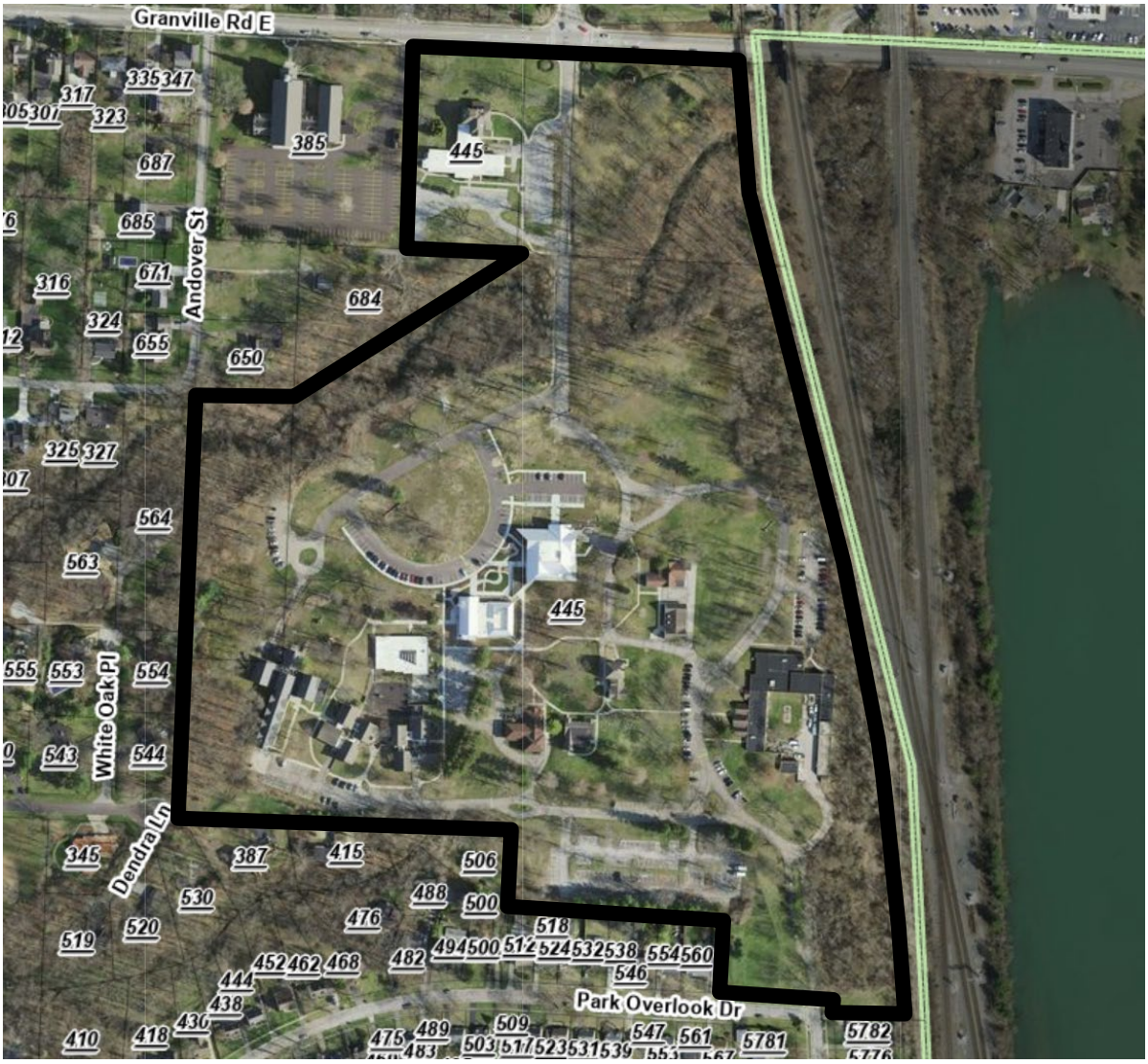
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Approved
Municipal Planning Commission
City of Worthington
Date 06/25/2026
Spencer Lilley
Clerk

445 E. Granville Rd.





DATE // May 15, 2026

ATTN // Worthington ARB | MPC

RE // Boundless Development

Following our initial presentation to the Worthington ARB | MPC on January 22, 2026, the development team has continued to refine + make design decisions based on the comments + direction put forth by the board members + public input. We feel confident that these design decisions not only respond to what we heard in a thoughtful + detailed manner, but have resulted in a much better product, that all stakeholders, Boundless, Elford, + the City of Worthington can be proud of.

At a high-level, we heard from both board members + the public that our initial proposal lacked the architectural character + detail that Worthington is known for; that this should be of Worthington, for Worthington. Outlined below are the design changes that reflect the sentiment above that are presented in this submission:

- **Change in Architectural Styling + Direction.**
  - The proposed design moved away from the previous 'Nantucket' architectural style towards the American Federal style, which is consistent in the core of Old Worthington.
- **Change in Materiality, Variation, + Detailing.**
  - Critical remarks of the previous design iteration included: lack of variety across the site + building types (ie. sameness), too neutral of a material palette with minimal to no distinction, too simplistic of detailing, lack of overall character, etc.
  - In response, the proposed design replaced the stone single-story base consistent across all footprints with a tumbled red-brown brick blend. The use of red-brown brick varies across building footprints + within building footprints, from one-story to two-stories, creating a much more diverse streetscape as you travel within the development.
  - There are now three distinct color + material palettes, white siding, gray siding, + red-brown brick. Each color palette follows a strict order of details + styling, which creates a varied, yet ordered system throughout the development.
  - The proposed materials, style, + associated details reflect + call attention to similar detailing + styling found in Old Worthington.
- **Change in Roof Slopes to Reduce Overall Heights.**
  - Originally proposed with a 12:12 roof slope, we received feedback that the footprints read too tall + did not respond to the much smaller, lower-sloped roofs of our neighbors. As a response, we are now proposing a 6:12 roof slope, which brings the perceived height of the proposed buildings down significantly.
  - This roof change also better aligns with the new architectural styling + detailing.
  - In addition to the lower roofs, we have also adjusted the massing of each building footprint, reducing the number of gable ends, resulting in smaller, more disciplined building elevations.

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- **Closed 'Breezeway' Conditions at Southernmost Building Footprints.**
  - As previously proposed, we are maintaining the two-story buildings along the southern edge of the proposed development. This design move was received well during our first meeting, as we bring the scale of our proposed buildings down to fit better contextually.
  - In addition, we have added 'wrap-around' units along the southern edge of these two building footprints, which terminate the 'breezeway' condition. In doing so, along with the updated detailing + massing updates listed above, these buildings read much more residential in nature, and less of a multi-family 'breezeway' building.
- **Site Plan Adjustments + Building Footprint Locations.**
  - With the new architectural language developed above, we made several adjustments to the overall site plan, specifically in regards to the locations of the different building types.
  - The proposed development includes six unique building types, which is more complex than your traditional multi-family development found here in Central Ohio. Each building type is a unique composition of the three color + material palettes (listed above), which we have re-shuffled building type locations so that neighboring building types are different. As a result, this leads to a much more varied + dynamic experience within the development.
  - Also, we have shifted the two-story building footprint that parallels the southern property edge further east. This was done in an effort to minimize the visual impact of the proposed buildings directly behind the adjacent neighboring residences.
- **Site Landscaping + Buffering.**
  - In addition to the shifting of building footprints along the southern property line, the development team has extensively studied the existing conditions + have designed a layered approach to providing additional buffering to this side of the site.
  - Additional tree plantings, along with mounding, are proposed to reduce sightlines + visual impact of the proposed development.

In summary, we believe these solutions enhance the overall design of the proposed development, while complementing + blending in with the charm + character that defines Old Worthington.

As always, we are excited to continue this discussion with City Staff and the Board, as we are firm believers that through a collaborative design process with passionate, mission-driven stakeholders, the best solutions will arise and be implemented to positively impact the greater good.

Jonathan Grubb
Director of Design, Architect.

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PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TEXT
May 20, 2026

I. INTRODUCTION

This Planned Unit Development application is submitted by Elford Development, the Applicant and Developer of record. Elford is an Ohio-based development and construction firm with extensive experience delivering high-quality residential and mixed-use developments, with an emphasis on thoughtful site planning, architectural quality, and long-term compatibility with surrounding communities. Elford is acting with the authorization and cooperation of the property owner, Boundless Strategic Resources Inc., a nonprofit organization providing behavioral health, developmental disability, and supportive services to individuals and families throughout Central Ohio.

The subject property is located at 445 East Granville Road in the City of Worthington and consists of approximately 40.934 acres developed historically as a low-intensity institutional campus with direct access to East Granville Road. The property is currently zoned S-1 (Special District). The surrounding context includes established R-10 single-family residential neighborhoods to the south and west, with institutional and corridor-oriented uses located east and north along East Granville Road. A railroad line runs along the east perimeter of the site. Due to its size, configuration, and historic campus-style use, the property is distinct from surrounding residential parcels and is well-suited for a coordinated, planned redevelopment approach.

As part of this application, the eastern portion of the Boundless campus, consisting of ±20.4 acres, consisting of Subarea 1 (±20.0 acres) and Subarea 2 (±0.4 acres) will be subdivided and conveyed to the Applicant for residential development. The remaining portion of the property will remain under Boundless ownership and continue it's institutional use. This PUD application applies exclusively to the newly created eastern parcel and is structured to ensure that the proposed development does not interfere with or diminish the continued operations of Boundless on the retained property.

The proposed subdivision and rezoning are consistent with the City's adopted planning framework. The Worthington Northeast Area Plan identifies the Boundless campus as an appropriate location for thoughtful evolution and mixed-use redevelopment, including residential uses on select portions of the site, while emphasizing neighborhood compatibility, protection of natural features, and controlled access. The Worthington Comprehensive Plan recognizes large institutional properties along the East Granville Road corridor as key redevelopment opportunities and encourages intentional reuse supported by strong design and environmental stewardship. Specifically, for this OSU Harding Hospital Site, the proposed development directly implements the Comprehensive Plan's vision for a campus-style redevelopment that preserves wooded ravines, provides natural buffers and public path connections, and introduces new residential development compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and the East Granville Road corridor. In addition, the City's Housing Needs Assessment documents ongoing demand for new housing options and identifies redevelopment of large, underutilized sites as a necessary strategy in a largely built-out community. The proposed PUD advances these policies by introducing new housing in a planned and context-sensitive manner without encroaching on established neighborhoods.

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The Applicant proposes to rezone the subdivided eastern parcel from S-1 to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) pursuant to Chapter 1174 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington. The PUD is organized into two subareas:

- Subarea 1 is ±20.0 acres in area. It consists of the primary multifamily residential development and is governed by project-specific development standards. This subarea includes apartment buildings, carriage houses, garage, clubhouse, and pool, with a total of 246 dwelling units proposed. This subarea also provides ±6.25 acres of open space reserve.

- Subarea 2 is ±.4 acres in area. It consists of two single-family lots (Lots 1 and 2) located along the southern edge of the PUD area. These lots are subject to development standards which complement the neighborhood's existing R-10 zoning district and are intended to function as a buffer and transition between the multifamily development and the adjacent single-family neighborhood.

The proposed development is informed by early coordination with City staff and community stakeholders and incorporates several guiding principles reflected throughout this PUD. These include preservation of significant natural features, including a designated reserve area along the northern portion of the site; careful management of access to protect adjacent residential streets; and the incorporation of a publicly accessible shared-use path network, to be made available through an easement granted to the City of Worthington. Together, these elements reinforce the project's emphasis on environmental stewardship, neighborhood compatibility, and connectivity.

Through subdivision and rezoning to a Planned Unit Development, the proposed project replaces S-1 zoning with a modern, predictable regulatory framework that implements adopted plans, provides needed housing, preserves natural features, and ensures long-term compatibility with surrounding development.

II. PERMITTED USES

The following uses are permitted within the Planned Unit Development, subject to the applicable development standards set forth in this Development Standards Text and as depicted on the approved Preliminary Plan.

A. Subarea 1 – Multifamily Residential

Subarea 1 is intended to accommodate the primary residential development within the PUD. Permitted uses within Subarea 1 include:

1. Multifamily residential dwellings, including apartment buildings.

2. Carriage house dwelling units and similar small-scale residential buildings containing dwelling units.

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3. Accessory uses customarily incidental to multifamily residential development, including but not limited to:

   a. Leasing and on-site management offices;

   b. Resident amenities and common areas;

   c. Indoor and outdoor recreational facilities;

   d. Parking areas and garages; and

   e. Maintenance and service facilities serving the development.

4. Open space, landscaping, and natural areas, including pedestrian pathways, shared-use paths, and stormwater management facilities.

5. Utilities and infrastructure necessary to serve permitted uses, Public Uses, Essential Services

All uses within Subarea 1 shall be developed in accordance with the site-specific standards established in this Planned Unit Development.

B. Subarea 2 – Single-Family Transition Lots

Subarea 2 consists of two single-family residential lots intended to provide a transition between the multifamily development and adjacent single-family neighborhoods. Permitted uses within Subarea 2 shall include the following:

1. Single-family detached dwellings.

2. Public uses.

3. Essential services.

4. Accessory uses and structures customarily incidental to a permitted principal use, including garages and residential accessory buildings.

5. Home occupations, conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Planning and Zoning Code.

III. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Subarea 1 – Multifamily Residential

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The following development standards apply to Subarea 1 of the Planned Unit Development. All development within Subarea 1 shall comply with these standards and the approved Preliminary Plan and associated exhibits.

A. Design Regulations (Worthington Planning and Zoning Code Section 1174.05(a))

1. Character

a. Subarea 1 shall be developed as a cohesively planned multifamily residential community.

b. Development shall consist of a coordinated arrangement of apartment buildings, carriage house buildings, garage, club house, pool, internal private streets, pedestrian pathways, parking areas, and open space.

c. The overall development pattern shall reflect a campus-style layout, consistent with the approved Preliminary Plan.

d. The development shall provide an appropriate transition in scale and intensity between multifamily residential buildings, open space areas, and adjacent site boundaries.

2. Design

a. Design Intent

i. Building design, architectural character, and exterior materials shall be generally consistent with the submitted Elevations and Materials exhibit, as approved with the Preliminary Plan.

b. Permitted Building Types

i. Apartment buildings.
ii. Carriage house residential buildings.
iii. Accessory buildings customarily incidental to multifamily residential use.

c. Maximum Building Height

i. Apartment buildings and shall not exceed three (3) stories in height.
ii. Carriage house buildings shall not exceed two (2) stories in height.

d. Number of Dwelling Units

i. A maximum of 246 dwelling units shall be permitted within Subarea 1.

e. Building Location and Arrangement

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i. Buildings shall be located within the development areas depicted on the approved Preliminary Plan.

ii.. Building placement and orientation shall be generally consistent with the approved Site Plan and architectural exhibits.

f. Exterior Building Materials

i. Permitted exterior building materials include:

(a). brick or masonry;
(b). composite siding or panels;
(c). architectural-grade composite siding; and
(d). other comparable materials approved with the Final Plan.

ii. Exterior materials shall be durable and appropriate for long-term residential use.

3. Screening

a. Parking areas, service areas, and utility equipment shall be screened where appropriate in accordance with the screening, fencing, and landscaping provisions of Chapter 1180 (Fences, Shrubbery, and Hedges) of the Worthington Planning and Zoning Code.

b. Screening may consist of landscaping, fencing, walls, or a combination thereof.

c. Screening treatments shall be shown on the Final Plan.

4. Tract Coverage

a. Buildings, internal streets, parking areas, and open space shall be arranged in general conformance with the approved Preliminary Plan.

b. Subarea 1 shall include landscaped open space and common areas distributed throughout the site.

c. Open space areas may include lawn areas, pedestrian plazas, seating areas, and stormwater facilities designed as site amenities.

B. Traffic and Parking (Worthington Planning and Zoning Code Section 1174.05(b))

1. Vehicular Access

a. Primary vehicular access to Subarea 1 shall be provided from East Granville Road, as depicted on the approved Preliminary Plan.

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b. Internal private streets shall provide access to buildings, parking areas, and service areas within Subarea 1.

2. Emergency Access

a. A secondary access point located at the southern edge of Subarea 1, as shown on the approved Preliminary Plan, shall be limited to emergency access only.

b. This access shall be controlled by removable or knockdown bollards.

c. Construction access at this location is prohibited.

d. Details of emergency access control, including bollard type and placement, shall be addressed with the Final Plan.

3. Internal Circulation

a. Internal streets and drive aisles shall be designed to accommodate residential traffic, service vehicles, and emergency vehicles.

b. Internal circulation shall be generally consistent with the approved Preliminary Plan.

4. Parking

a. Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with the approved Preliminary Plan and shall comply with Section 1174.05(b)(2)(C) of the Worthington Planning and Zoning Code.

b. Parking may include surface parking areas and garage parking associated with carriage house buildings.

c. Accessible parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with applicable law.

d. Bicycle Parking shall comply with Section 1174.05(b)(2)(D) of the Worthington Planning and Zoning Code.

C. General Requirements (Worthington Planning and Zoning Code Section 1174.05(c)

1. Utilities

a. Utilities serving Subarea 1 shall be placed underground where practicable.

b. Above-ground utility equipment shall be screened where feasible.

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2. Natural Features

a. Natural features within Subarea 1, including wooded areas and the Rush Run corridor, shall be preserved to the greatest extent practicable. Extent and protection language shall be shown on the Final Plan.

b. Tree preservation, removal, and replacement shall be conducted in accordance with the submitted Tree Preservation Plan, which identifies trees to be preserved, trees approved for removal, and replacement or mitigation measures.

c. The Tree Preservation Plan prioritizes preservation of mature trees and woodland areas while accommodating necessary site development.

d. The Tree Preservation Plan may be modified and approved as part of the Final Development Plan.

e. The boundaries and general extent of the Reserve Area are shown on the approved Preliminary Plan.

3. Environmental Protection

a. Stormwater management facilities shall be designed and constructed in accordance with approved engineering plans.

b. Stormwater facilities may be integrated into landscaped open space areas.

4. Lighting

a. Site lighting shall be provided to ensure safety and security within Subarea 1 for residential use.

b. Lighting shall be designed to minimize glare and light spill onto adjacent properties.

c. Lighting fixtures, mounting heights, and illumination areas shall be shown on the Final Plan.

5. Signage

a. Entry Signage

i. Entry signage shall be permitted to provide primary identification for the overall site.
ii. Location shall be at least 10’ from the E. Granville Rd. right of way.
iii. Size and design shall be presented with the Final Plan

b. Development Monument Signage

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i. One development monument sign shall be permitted at the roundabout exit serving the primary residential entrance.
ii. The purpose of the monument sign is to mark the main entrance to the residential development.
iii. Size and design shall be determined as part of the Final Plan in coordination with City staff.

c. Wayfinding Signage

i. Up to 5 wayfinding signs shall be permitted internal to the residential development.
ii. The purpose of wayfinding signage is directional guidance for residents and visitors.
iii. Size and design shall be determined as part of the Final Plan in coordination with City staff.

6. Phasing

a. Development of Subarea 1 shall occur in one (1) phase, unless otherwise approved by the City.

7. Shared-Use Path

a. A shared-use path shall be provided within Subarea 1 generally as depicted on the approved Preliminary Plan.

b. The shared-use path shall be designed to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle circulation and shall function as part of the internal non-motorized circulation system serving the development.

c. The shared-use path shall provide connectivity between residential buildings, open space areas, and other site amenities shown on the approved plans.

d. Final alignment, design details, and construction specifications for the shared-use path shall be reviewed and approved as part of the Final Plan.

8. Residential Affordability

a. A minimum of 74 dwelling units shall be allocated to work force housing with rental rates at 80% of Area Median Income for a period of 10 years

D. Divergence

1. 1174.05(c)(2)(B) – Natural Features. The Applicant requests a divergence from, and a full waiver of, the natural feature replacement and fee in lieu of replacement provisions of

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Section 1174.05(c)(2)(B) of the Planning and Zoning Code. As shown on the approved Preliminary Plan, substantial portions of Subarea 1 are reserved for the preservation of existing wooded areas and the Rush Run corridor, and the remaining developable area is constrained by site geometry, infrastructure, and access requirements. Full replacement of natural features within Subarea 1 would result in unreasonable crowding and is not feasible given the site layout depicted on the approved plan. In addition to on-site preservation, the Applicant is committing to the acquisition and long-term preservation of ±6.2 acres of stream corridor, and to the construction of a publicly accessible shared-use path, both of which represent significant environmental and public benefits and involve costs that exceed the applicable fee in lieu of replacement. The proposed development therefore provides a comprehensive approach to natural feature preservation and enhancement consistent with the approved Preliminary Plan. In further consideration of this divergence, the Applicant is committed to provide certain affordable dwelling units reserved for qualified residents.

Subarea 2 – Single-Family Transition Lots

The following development standards apply to Subarea 2, consisting of Lots 1 and 2 of the Planned Unit Development. All development within Subarea 2 shall comply with these standards and the approved Preliminary Plan and associated exhibits.

A. Design Regulations (Worthington Planning and Zoning Code Section 1174.05(a))

1. Character

   a. The purpose of Subarea 2 is to provide a buffer and transition between the multifamily development in Subarea 1 and the adjacent single-family residential neighborhood.

2. Design

   a. Number of Dwelling Units

      i. A maximum of 2 dwelling units shall be permitted within Subarea 2.

   b. Building Location and Arrangement

      i. Minimum Lot Width - 60 feet
      ii. Minimum Lot Area - 9,000 square feet
      iii. Minimum Front Yard – 25 feet.
      iv. Minimum Rear Yard – 25 feet
      v. Minimum Either Side Yard – 6 feet
      vi. Minimum Sum of Side Yards – 12 feet
      vii. Maximum Height of Buildings in Stories – 2-1/2 stories
      viii. Maximum Height of Buildings in Feet – 30 feet

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B. Traffic and Parking

1. Vehicular access and off-street parking within Subarea 2 shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 1171 (Off-Street Parking and Loading) of the Worthington Planning and Zoning Code.

2. Access to the single-family residential lots shall be provided from Park Overlook Drive.

C. Screening and Landscaping

Fencing, landscaping, and screening within Subarea 2 shall comply with Chapter 1180 (Fences, Shrubbery, and Hedges) of the Worthington Planning and Zoning Code.

D. Phasing

The lots may develop in separate phases and independent of Subarea 1 development.

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Boundless Elford Multifamily Development

445 E Dublin Granville Rd., Worthington, OH

Traffic Impact Study

Revision 1

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Introduction

This report presents the Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for:

- The proposed Boundless multifamily development located southeast of the intersection of E. Dublin Granville Road and Proprietors Road in Worthington, Ohio.
- The *existing* Boundless campus located west of the multifamily development. It will expand services and add 60 students and 60 employees over the next 10 years. Half will be a student-based program, which currently exists on campus, and the other half will be an adult day program.

The study evaluates traffic operations for the proposed roundabout and the existing signalized intersection at E. Dublin Granville Road (SR 161) and Proprietors Road during the AM and PM peak hours for both the opening year (2026) and the horizon year (2036). The report also includes a qualitative assessment of pedestrian connectivity and potential crossover between the proposed development and adjacent residential areas to the south and west.

Area Conditions

The proposed multifamily development is located at 445 E. Dublin Granville Road (SR 161) in Worthington, Ohio, southeast of the intersection of SR 161 and Proprietors Road. Site access is proposed *only* via the existing Boundless property access, which connects to SR 161 via the south leg of the Proprietors Road intersection.

SR 161 in this area is a three-lane east–west principal arterial consisting of one through lane in each direction and a center two-way left-turn lane. The posted speed limit is 35 mph. Proprietors Road is a two-lane road that serves as a major collector to the north and a local road to the south, with a posted speed limit of 35 mph. The south leg of the intersection serves as access to the Boundless property. This intersection is part of a coordinated signal system along SR-161, integrated with both the Dublin-Granville Road and High Street corridors.

The proposed development consists of 246 low-rise multifamily residential units on approximately 19.9 acres. The site plan and additional development details are provided in *Appendix A*. The Boundless expansion discussed in the Introduction is also included in all analyses.

Scope of Study

In coordination with the City of Worthington, the following study elements were selected for evaluation:

1. Existing signalized intersection of SR-161 and Proprietors Road
2. Proposed roundabout on Proprietors Road within the Boundless site, which will provide primary access to the proposed development
3. Pedestrian connectivity and potential crossover between the proposed development, the Boundless site, and adjacent residential areas

Traffic Volumes and Conditions

A 12-hour turning movement count was conducted at the intersection of SR-161 and Proprietors Road on December 17, 2025, by Quality Counts, LLC. Linear annual growth rates for each approach were obtained from MORPC based on the collected traffic data. The turning movement count data and corresponding growth rate information are provided in *Appendix B*.

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Analysis

Background Traffic

The opening year and horizon year for the analysis are 2026 and 2036, respectively. AM and PM peak-hour background (No Build) traffic volumes for both analysis years were developed by applying MORPC-provided linear annual growth rates to the existing turning movement count data.

Trip Generation

Trip generation for the proposed multifamily development was estimated using the *Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual*, 12th Edition. Land Use Code (LUC) 220 – Multifamily Housing (Low-Rise) was utilized for the analysis. This is typical, accepted national practice for this type of analysis. The resulting AM and PM peak hour trip generation summaries are provided in *Appendix C*.

The additional trips generated by the Boundless campus were estimated separately because there is no ITE land-use code that directly represents the proposed Boundless operation, which is unique and includes a mix of student-based programs and adult-day programs. Therefore, campus trip generation was estimated using the existing intersection counts collected at the Worthington Boundless campus, with adjustments based on existing and proposed campus operations:

> The existing Worthington campus includes approximately 60 students and 150 employees, for a total of 210 people. Boundless confirmed that approximately 60 employees are directly associated with the existing student-based program of 60 students. Therefore, the existing student-based program represents approximately 120 of the 210 total people on campus, or 57% of the existing campus activity.
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> The proposed Boundless expansion includes 60 additional students and 60 additional employees split evenly between the student-based program and the adult-day program. The adult-day program will operate from approximately 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM with students arriving and departing by small bus or van. Since the adult-day student trips are expected to occur outside the study peak hours, the 30 adult-day students are not included in the peak-hour trip-generation estimate. Additionally, at most half of the associated 30 adult-day employees are expected to contribute to peak-hour traffic. Therefore, 75 of the 120 proposed students and employees are expected to contribute to peak-hour traffic, resulting in an adjustment factor of 0.62.
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> Based on these assumptions, the proposed Boundless campus peak-hour trips were estimated as follows:
> -Existing Campus Peak Hour Trips × 0.57 × 0.62 = 0.35 × Existing Campus Peak Hour Trips

Trip Distribution

Site-generated traffic was distributed and assigned based on existing traffic patterns observed in the peak-hour turning movement count data (*see Appendix D*) and applied to the signalized intersection at SR-161 and Proprietors Road.

For the proposed roundabout, traffic was assigned by separating existing Boundless traffic from site-generated traffic. Existing Boundless traffic, as reflected in the turning movement count data was assigned to the south and west legs of the roundabout with an assumed 50/50 distribution, while the development site-generated traffic was assigned to the east leg. This approach assumes no traffic interaction between Boundless and the proposed development.

The following traffic scenarios were developed for analysis:

- **Opening Year No Build (2026):** Existing traffic volumes with applied background growth
- **Opening Year Build (2026):** Opening Year No Build volumes with development site-generated traffic and the Boundless expansion traffic added

- **Horizon Year No Build (2036):** Opening Year No Build volumes projected to the horizon year
- **Horizon Year Build (2036):** Horizon Year No Build volumes with development site-generated traffic and the Boundless expansion traffic added

Intersection Operational Analysis

Operational analysis for the signalized intersection of SR-161 and Proprietors Road and the proposed single-lane roundabout was performed using Highway Capacity Software (HCS 2025, Version 8.4), consistent with methodologies outlined in the *Highway Capacity Manual (HCM), 7th Edition*.

During the AM and PM peak hours, a Level of Service (LOS) D or better is the standard, accepted threshold for overall intersection operations, with LOS E considered acceptable for individual movements. The proposed signal timings from the Worthington Signal Corridor Study were used to analyze both the Build and No-Build conditions. Signal timing optimization was performed while maintaining the existing cycle length and offsets to preserve system coordination, and the results were compared across scenarios.

Pedestrian Cross-over Analysis

Pedestrian activity has been observed between the existing Boundless development and adjacent neighborhoods. This study documented the probable points of these existing pedestrian connections and identified potential future pedestrian connection points. A qualitative assessment was conducted to evaluate how the proposed development may affect existing pedestrian activity on the Boundless property and in the adjacent neighborhood.

Results

Capacity Analysis

The results of the capacity analysis are summarized in *Table 1*. During the AM peak hour, the intersection operates at acceptable LOS under all scenarios.

During the PM peak hour, the intersection operates at LOS E under the proposed signal timing for both the Opening Year and Horizon Year, with and without site traffic. This does not meet the established LOS criteria. The eastbound and westbound through movements also operate at LOS F during the PM peak hour, Horizon Year, Build and No Build conditions. Unacceptable LOS values are highlighted in red in *Table 1*.

To evaluate potential operational improvements, the signal timing was optimized keeping in mind that the intersection is coordinated with other intersections on the corridor. Both cycle length and offsets were kept the same as the timings from the Worthington signal study report (see *Appendix E Section 1*). The optimized results are presented in the "Build Opt." column in Table 1. With timing optimization only, the overall intersection operations improved during both the AM and PM peak hours to acceptable levels. Under horizon year full-build PM peak conditions, the overall intersection LOS improved from LOS E to LOS C, with the average intersection delay reduced from 73 seconds per vehicle to 33 seconds per vehicle. The eastbound through movement improved from LOS F to LOS C, and the westbound through movement improved from LOS F to LOS D.

With signal optimization, all movements operate with acceptable LOS during both AM and PM peak hours under the opening-year and horizon-year build conditions.

All analysis output is provided in *Appendix E*.

Table 1: Signalized LOS Summary (LOS/Seconds of Delay)

	Approach/ Movement	AM					
		Opening Yr. (2026)			Horizon Yr. (2036)		
		No-Build	Build	Build Opt.	No-Build	Build	Build Opt.
SR-161 & Proprietors Rd. (Signalized)	EBL	B/17.2	B/17.2	B/10.9	B/18.5	B/18.5	B/12.6
	EBT	C/29.7	C/31.0	B/17.4	C/31.4	C/32.9	B/19.5
	WBL	B/13.5	B/15.1	A/9.4	B/14.2	B/16.0	B/10.7
	WBT	D/37.5	D/37.5	B/18.7	D/42.1	D/42.1	C/21.5
	NB	C/28.6	C/31.6	D/35.3	C/28.6	C/31.6	C/33.9
	SB	D/36.8	D/37.6	D/39.4	D/38.4	D/39.4	D/38.7
	Intersection	**C/32.5**	**C/32.7**	**C/20.7**	**D/35.3**	**D/35.5**	**C/22.6**
		PM					
	EBL	B/18.5	B/18.5	B/16.9	B/18.5	B/18.5	C/20.5
	EBT	D/49.9	**E/55.6**	C/24.0	**F/59.4**	**F/66.1**	C/29.5
	WBL	B/16.7	B/19.0	B/13.8	B/17.5	B/19.0	B/16.4
	WBT	**F/82.0**	**F/82.0**	C/27.7	**F/98.3**	**F/98.3**	D/37.1
	NB	C/31.9	C/34.8	D/35.6	C/32.0	C/35.0	C/34.2
	SB	D/43.3	D/43.0	D/39.5	D/46.3	D/46.1	D/38.8
	Intersection	**E/61.9**	**E/62.0**	**C/27.2**	**E/73.0**	**E/73.0**	**C/33.2**

Roundabout Analysis

Consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding with the City, roundabout operations were evaluated for the Horizon Year Build condition (2036) during the AM and PM peak hours.

The results, summarized in *Table 2*, indicate that the proposed single-lane roundabout operates at LOS A during both peak periods for the Horizon Year Build condition, which represents the highest-volume scenario analyzed. Based on these results, the roundabout will operate at LOS A or better under all other analysis scenarios.

Table 2: Roundabout LOS Summary (LOS/Seconds of Delay)

	Approach	Horizon Yr. Build (2036)	
		AM	PM
Proposed 1x1 Roundabout	EB	A/3.2	A/3.1
	WB	A/3.3	A/3.2
	NB	A/3.0	A/3.1
	SB	A/3.8	A/3.2
	Intersection	**A/3.6**	**A/3.2**

Pedestrian Cross-over Analysis

The site has been visited on five separate occasions since October 2025. The most recent field review occurred in March under conditions highly conducive to pedestrian activity, including observable foot traffic from nearby athletic fields that traveled through adjacent neighborhoods (not crossing into Boundless). Based on these field observations and supplemental research, the following was noted:

- Based on public input and reported behavior, the existing pedestrian attractor is the Boundless campus, with neighborhood residents utilizing the low-volume Boundless roads for recreational walking.
- Multiple opportunities exist for both confident and less-confident pedestrians to traverse between the existing Boundless campus and adjacent neighborhoods. These include a gated emergency access drive and informal connections across grassed and lightly wooded areas. These represent informal, non-designated pedestrian connections.
- Across approximately three hours of cumulative observation time, no pedestrian crossover between the Boundless campus and adjacent neighborhoods was observed.
- The Boundless campus is not a secured facility, and some residents can move freely. While pedestrian crossover is therefore possible under existing conditions, it was not observed during field reviews.

Pedestrian activity is fundamentally driven by the presence of an attractor. Based on verbal reports and public input to the City, existing pedestrian interaction appears to be recreational, with neighborhood residents using the Boundless campus for its low-volume, low-speed roadway environment. Based on public input and reported behavior, the current attractor creating crossover is the Boundless campus, creating flow from the neighborhood to Boundless.

While future residents of the proposed development may also find the remaining campus roadway network suitable for recreational walking, this does not inherently create cross-property pedestrian demand. For meaningful crossover between the development and surrounding neighborhoods to occur, a defined destination or attractor must exist.

Public comments have suggested that retail and social destinations along High Street may serve as such an attractor. However, the closest destinations are approximately 0.9 miles from the proposed development via the most direct route, which is a 20-minute one-way walk, or roughly 1.8 miles (40 minutes) round trip. National planning data consistently indicates that typical acceptable pedestrian walking distances range from 0.25 to 0.50 miles. As such, a round trip to the High Street corridor is well outside the typical pedestrian walkshed and is not expected to function as a meaningful attractor for pedestrian trips.

It could be argued that residents of the proposed development may instead be attracted to walk within adjacent neighborhood streets. However, existing behavior indicates that some neighborhood residents currently choose to walk within the Boundless campus rather than on neighborhood streets, suggesting a preference for the campus environment. It is therefore reasonable to expect that future residents of the development would exhibit similar behavior. This is further supported by limited sidewalk connectivity in adjacent neighborhoods, including streets without sidewalks, which reduces pedestrian comfort compared with the Boundless campus roadway network or the sidewalks along SR-161 and Proprietors Road.

The one key attractor is the existing elementary school. It is nearly 0.5 miles from the proposed development at its closest point. It's roughly 0.7 miles from its furthest point. This distance is at or beyond the upper limit of typical elementary school walking distances, particularly given incomplete sidewalk connectivity and indirect routing. As a result, walking is expected to be limited, with school bus service or parental drop-off likely to be the primary modes of access.

Conclusions & Recommendations

- *Table 1* shows that after signal optimization, Build and No Build results show improved operations over the existing intersection operations.
- For Proprietors Rd. & SR-161, no operational issues were identified during the AM peak hour in either the opening year or the horizon year.
- During the PM peak hour, signal optimization is recommended to improve LOS for all approaches once buildout and occupancy occur.
- For the single-lane roundabout, no operational issues are expected under any conditions.
- There is limited evidence of a pedestrian-attractor that would result in a measurable increase in pedestrian crossover between the proposed development to the adjacent neighborhoods. While the nearby elementary school may contribute to a minor increase in pedestrian activity, any such increase is expected to be minimal.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
20.0± ACRE
ZONING BOUNDARY (SUBAREA-1)

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Franklin, City of Worthington, being part of Quarter Township 3, Township 2, Range 18, United States Military Lands, beings parts of those two parcels of land (First Parcel and Second Parcel) as described in a deed to The Columbus Sanitarium Company (n.k.a. Harding Sanitarium, Inc.), of record in Deed Volume 874, Page 274, all references herein being to the records of the Recorder's Office, Franklin County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the northwesterly corner of the Second Parcel, at the northeasterly corner of that 2.25 acre tract as described in a deed to Harding Sanitarium, Inc., of record in Deed Volume 1885, Page 81 and in the centerline of Dublin-Granville Road (State Route 161);

Thence South 86°51'52" East, along said centerline, a distance of 71.28 feet to the intersection of centerline of Proprietors Road, 50 feet in width, being also a corner common to the First Parcel and Second Parcel;

Thence South 86°55'27" East, continuing along said centerline, a distance of 403.39 feet to the northeasterly corner of the First Parcel and in the westerly right-of-way line of the Norfolk & Western Railway Co.;

Thence South 03°21'12" East, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 300.00 feet to a point in the easterly line of the 40 foot wide (+/-) strip of land (originally out of said First Parcel) as described in a deed to Ohio Railway Museum, Inc., of record in Official Record Volume 29706, Page E09;

Then northerly along said easterly line the following two courses:

1) North 13°18'55" West, a distance of 24.09 feet to a point of curvature;
2) With the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 1753.18 feet, a central angle of 08°31'54", a chord that bears North 09°02'57" West, a chord distance of 260.82 feet to a point in the original southerly right-of-way line of Dublin-Granville Road (20.00 feet south of centerline);

Thence North 86°55'27" West, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 44.77 feet to a point at the intersection of the westerly line of said 40 foot wide (+/-) strip;

Thence southerly along said westerly line the following courses:

1) South 06°52'23" East passing an iron pin set in the southerly right-of-way line of Dublin-Granville Road at 35.53 feet, a total distance of 117.77 feet to a point being the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;**

BEGINNING at a point along said westerly line right-of-way line of Norfolk & Western Railway Co. as described in a deed to Ohio Railway Museum, Inc., of record in Official Record Volume 29706, Page E09;

Thence southerly along said westerly line the following courses:

1) South 06°52'28" East, a distance of 51.59 feet to a point;
2) South 13°12'28" East, a distance of 819.40 feet to an iron pin set at the point of curvature;
3) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 5699.00 feet, a central angle of 09°59'57", a chord that bears South 08°12'29" East, a chord distance of 993.32 feet to a point at the northeasterly corner of the subdivision "Colonial Hills No. 2", of record in Plat Book 20, Page 10, in the easterly right-of-way line of a vacated alley;

Thence North 86°21'34" West, along the northerly line of Colonial Hills No. 2, a distance of 140.23 feet to a point;

Thence North 02°51'05" West, a distance of 30.19 feet to a point;

Thence North 86°21’34’ West, along the northerly line of a 0.402 acre tract (northerly right-of-way line of Park Overlook) as described in a deed to The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio (for right-of-way purposes), of record in Deed Volume 1688, Page 284, a distance of 113.59 feet to a point;

Thence North 02°54’50” East, a distance of 151.53 feet to a point;

Thence North 87°05’10” West, passing the northeasterly corner of the property of Karen S. and Shawn E. Miller, of record instrument No. 200103090048575, a distance of 120.00 feet to a point;

Thence northernly the following courses:

1) North 86°21’34” West, a distance of 128.07 feet to a point;
2) North 02°17’01” East, a distance of 179.71 feet to a point;
3) North 87°46’20” West, a distance of 40.91 feet to a point;
4) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 126.71 feet, a central angle of 36°33’33”, a chord that bears North 68°46’27” West, a chord distance of 79.48 feet to a point;
5) With an arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 116.50 feet, a central angle of 76°00’45”, a chord that bears North 25°29’27” East, a chord distance of 143.47 feet to a point;
6) North 14°14’39” West, a distance of 153.19 feet to a point;
7) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 350.00 feet, a central angle of 26°32’26”, a chord that bears North 00°58’25” West, a chord distance of 160.68 feet to a point;
8) North 12°17’48” East, a distance of 85.36 feet to a point;
9) With an arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 219.10 feet, a central angle of 48°50’59”, a chord that bears North 12°29’39” West, a chord distance of 181.20 feet to a point;
10) North 01°41’11” West, a distance of 173.00 feet to a point;
11) With an arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 88.50 feet, a central angle of 47°00’26”, a chord that bears North 43°50’56” West, a chord distance of 70.59 feet to a point;

Thence westerly the following courses:

1) South 76°05’04” West, a distance of 213.57 feet to a point;
2) South 59°40’09” West, a distance of 292.80 feet to a point;
3) South 65°51’58” West, a distance of 358.51 feet to a point along the easterly line of “Rush Creek Subdivision” (a re-plat of a portion of Subdivision of Reserve “B”, Colonial Hills Plat No. 2) of record in Plat Book 28, Pages 38 and 39);

Thence North 02°57’00” East, along the easterly line of said Rush Creek Subdivision, a distance of 281.05 feet to an iron pin set at the southwesterly corner of the 0.69 acre tract as described in a deed to George T. and Joan L Harding, of record in Deed Volume 2316, Page 198;

Thence South 86°58’28” East, along the southerly line of said 0.69 acre tract, a distance of 200.03 feet to an iron pin set at the southeasterly corner of same and at the southwesterly corner of that 2.323 acre tract as described in a deed to Harding Hospital, Inc., of record in Deed Volume 3790, Page 425;

Thence North 58°27’44” East, along the southerly line of said 2.323 acre tract, a distance of 534.25 feet to an iron pin set at the most easterly corner of same and at the southeasterly corner of the aforementioned 2.25 acre tract;

Thence North 78°37’05” East, a distance of 174.01 feet to a point;

Thence North 41°57’57” East, a distance of 323.63 feet to a point;

Thence North 80°19’43” East, a distance of 52.45 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing +/- 20.0 acres more or less.

This description is based on a field survey conducted on March 9, 2026.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
0.4± ACRE
ZONING BOUNDARY (SUBAREA-2)

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Franklin, City of Worthington, being part of Quarter Township 3, Township 2, Range 18, United States Military Lands, being part of an original 40.934 acre tract of land, referred to as “Tract 1” conveyed to Strategic Resources, Inc. by deed in Instrument Number 201402270024366 and Affidavits in Instrument Number 201910080133085 and Instrument Number 202505050045860, all records being of the Recorder’s Office, Franklin County, Ohio and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: all references herein being to the records of the Recorder’s Office, Franklin County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly right-of-way line of Park Overlook Drive (60 feet wide), also being on the northerly line of a 0.402 acre tract of land conveyed to The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County in D.B. 1688, Page 284, also being a southerly corner of said original 40.934 acre tract, and also being the the southeasterly corner of a 0.0688 acre tract of land, referred to as “PARCEL TWO”, conveyed to KAREN S. MILLER AND SHAWN E. MILLER in Instrument Number 200103090048575;

Thence along a westerly line of said original 40.934 acre tract, North 02°54’50” East, 150.01 feet to a point at a southerly corner of said original 40.934 acre tract;

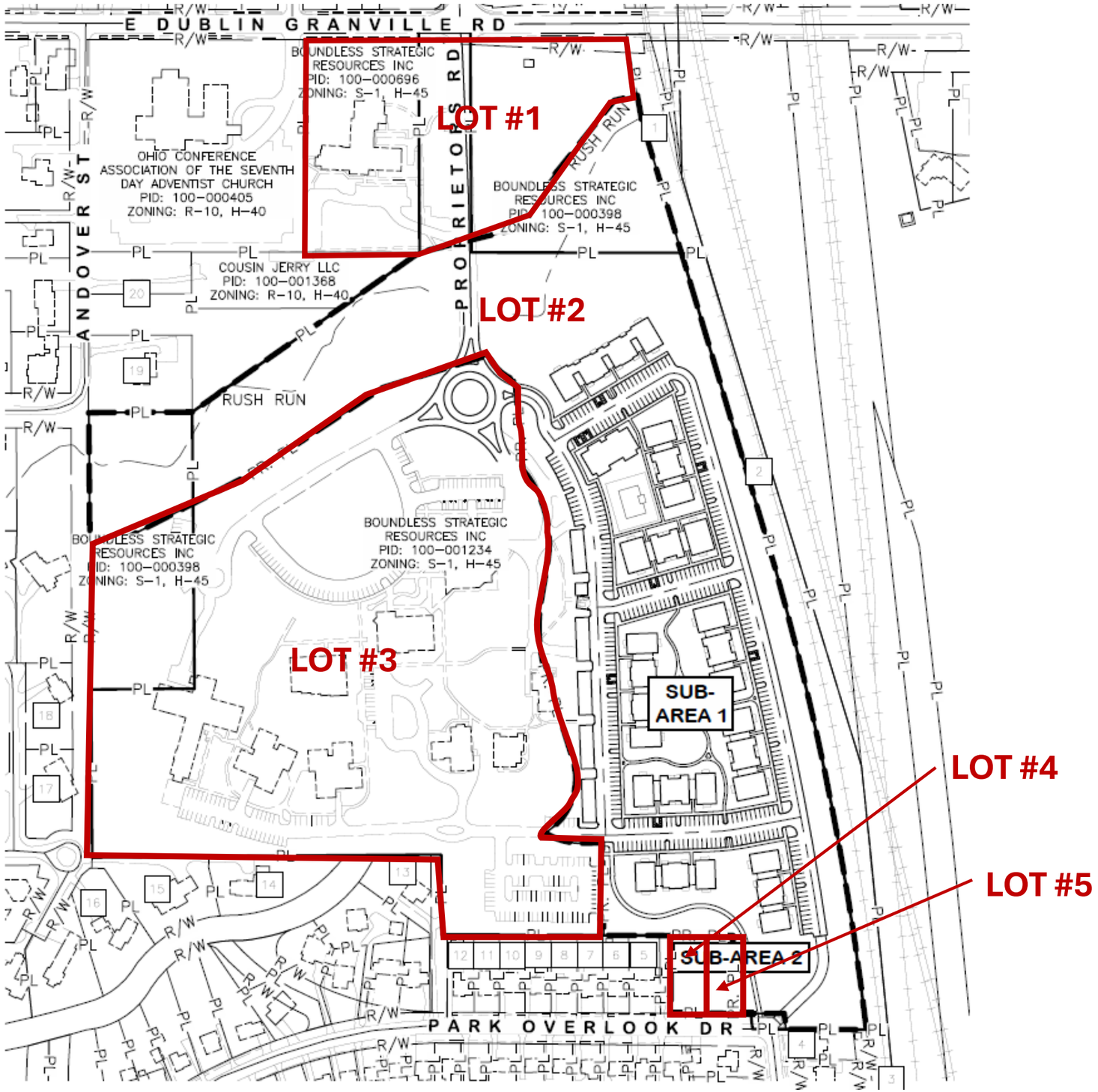
Thence across said original 40.934 acre tract for the following two (2) courses:

1) South 87°05’10” East, 120.00 feet to a point;
2) South 02°54’50” West, 151.53 feet to a point on the southerly line of said original 40.934 acre tract;

Thence along said southerly line, North 86°21’34” West, 120.01 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**, containing 0.4± acres, more or less.

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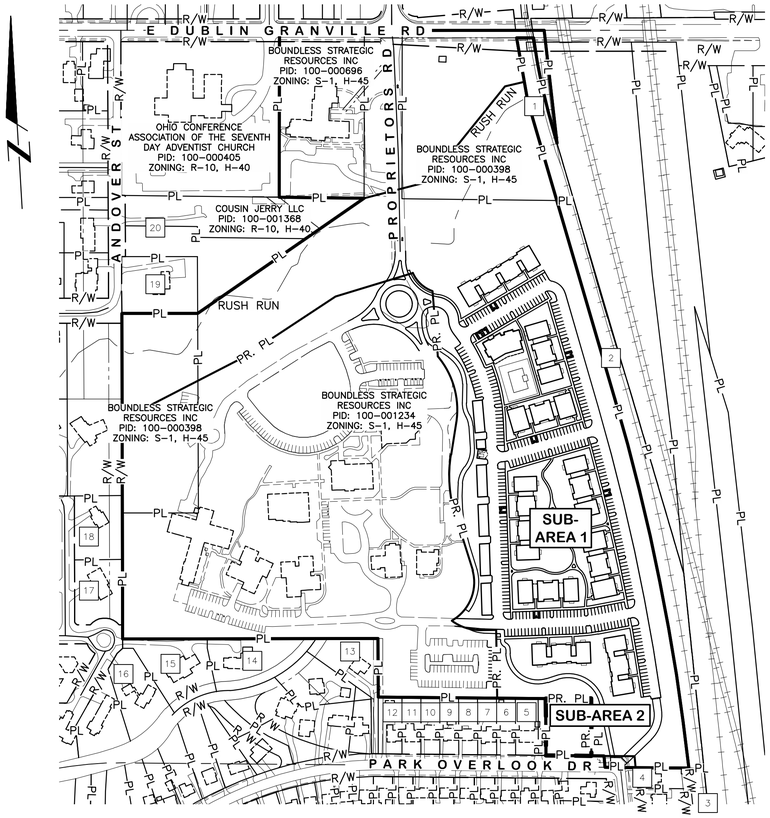
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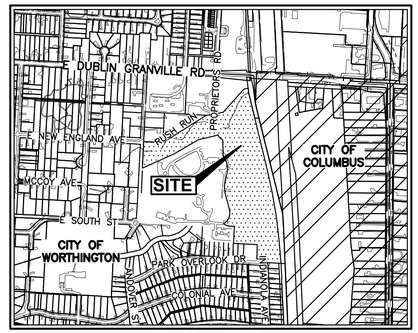


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LOCATION MAP
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SITE DATA TABLE

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT
TOTAL SITE AREA (PRIVATE)	20.01	AC
TOTAL DISTURBED AREA	11.22	AC
PRE-DEVELOPED IMPERVIOUS AREA	3.19	AC
POST-DEVELOPED IMPERVIOUS AREA	6.95	AC

GENERAL ZONING INFORMATION

MULTI-FAMILY (SUB-AREA 1)	
SITE ADDRESS	445 E DUBLIN GRANVILLE RD
PARCEL NUMBER(S)	100-001234 & 100-000398
EXISTING ZONING CLASSIFICATION/DISTRICT	S-1
PROPOSED USE	MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
HEIGHT DISTRICT	H-45
TOTAL SITE AREA (ACRES)	20.01
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP NUMBER (FIRM)	39049C0159K
MOST RECENT EFFECTIVE DATE OF FIRM	06/17/2008
BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE)	N/A
SINGLE FAMILY (SUB-AREA 2)	
NUMBER OF LOTS	2
TOTAL AREA (ACRES)	0.41
LOT FRONTAGE	60'
FRONT SETBACK	25'
REAR SETBACK	25'
SIDE SETBACK	6'

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

MULTI-FAMILY (SUB-AREA 1)	
MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT	45'
PROPOSED BUILDING HEIGHT	41'-3"
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS (RESIDENTIAL ONLY)	246
DENSITY	12.3 UNITS/AC
TOTAL PROPOSED PARKING	356

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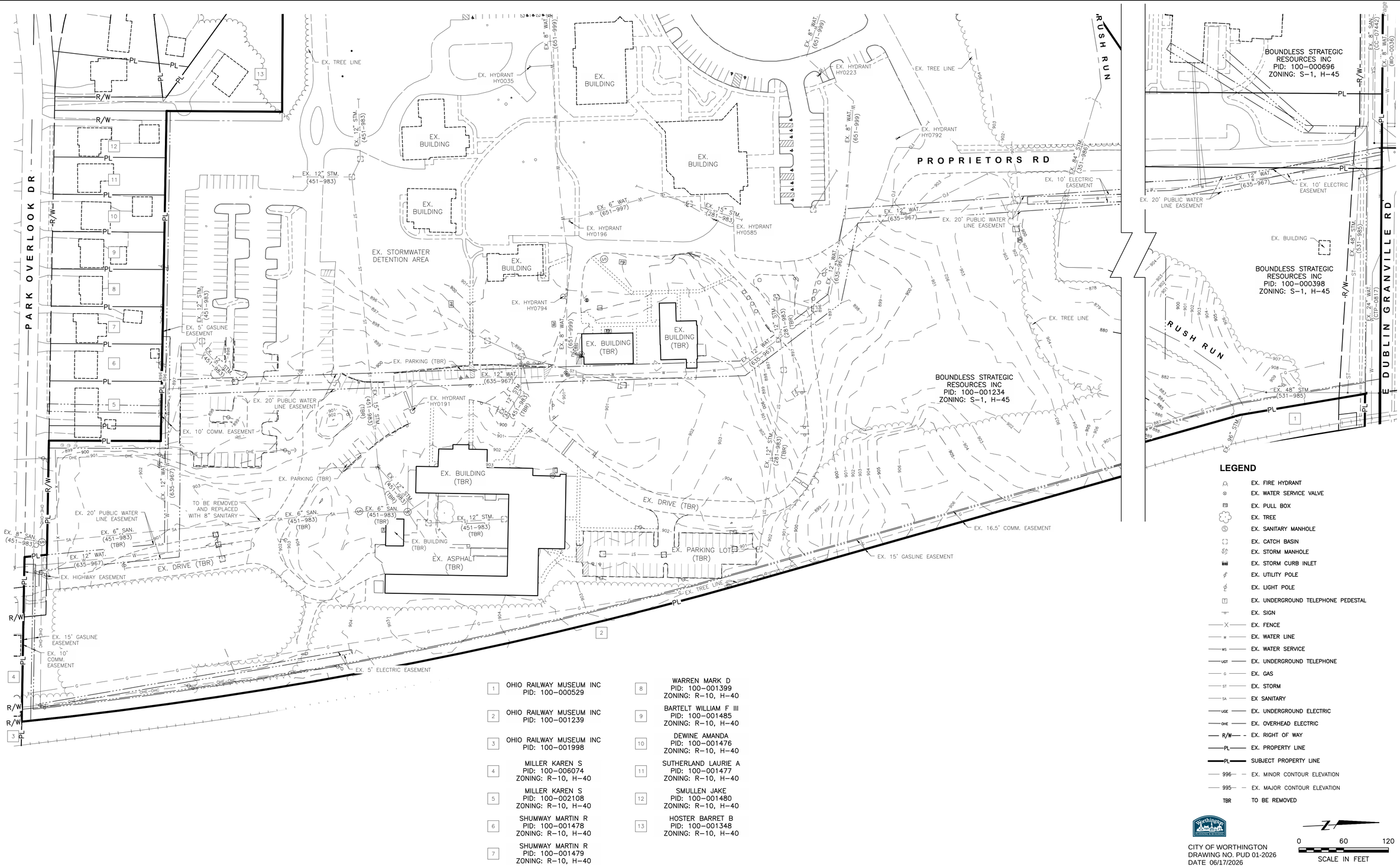
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- EX. CATCH BASIN
- EX. STORM MANHOLE
- EX. STORM CURB INLET
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- EX. LIGHT POLE
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0.402 Ac. (D)

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Original 40.934 Ac. (D)

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ANDOVER ST. (35')
(PUBLIC ROADWAY)
P.B. 1 Pg. 119
(Formerly Foster St.)

E DUBLIN GRANVILLE RD.

PROPRIETORS RD.
(PRIVATE ROADWAY)

RUSH RUN

PARK OVERLOOK DR. (60')

INDIANOLA AVE. (80')

COLUMBUS, DELAWARE AND MARION ELECTRIC R.R.

COLONIAL HILLS PLAT NO. 2
P.B. 20 Pg. 10
LOT 619

20' Alley Vacated by Ord. No. 117-57

N02°57'00"E 281.05'
S65°51'58"W 358.51'
S86°58'28"E 200.03'
N58°27'44"E 534.25'
S59°40'09"W 292.80'
S16°09'04"W 215.57'
N01°41'11"W 173.00'
N12°17'48"E 85.36'
N14°14'39"W 153.19'
N87°46'20"W 40.91'
N02°17'01"E 179.71'
N86°21'34"W 128.07'
N02°54'50"E 150.01'
S87°05'10"E 120.00'
S02°54'50"W 151.53'
N86°21'34"W 113.59'
N02°51'05"W 30.19'
N86°21'34"W 140.23'
S13°12'28"E 819.40'
N78°37'05"E 174.01'
N41°57'57"E 323.63'
N80°19'43"E 52.45'
S06°52'28"E 51.59'
N86°21'34"W 120.01'

△=036°33'33"
R=126.71'
L=80.85'
Ch Brg=N68°46'27"W
Ch Dist=79.48'

△=026°32'26"
R=350.00'
L=162.13'
Ch Brg=N00°58'25"W
Ch Dist=160.68'

△=076°00'45"
R=116.50'
L=154.56'
Ch Brg=N25°29'27"E
Ch Dist=143.47'

△=048°50'59"
R=219.10'
L=186.80'
Ch Brg=N12°29'39"W
Ch Dist=181.20'

△=047°00'26"
R=88.50'
L=72.61'
Ch Brg=N43°50'56"W
Ch Dist=70.59'

△=009°59'57"
R=5699.00'
L=994.58'
Ch Brg=S08°12'29"E
Ch Dist=993.32'

POC
20.0± Ac.

POB
20.0± Ac.

POB
0.4± Ac.

SUB-AREA 1
20.0± Ac.

SUB-AREA 2
0.4± Ac.

LEGEND
R/W — EX. RIGHT OF WAY
PL — EX. PROPERTY LINE
PL — SUBJECT PROPERTY LINE
PR. PL — PR. PROPERTY LINE
SUB-AREA BOUNDARY

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PRELIMINARY ZONING PLAT

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PARK OVERLOOK DR

EX. BUILDING

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PR. SHARED ACCESS EASEMENT

RUSH RUN

PROPRIETORS RD

EX. 10' ELECTRIC EASEMENT

EX. 20' PUBLIC WATER LINE EASEMENT

PR. 11' SHARED MULTI-USE PATH

PR. DUMPSTER

PR. CARRIAGE HOUSE

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EX. 20' PUBLIC WATER LINE EASEMENT

EX. TREE LINE

EX. 5' GASLINE EASEMENT

EX. 10' COMM. EASEMENT

PR. BUILDING

PR. CLUBHOUSE

PR. POOL

PR. BUILDING

PR. BUILDING

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PR. BUILDING

PR. OPEN SPACE AMENITY

SUB-AREA 1

BOUNDLESS STRATEGIC RESOURCES INC
PID: 100-001234
ZONING: S-1, H-45

SUB-AREA 2

6' SIDE SETBACK

25' FRONT SETBACK

25' REAR SETBACK

6' SIDE SETBACK

EX. 20' PUBLIC WATER LINE EASEMENT

PR. 11' SHARED MULTI-USE PATH

EX. HIGHWAY EASEMENT

PR. REMOVABLE BOLLARDS - CONTROLLED ACCESS

PR. OPEN SPACE AMENITY

EX. 15' GASLINE EASEMENT

EX. 10' COMM. EASEMENT

PR. EMERGENCY ACCESS

PR. REMOVABLE BOLLARDS - CONTROLLED ACCESS

EX. 5' ELECTRIC EASEMENT

EX. TREE LINE

EX. 15' GASLINE EASEMENT

EX. 16.5' COMM. EASEMENT

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EX. BUILDING

E DUBLIN GRANVILLE RD

1 OHIO RAILWAY MUSEUM INC
PID: 100-000529

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PID: 100-001239

3 OHIO RAILWAY MUSEUM INC
PID: 100-001998

4 MILLER KAREN S
PID: 100-006074
ZONING: R-10, H-40

5 MILLER KAREN S
PID: 100-002108
ZONING: R-10, H-40

6 SHUMWAY MARTIN R
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ZONING: R-10, H-40

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PID: 100-001479
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ZONING: R-10, H-40

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ZONING: R-10, H-40

12 SMULLEN JAKE
PID: 100-001480
ZONING: R-10, H-40

13 HOSTER BARRET B
PID: 100-001348
ZONING: R-10, H-40

CODED NOTES

(1) PR. "SHARROW" PAVEMENT MARKING

LEGEND

- EX. TREE
- EX. SIGN
- EX. FENCE
- R/W EX. RIGHT OF WAY
- PL EX. PROPERTY LINE
- PL SUBJECT PROPERTY LINE
- PR. PL PR. PROPERTY LINE
- SUB-AREA BOUNDARY
- TBR TO BE REMOVED
- PR. CONCRETE WALK/DRIVE

NOTES:
ALL RADII ARE 4' UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. ALL RADIUS DIMENSIONS GIVEN ARE MEASURED ALONG FACE OF CURB.

PHASING NOTE:
THERE WILL NOT BE ANY PHASES FOR THIS PROJECT AS EVERYTHING WILL BE BUILT AT ONCE.

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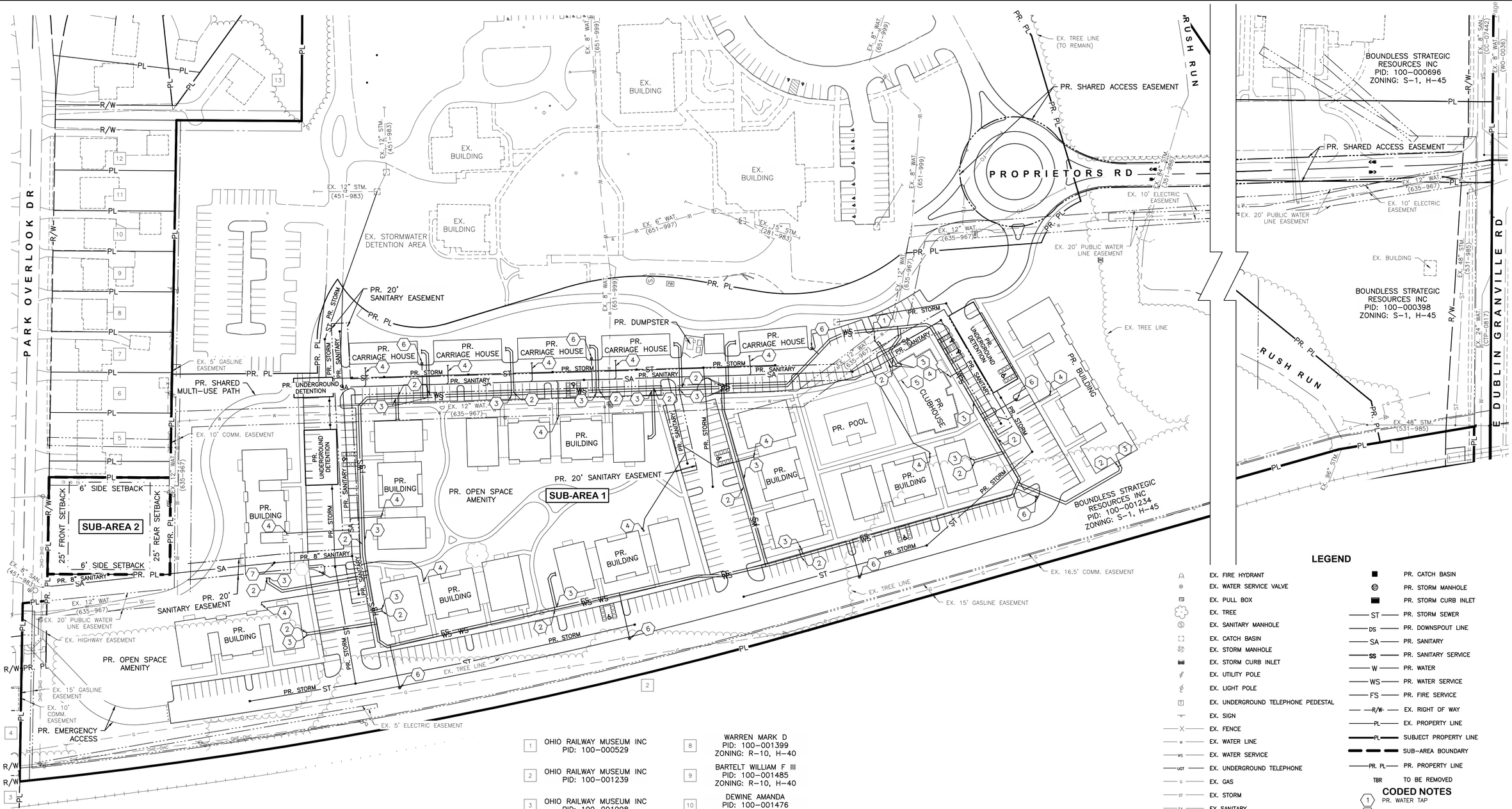
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SITE LAYOUT PLAN

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LEGEND

- EX. FIRE HYDRANT
- EX. WATER SERVICE VALVE
- EX. PULL BOX
- EX. TREE
- EX. SANITARY MANHOLE
- EX. CATCH BASIN
- EX. STORM MANHOLE
- EX. STORM CURB INLET
- EX. UTILITY POLE
- EX. LIGHT POLE
- EX. UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE PEDESTAL
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- EX. OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
- PR. CATCH BASIN
- PR. STORM MANHOLE
- PR. STORM CURB INLET
- PR. STORM SEWER
- PR. DOWNSPOUT LINE
- PR. SANITARY
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- EX. RIGHT OF WAY
- EX. PROPERTY LINE
- SUBJECT PROPERTY LINE
- SUB-AREA BOUNDARY
- PR. PROPERTY LINE
- TBR TO BE REMOVED

CODED NOTES

1. PR. WATER TAP
2. PR. DOMESTIC WATER SERVICE
3. PR. FIRE WATER SERVICE
4. PR. SANITARY LATERAL
5. PR. WATER METER ROOM
6. PR. FIRE HYDRANT
7. EX. INVERT +/-9' FROM EX. GROUND

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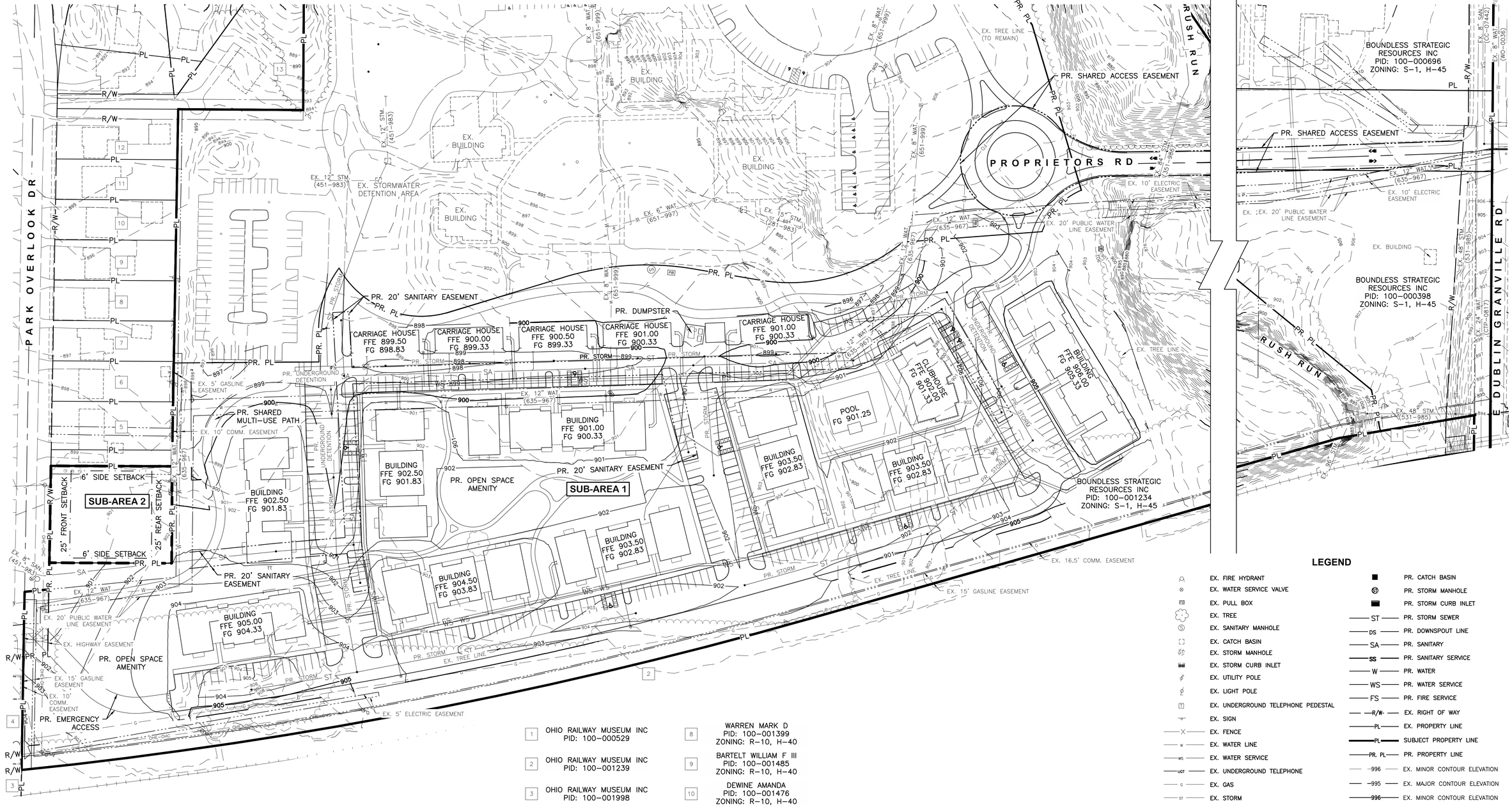
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SITE UTILITY PLAN

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- PR. WATER
- PR. WATER SERVICE
- PR. FIRE SERVICE
- EX. RIGHT OF WAY
- EX. PROPERTY LINE
- SUBJECT PROPERTY LINE
- PR. PROPERTY LINE
- EX. MINOR CONTOUR ELEVATION
- EX. MAJOR CONTOUR ELEVATION
- PR. MINOR CONTOUR ELEVATION
- PR. MAJOR CONTOUR ELEVATION
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1 Tree Preservation Plan
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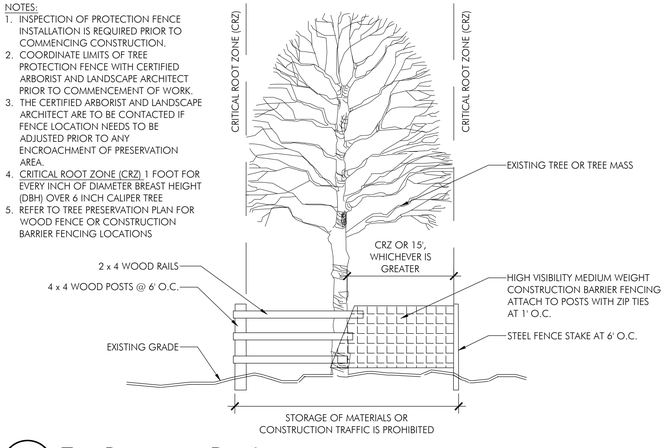
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LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- EXISTING TREE LINE TO REMAIN
- EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN AND BE PROTECTED, SEE DETAIL, THIS SHEET
- EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED, SEE SHEET L1.1 FOR SPECIES INFORMATION & REMOVAL CALCULATIONS

NOTE: TREE REMOVAL AND PRESERVATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE PER FINAL ENGINEERING AND COORDINATION WITH CITY STAFF.

NOTES:
1. INSPECTION OF PROTECTION FENCE INSTALLATION IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION.
2. COORDINATE LIMITS OF TREE PROTECTION FENCE WITH CERTIFIED ARBORIST AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.
3. THE CERTIFIED ARBORIST AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT ARE TO BE CONTACTED IF FENCE LOCATION NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED PRIOR TO ANY ENCROACHMENT OF PRESERVATION AREA.
4. CRITICAL ROOT ZONE (CRZ) 1 FOOT FOR EVERY INCH OF DIAMETER BREAST HEIGHT (DBH) OVER 6 INCH CALIPER TREE
5. REFER TO TREE PRESERVATION PLAN FOR WOOD FENCE OR CONSTRUCTION BARRIER FENCING LOCATIONS



2 Tree Preservation Detail

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TREE PRESERVATION PLAN

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TREE ID	DBH	TREE TYPE	TREE CONDITION	SATUS
1	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
2	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
4	24-30	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	
5	18-24	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
6	18-24	OAK (PIN)	POOR	REMOVE
7	12-18	OAK (WHITE)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
17	12-18	PINE (WHITE)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
19	24-30	LOCUST (HONEY)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
20	18-24	LOCUST (HONEY)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
22	18-24	LOCUST (HONEY)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
32	24-30	RED MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
42	12-18	OAK (RED)	POOR	REMOVE
51	18-24	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	
52	12-18	OAK (BUR)	FAIR	
53	18-24	LOCUST (HONEY)	POOR	REMOVE
54	18-24	LOCUST (HONEY)	POOR	REMOVE
76	18-24	RED MAPLE	FAIR	REMOVE
77	36-42	SWEETGUM	GOOD	REMOVE
78	42+	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
79	18-24	RED MAPLE	FAIR	REMOVE
80	42+	BASSWOOD (AMERICAN)	FAIR	REMOVE
81	24-30	MAPLE (SUGAR)	FAIR	
82	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
83	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
84	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
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86	30-36	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
87	30-36	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
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89	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
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94	30-36	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
95	30-36	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
96	18-24	HICKORY (SHAGBARK)	GOOD	REMOVE
117	12-18	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
118	12-18	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
119	42+	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	FAIR	
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124	30-36	SWEETGUM	POOR	REMOVE
125	12-18	MAPLE (SUGAR)	DEAD	REMOVE
126	12-18	MAPLE (SUGAR)	DEAD	REMOVE
127	12-18	MAPLE (SUGAR)	DEAD	REMOVE
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129	12-18	NORWAY MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
130	12-18	NORWAY MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
131	12-18	NORWAY MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
132	18-24	FRAXINUS SP.	POOR	REMOVE
133	12-18	CRATAEGUS SP.	DEAD	REMOVE
162	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
163	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
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166	12-18	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
167	18-24	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	FAIR	REMOVE
168	18-24	MAPLE (SUGAR)	POOR	REMOVE
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172	12-18	OAK (PIN)	GOOD	REMOVE
173	24-30	SPRUCE SP.	FAIR	REMOVE
174	36-42	TULIP TREE	FAIR	REMOVE
175	30-36	WHITE MULBERRY	POOR	REMOVE
176	30-36	NORWAY MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
177	30-36	BASSWOOD (AMERICAN)	FAIR	REMOVE
178	30-36	BALDCYPRESS	GOOD	REMOVE
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181	12-18	REDBUD (EASTERN)	POOR	REMOVE
182	12-18	WALNUT (BLACK)	FAIR	REMOVE
183	18-24	WALNUT (BLACK)	FAIR	REMOVE
184	18-24	WALNUT (BLACK)	FAIR	REMOVE
185	12-18	SPRUCE (BLUE)	DEAD	REMOVE
186	12-18	SPRUCE (BLUE)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
187	30-36	BALDCYPRESS	GOOD	REMOVE
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198	30-36	MAPLE (SUGAR)	FAIR	
199	30-36	MAPLE (SUGAR)	POOR	REMOVE
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201	24-30	BALDCYPRESS	GOOD	REMOVE
202	24-30	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
203	24-30	OAK (PIN)	POOR	REMOVE
204	12-18	RED MAPLE	POOR	REMOVE
205	12-18	SWEETGUM	FAIR	REMOVE
206	30-36	BALDCYPRESS	GOOD	
210	24-30	LOCUST (HONEY)	POOR	REMOVE
211	12-18	LOCUST (HONEY)	POOR	REMOVE
212	24-30	LOCUST (HONEY)	POOR	REMOVE
213	30-36	WALNUT (BLACK)	POOR	REMOVE
214	18-24	HACKBERRY	POOR	REMOVE
215	12-18	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	FAIR	REMOVE
216	18-24	HACKBERRY	POOR	REMOVE
217	12-18	OAK (PIN)	GOOD	
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219	18-24	PEAR (BRADFORD)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
220	18-24	SWEETGUM	POOR	REMOVE
221	18-24	PEAR (BRADFORD)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
222	12-18	HACKBERRY	POOR	REMOVE
223	12-18	RED MAPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
224	12-18	RED MAPLE	POOR	REMOVE
226	36-42	OAK (PIN)	FAIR	REMOVE
227	24-30	SHUMARD OAK	FAIR	REMOVE
228	12-18	OAK (WHITE)	POOR	REMOVE
234	12-18	SPRUCE (NORWAY)	DEAD	REMOVE
269	18-24	FRAXINUS SP.	VERY POOR	REMOVE
270	18-24	WHITE PINE	FAIR	
272	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
275	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
276	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
277	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
278	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
279	12-18	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
281	18-24	N/A	VERY POOR	REMOVE
289	12-18	WHITE OAK	GOOD	REMOVE
290	12-18	SCOTCH PINE	FAIR	
291	12-18	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	FAIR	
292	12-18	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	FAIR	
293	12-18	BLUE SPRUCE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
294	12-18	OHIO BUCKEYE	FAIR	
295	12-18	GINKGO	POOR	REMOVE
296	12-18	SHINGLE OAK	FAIR	
330	18-24	BALD CYPRESS	GOOD	
331	18-24	PIGNUT HICKORY	FAIR	REMOVE
382	6-9	JAPANESE CRABAPPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
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384	6-9	JAPANESE CRABAPPLE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
408	6-9	REDBUD (EASTERN)	FAIR	REMOVE
409	6-9	FRAXINUS SP.	VERY POOR	REMOVE
410	6-9	OAK (SWAMP WHITE)	FAIR	
411	6-9	MAPLE (SUGAR)	FAIR	REMOVE
413	6-9	HICKORY (SHAGBARK)	FAIR	REMOVE
414	6-9	HICKORY (SHAGBARK)	FAIR	
415	6-9	WALNUT (BLACK)	VERY POOR	REMOVE
416	6-9	COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE	VERY POOR	REMOVE
417	6-9	NORWAY MAPLE	FAIR	REMOVE
418	6-9	SWEETGUM	POOR	REMOVE
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420	6-9	SWEETGUM	POOR	REMOVE
421	6-9	SWEETGUM	POOR	REMOVE
422	6-9	SWEETGUM	POOR	REMOVE
437	6-9	N/A	POOR	REMOVE
439	6-9	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
447	6-9	N/A	DEAD	REMOVE
451	9-12	RED MAPLE	POOR	REMOVE
454	9-12	MAPLE (SUGAR)	GOOD	
455	30	LONDON PLANE	GOOD	
456	18-24	WHITE PINE	GOOD	
457	18-24	WHITE PINE	FAIR	
458	18-24	WHITE PINE	GOOD	
459	18-24	WHITE PINE	GOOD	

TREES REMOVED NOTES

2920 TOTAL INCHES TO BE REMOVED
(135 TREES)

1853 CALIPER INCHES OF TREES WHICH ARE TO BE REMOVED DUE TO THE POOR, VERY POOR OR DEAD CONDITIONS
(88 TREES)

1172 CALIPER INCHES OF TREES WHICH ARE TO BE REMOVED ARE IN FAIR TO GOOD CONDITION
(47 TREES)

TREE PRESERVATION, REMOVAL, & REPLACEMENT NOTES

1. ALL TREES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AREA NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOR REMOVAL SHALL BE PRESERVED. ALL TREE REMOVAL AND PRESERVATION WORK SHALL BE SUPERVISED WITH THE INPUT OF A CERTIFIED ARBORIST.

2. FENCING SHALL BE INSTALLED AROUND ALL TREES TO BE PRESERVED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION. THE FENCING MUST REMAIN IN PLACE DURING ALL PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION. ANY CHANGES IN THE PROTECTIVE FENCING MUST BE APPROVED BY THE LANDSCAPE INSPECTOR. OWNER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ERECTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF PROTECTION FENCING; REFER TO TREE PRESERVATION DETAIL.

3. PRESERVED TREES REMAINING ARE TO BE FERTILIZED AND PRUNED (IF NEEDED) TWO YEARS AFTER CONSTRUCTION.

4. OWNER SHALL MONITOR HEALTH AND VIGOR OF EXISTING TREES THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT.

5. CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY A CERTIFIED ARBORIST IF ANY DECLINE IN HEALTHY TREES IS APPARENT. THE ARBORIST SHALL DETERMINE THE REMEDIAL ACTION, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN.

6. ALL EXISTING TREES NOTED AS FAIR TO POOR HEALTH SHALL BE FERTILIZED YEARLY IN THE SPRING USING A HORTICULTURALLY APPROVED METHOD FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. AFTER THREE YEARS, THE HEALTH OF THE TREE SHOULD BE EVALUATED BY A CERTIFIED ARBORIST AND CONTINUING MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE MADE.

7. ANY TREES REMOVED OR DAMAGED IN TREE PRESERVATION WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED PER CODE.

8. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE TERMS OF THE TREE PRESERVATION, REMOVAL, AND REPLACEMENT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL.

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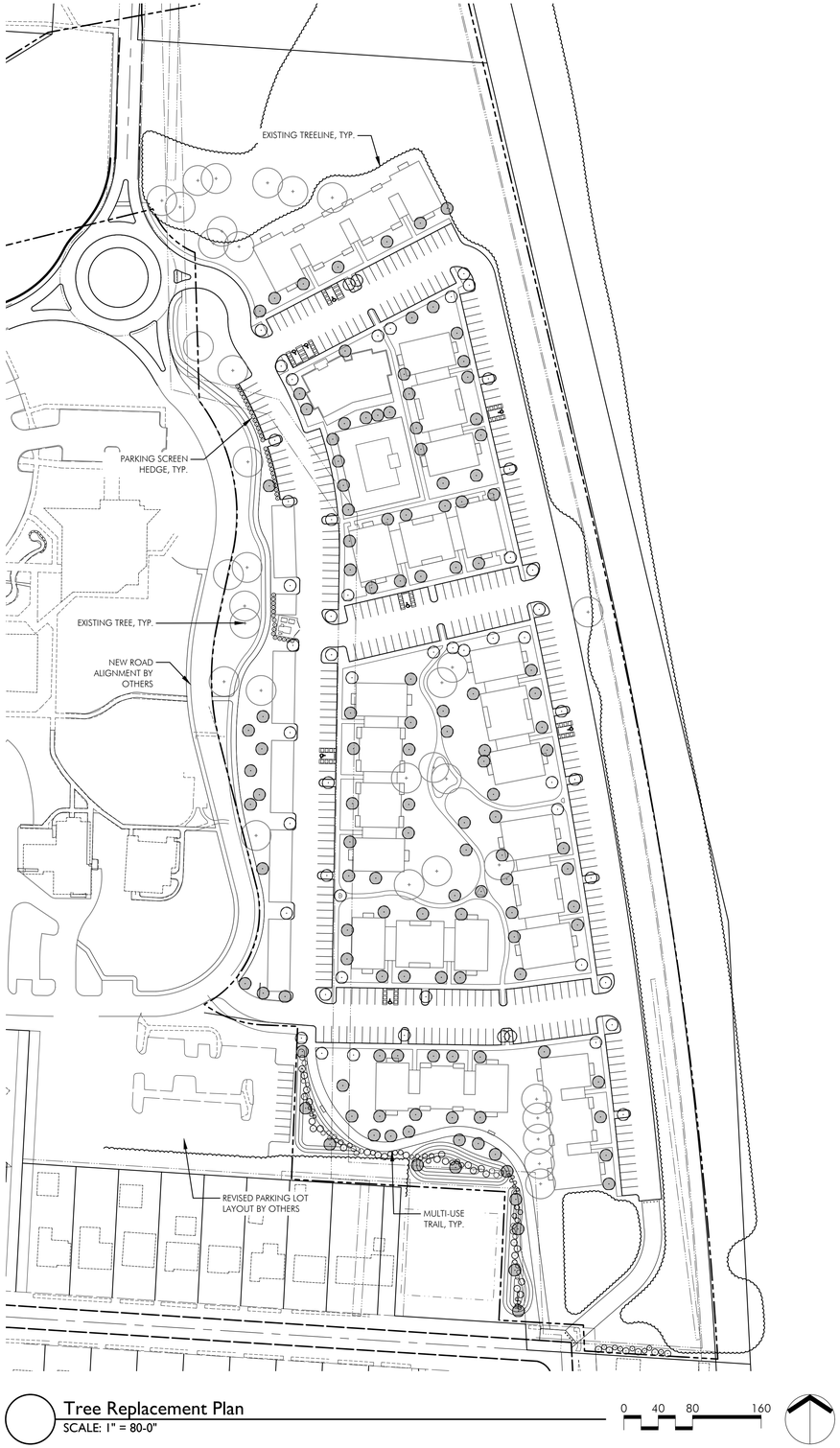
TREE SURVEY TABLE

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Tree Replacement Plan
SCALE: 1" = 80-0"

0 40 80 160

LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- EXISTING TREE LINE
- EXISTING TREE
- PROPOSED TREE (PER PARKING AREA CODE)
- PROPOSED TREE (PER TREE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS)
- PROPOSED EVERGREEN TREE (FOR PERIMETER SCREENING)

LANDSCAPE ZONING CODE REQUIREMENTS

1171.02(h) LANDSCAPING OF PARKING AREAS

2" DBH TREE TRUNK FOR EVERY SIX PARKING SPACES

REQUIRED TREES: 54 (325 TOTAL PARKING SPACES/6)
PROPOSED TREES: 54

TOTAL TREES REMOVED: 1172 CALIPER INCHES / 47 TREES IN FAIR TO GOOD CONDITION
TOTAL TREES PROVIDED: ±688 CALIPER INCHES / 275 TREES (AVERAGE OF 2.5" CAL.)
54 PER PARKING LOT CODE REQUIREMENTS
91 FOR PERIMETER SCREENING

CONCEPTUAL PLANT PALETTE			
SYMBOL	BOTANICAL & COMMON NAMES	SIZE	COND.
DECIDUOUS TREES			
AC SA	Acer saccharum 'Commemoration' Commemoration Sugar Maple	3" Cal.	B&B
AE GL	Aesculus glabra Ohio Buckeye	3" Cal.	B&B
TI TO	Tilia tomentosa 'Sterling' Silver Linden	2" Cal.	B&B
CE OC	Celtis occidentalis Hackberry	2" Cal.	B&B
GL TR	Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Skyline' Skyline Thornless Honeylocust	2.5" Cal.	B&B
GY DI	Gymnocladus dioicus Kentucky Coffeetree	2.5" Cal.	B&B
PL AC	Platanus acerifolia 'Morton Circle' EXCLAMATION! London Planetree	3" Cal.	B&B
QU BI	Quercus bicolor Swamp White Oak	3" Cal.	B&B
QU MA	Quercus macrocarpa Bur Oak	3" Cal.	B&B
QU MO	Quercus montana Chestnut Oak	2.5" Cal.	B&B
QU PA	Quercus palustris Pin Oak	2" Cal.	B&B
QU RU	Quercus rubra Red Oak	3" Cal.	B&B
UL FR	Ulmus 'Frontier' Frontier Elm	2.5" Cal.	B&B
EVERGREEN TREES			
PI AB	Picea abies Norway Spruce	3" Cal.	B&B
TS CA	Tsuga canadensis Canadian Hemlock	3" Cal.	B&B
JU BU	Juniperus virginiana 'Burkii' Burkii Eastern Red Cedar	3" Cal.	B&B
PI ST	Pinus strobus White Pine	3" Cal.	B&B

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TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN

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1 South Property Line Planting Plan
Scale: 1" = 20'-0"

LEGEND

PROPERTY LINE

EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN

GENERAL NOTES

1. ALL AREAS OUTSIDE OF PAVING, BUILDING, AND PLANTING AREAS ARE TO BE SEEDED.
2. AREAS OF LAWN BETWEEN SIDEWALKS AND PLANT BEDS SHALL BE 24" MINIMUM WIDTH. WHERE LESS THAN 24" REMAINS, EXTEND PLANT BED TO SIDEWALK.

PLANT LIST

QTY	SYMBOL	BOTANICAL & COMMON NAMES	SIZE	CONDITION	REMARKS
DECIDUOUS TREES					
6	PL AC	Platanus x acerifolia 'Morton Circle' Exclamation! London Planetree	3" Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
4	QU BI	Quercus bicolor Swamp White Oak	2.5" Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
3	QU PA	Quercus palustris Pin Oak	2" cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
3	UL FR	Ulmus 'frontier' Frontier Elm	3" cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
EVERGREEN TREES					
12	PI AB	Picea abies Norway spruce	3' Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
12	TS CA	Tsuga canadensis Canadian Hemlock	3" Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
23	JU BU	Juniperus virginiana 'Burkii' Burkii Eastern Red Cedar	3" Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
8	PI ST	Pinus strobus White Pine	3" Cal.	B&B	Spacing As Shown
SHRUBS					
11	FO IN	Forsythia × intermedia Forsythia	#3	Cont.	Spacing As Shown
15	JU CH	Juniperus chinensis 'Nick's Compact' Nick's Compact Juniper	#5	Cont.	Spacing As Shown
15	VI PL	Viburnum plicatum Snowball Virburnum	#3	Cont.	Spacing As Shown

*PLANT SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE REQUIRED PENDING ON PLANT AVAILABILITY. ANY SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND SHALL MEET MINIMUM CODE REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF INSTALLATION.

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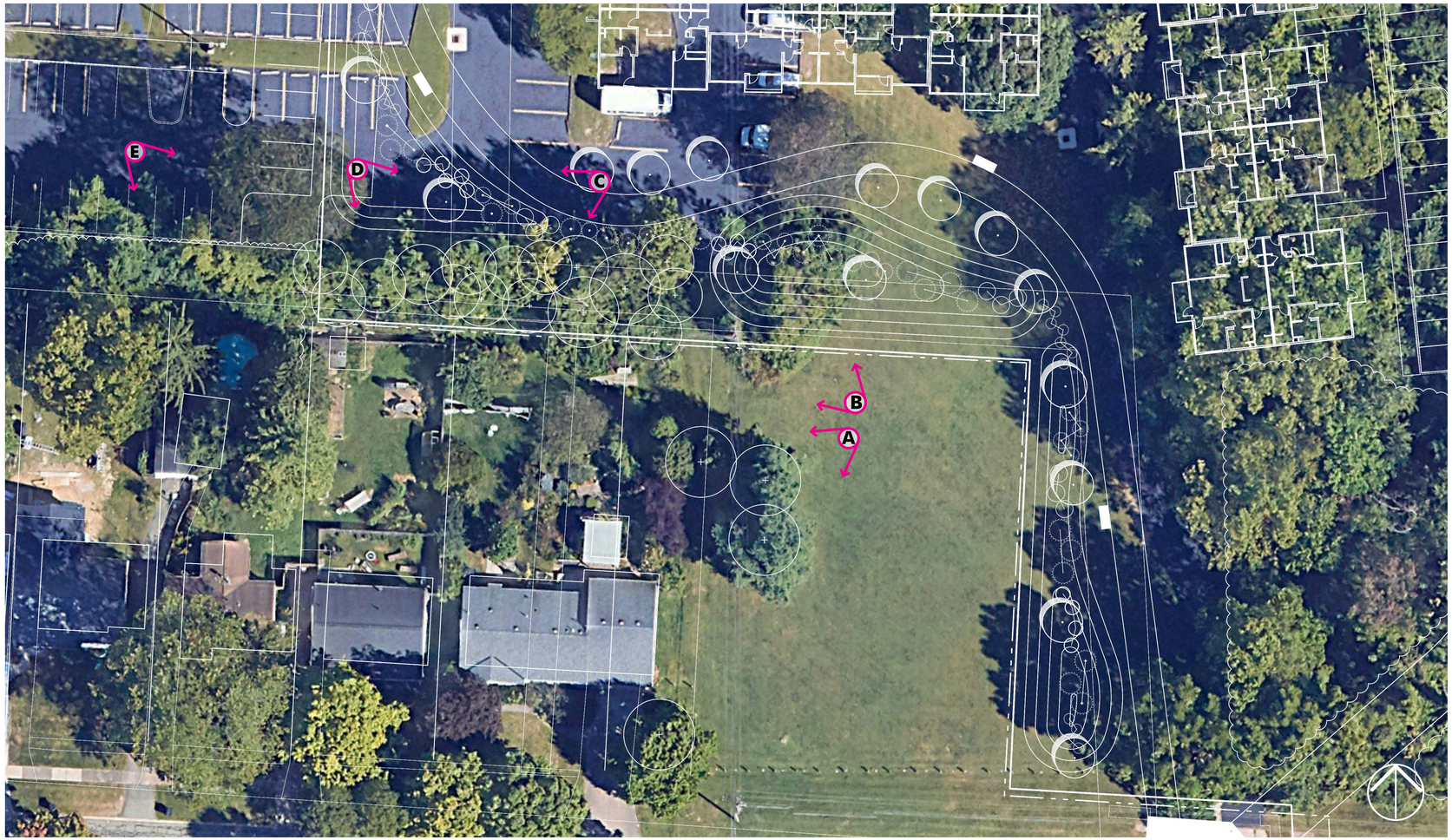
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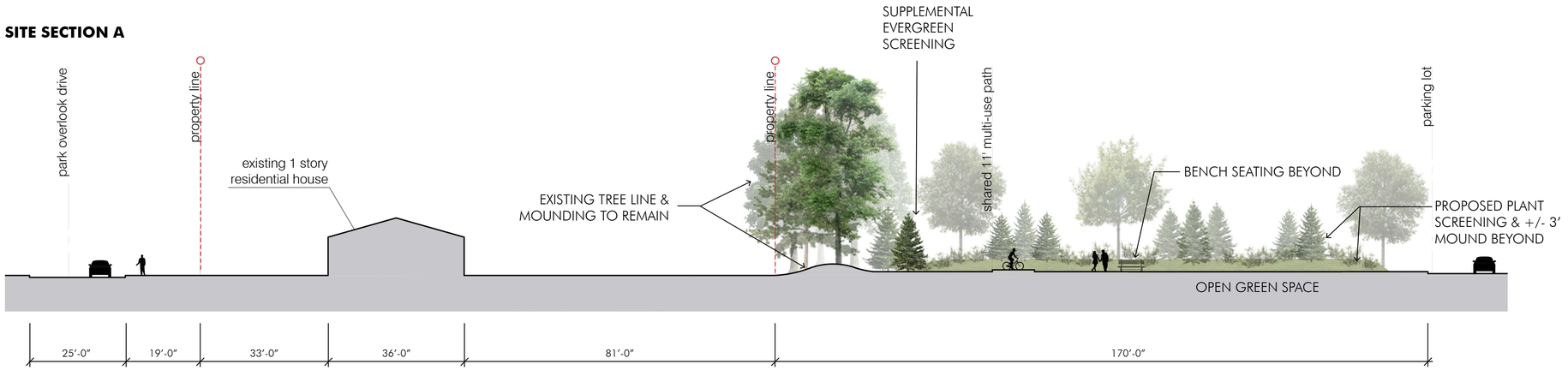




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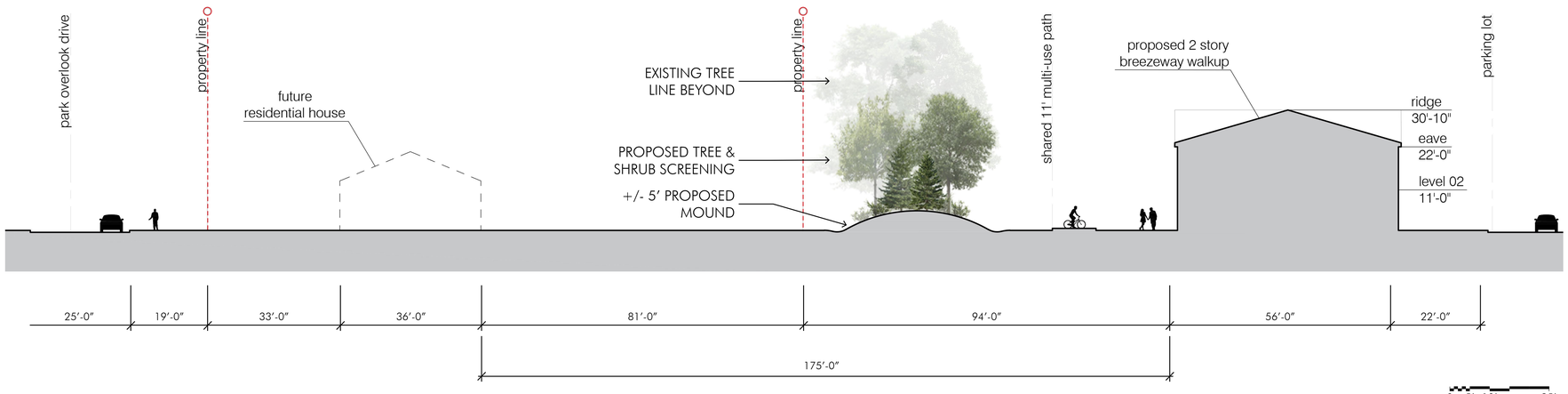
Proposed Site Sections

SITE SECTION A



0 5' 10' 25'
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

SITE SECTION B



0 5' 10' 25'
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"



Overall Site Reference Plan
Scale: 1" = 80'

0 40 80 ft

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View From Park Overlook Dr



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View From Park Overlook Dr



560 Park Overlook Dr

Existing Tree Line to Remain

Proposed 2 Story Walkup

Proposed Mounding and Landscaping Buffer

Proposed Multi-Use Path

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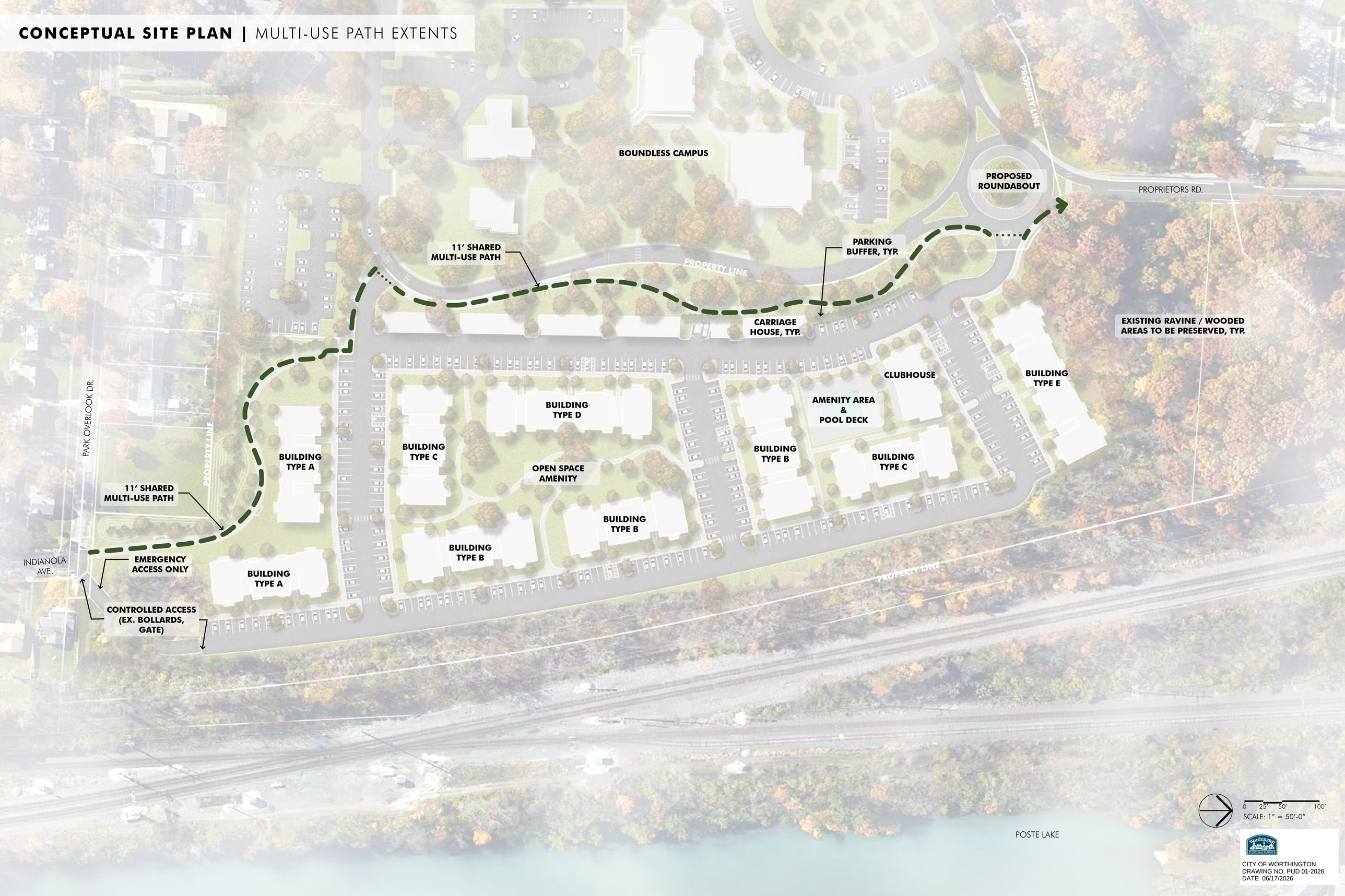
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CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN



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CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN | MULTI-USE PATH EXTENTS



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CIRCULATION & OPEN SPACE

LEGEND

EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

- SIDEWALK
- ROAD CROSSING

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION (MULTI-FAMILY SITE)

- MULTI-USE TRAIL (11' WIDE)
- INTERNAL WALKWAYS
- ROAD CROSSING

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION (BOUNDLESS CAMPUS)

- SIDEWALK
- ROAD CROSSING

BOUNDLESS CAMPUS

PROPERTY LINE

PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT

PROPRIETORS RD.

11' SHARED MULTI-USE PATH

PROPERTY LINE

EXISTING RAVINE / WOODED AREAS TO BE PRESERVED, TYP.

PROPERTY LINE

CARRIAGE HOUSE, TYP.

CLUBHOUSE

AMENITY AREA & POOL DECK

OPEN SPACE AMENITY (±1 ACRE)

PARK OVERLOOK DR.

PROPERTY LINE

11' SHARED MULTI-USE PATH

INDIANOLA AVE.

EMERGENCY ACCESS ONLY

CONTROLLED ACCESS (EX. BOLLARDS, GATE)

PROPERTY LINE

POSTE LAKE

0 25' 50' 100'

SCALE: 1" = 50'-0"

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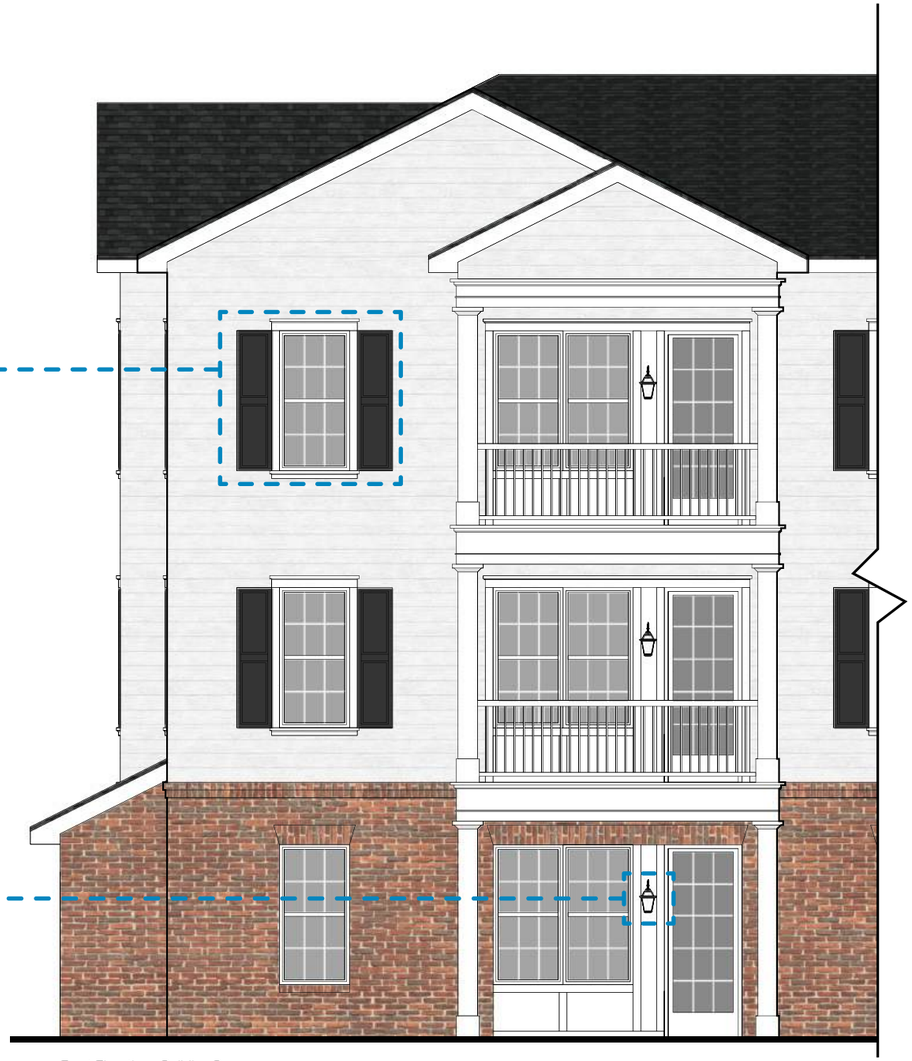


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Window Trim and Shutters



Front Elevation - Building B
N.T.S.



Traditional Sconce



Front Elevation - Carriage House
N.T.S.



Jack Arch



Carriage House Garage Doors

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Front Elevation - Buliding A
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Front Elevation - Building C
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Balcony Entablature



Roof Bracket

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Balcony Entablature

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Front Elevation - Building D
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Window Trim



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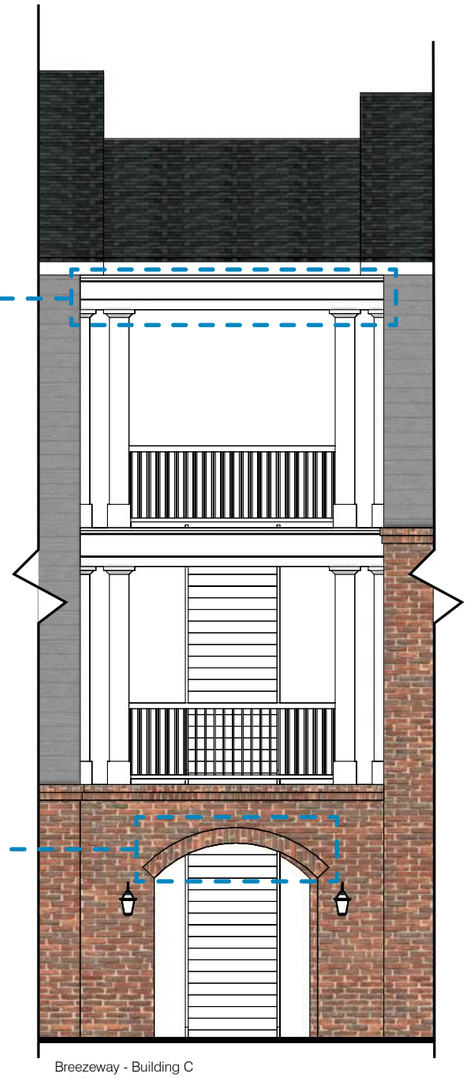
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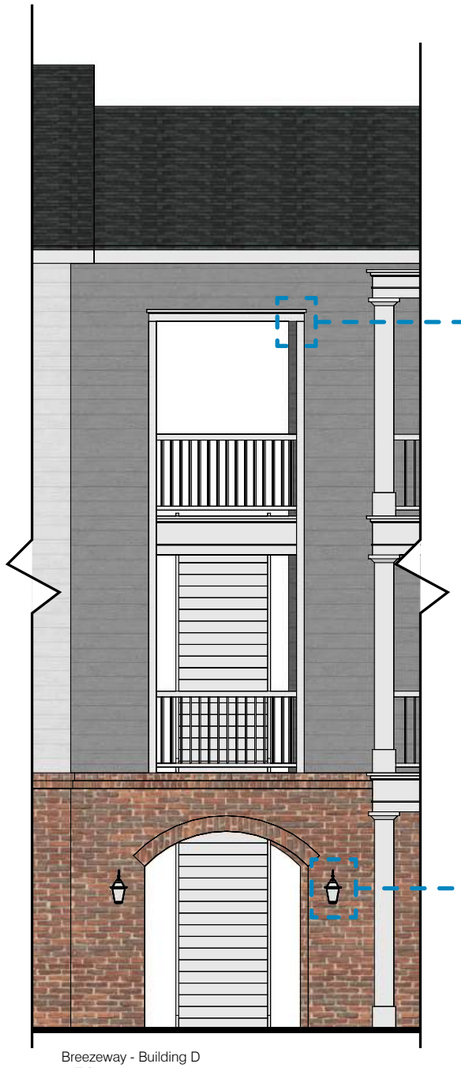
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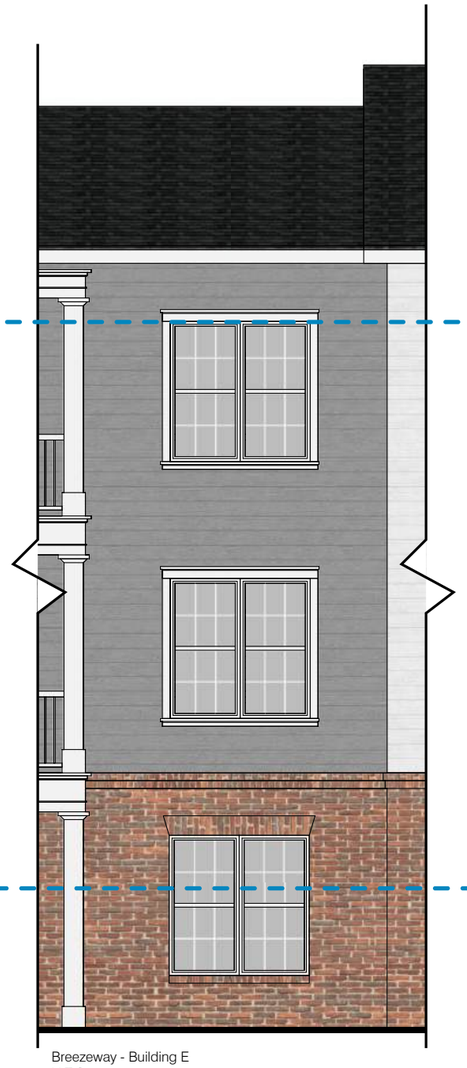
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Breezeway - Building C
N.T.S.



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Breezeway - Building E
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Window Trim



Segmented Arch



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Side Elevation
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style: running bond
color: 594 autumn blend
grout: gray

VS-01
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manufacturer: tbd
style: d4.5 clapboard
color: glacier white

VS-02
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manufacturer: james hardie (or eq.)
style: d4.5 dutch lap
color: storm

TR-01
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manufacturer: james hardie (or eq.)
style: trim board
color: white

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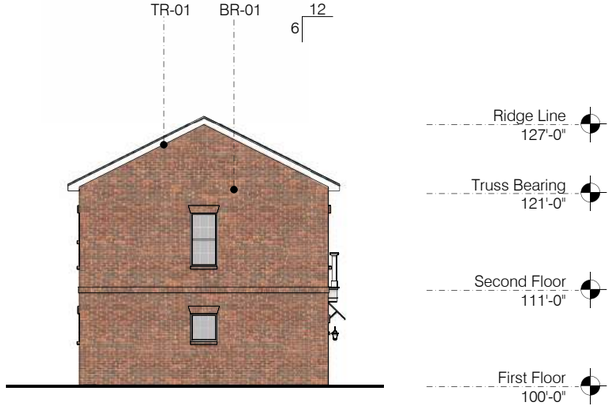
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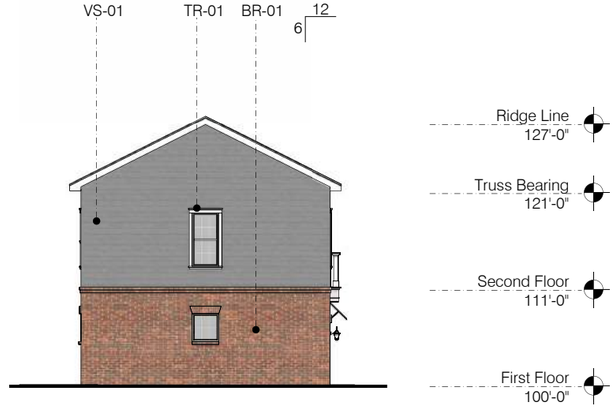
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style: running bond
color: 594 autumn blend
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manufacturer: tbd
style: d4.5 clapboard
color: glacier white

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style: d4.5 dutch lap
color: storm

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material: fiber cement panel
manufacturer: james hardie (or eq.)
style: trim board
color: white

AS-01
material: asphalt fiberglass dimensional shingles
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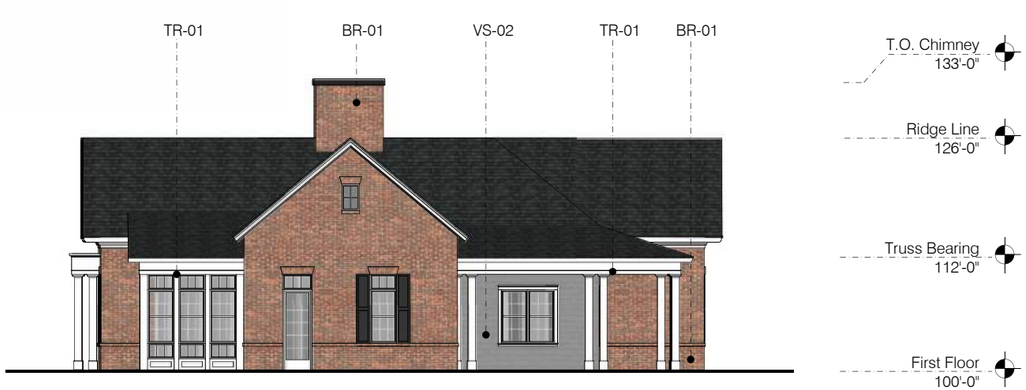
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manufacturer: james hardie (or eq.)
style: d4.5 dutch lap
color: storm

TR-01
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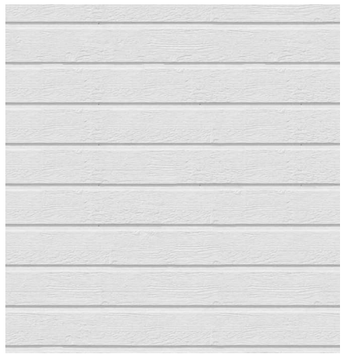
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style:	running bond
color:	594 autumn blend
grout:	gray



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material:	architectural grade composite siding
manufacturer:	tbd
style:	d4.5 clapbboard
color:	glacier white



VS-02

material:	architectural grade composite siding
manufacturer:	tbd
style:	d4.5 dutch lap
color:	storm

TR-01

material:	fiber cement panel
manufacturer:	tbd
style:	trim board
color:	white



AS-01

material:	asphalt fiberglass dimensional shingles
manufacturer:	certainteed (or eq.)
style:	landmark
color:	colonial slate

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STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: City Council

From: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

Subject: CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Three ordinances have been prepared to place the Charter Review Commission's recommendations on the November ballot.

RECOMMENDATION
Motion to amend each ordinance to insert the Resolution number (46-2026) for the Special Election; Approve as Amended.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
The City Charter serves as the foundational document for the City of Worthington and is the City's "local constitution". It was first adopted in 1956 and has been amended periodically since that time, the last time in 2016. Section 9.04 of the Charter provides for a Charter Review Commission at least every ten years and City Council approved Resolution No. 20-2026 appointing the 2026 Commission on March 16, 2026.

According to Section 9.04 of the Charter, the Commission's "purpose shall be to review this Charter and recommend any Charter amendments which it deems necessary or appropriate." The Commission met six times throughout April, May and June and identified draft recommendations which were shared with the public for comment. On June 23rd, the Commission reviewed the public comments and finalized its recommendations.

These recommendations are presented to City Council for review. Charter amendments must be approved by voters to go into effect. Council may forward the recommendations to voters as presented, may make modifications, or may choose not to forward them to voters.

The Charter Review Commission recommends three separate ballot questions related to the recommendations. Three ordinances have been prepared, one for each question.

1. Proposal to reduce the number of days for the collection of signatures on referendum petitions

2. Proposal to reduce the number of signatures required for referendum petitions

3. All other recommended changes

Sections 8 and 9 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio provide that a charter amendment question shall be submitted to the electors at the next regular municipal election if one shall occur not less than sixty nor more than one hundred and twenty days after passage of the ordinance or otherwise at a special election to be called and held within that time period. No regular municipal election will be held in 2026. Therefore, Council approved Resolution No. 46-2026 on July 13, 2026, ordering a special election to be held on November 3, 2026 concurrently with the general election for the purpose of submitting to the electors the charter amendments set forth in Ordinance No. 20-2026, Ordinance No. 21-2026, Ordinance No. 22-2026, and Ordinance No. 23-2026.

The attached report from the Commission describes the work of the Commission and its recommendations. A copy of the Charter with the recommended changes is also attached.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Ordinance No. 20-2026 (As Amended)
Ordinance No. 20-2026
Ordinance No. 21-2026 (As Amended)
Ordinance No. 21-2026
Ordinance No. 22-2026 (As Amended)
Ordinance No. 22-2026
Charter Review Commission Report
City Charter showing recommended changes

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026 (As Amended)

To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending the Charter of the City of Worthington to Delete Section 1.04 and Amend Sections 2.17 and 2.19 as Recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

WHEREAS, Section 9.04 of the Charter of the City of Worthington ("Charter") authorizes amendments to the Charter to be made as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and requires City Council to appoint a Charter Review Commission at least every ten years to review the Charter and "recommend any Charter amendments which it deems necessary or appropriate;" and,

WHEREAS, City Council approved Resolution No. 20-2026, on March 16, 2026, appointing an eleven member Charter Review Commission comprised of Aaron Brown, John Butterfield, Jamie Cleverley, Ben Collins, Mikel Coulter, Kisha Gunn, Stephanie Harless, Beth Kowalczyk, Glen Pratt, Rebecca Princehorn, and Ram Rajadhyaksha ("Commission"); and,

WHEREAS, the Commission met six times throughout April, May and June and identified draft recommendations which were shared with the public for comment prior to the Commission finalizing its recommendations to City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has recommended that City Council submit to the electors a proposed amendment to the Charter by deleting Section 1.04 REFERENDUM AND EFFECTIVE DATE ON ZONING ORDINANCES OR OTHER ZONING MEASURES and amending Sections 2.17 PROCEDURE IN THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES and 2.19 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES to provide that zoning ordinances shall be effective thirty days after passage and publication consistent with state law and most central Ohio municipalities and to retain the prohibition against passing zoning ordinances by emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has also recommended that City Council submit to the electors as a separate ballot issue proposed amendments to various sections of the Charter, including but not limited to additional amendments to Section 2.17 changing Municipality to City and permitting Council to determine by ordinance the manner of providing notice of public hearings and Section 2.19 providing that ordinances involving certain public improvements be effective upon passage and publication; and,

WHEREAS, after reviewing and considering the Commission's recommendations and public comments regarding them, Council has determined that the amendments included in this Ordinance are in the best interest of the City and should therefore be submitted to electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio provides that the charter amendment question shall be submitted to the electors at the next regular municipal election if one shall occur not less than sixty nor more than one hundred and twenty days after passage of the ordinance or otherwise at a special election to be called and held within that time period; and,

WHEREAS, since no regular municipal election will be held in 2026, City Council by Resolution No. 46-2026, has called a special election pursuant to Section 7.01 of the Charter to be held on November 3, 2026 concurrently with the general election, a date which is not less than 60 nor more than 120 days after passage of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio, two-thirds of the elected members concurring therein:

SECTION 1. That there shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Worthington the question of amending the Charter, such question and proposed amendment being set forth in Exhibit A (Charter Amendment – Effective Date of Ordinances Recommended by Commission), attached hereto and made a part hereof, to be submitted as a single ballot question, at the special election to be held concurrently with the general election on November 3, 2026, at the regular places and times of voting in the City.

SECTION 2. That the ballot for said election shall conform to the election laws of the State of Ohio, and shall: (1) be entitled "Proposed Charter Amendment – City of Worthington" and shall be worded as set forth in Exhibit B (Ballot Language – Effective Date of Ordinances Recommended by Commission), attached hereto and made a part hereof; and (2) contain a statement that a majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage and approval of the amendment of the Sections as proposed herein.

SECTION 3. That the Director of Law is authorized and directed to make such arrangements with the Board of Elections of Franklin County ("Board of Elections") as are necessary for giving notice of said election, for placing the question on the ballot, and for printing the text of the proposed amendments for posting at polling places. In the event that either the Board of Elections or the Ohio Secretary of State determine that the ballot language must read differently than the language set forth in Exhibit B of Section 2 of this Ordinance or that the reference to the proposed amended charter language should change for presentation on the ballot, then the Director of Law, upon approval of the City Council President, may make such changes sufficient to permit the issue to be placed on the November 3, 2026 ballot, provided that the proposed change must be presented upon the ballot as a single ballot issue.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections and to publish the full text of the proposed Charter amendments, as set forth in Exhibit A of this Ordinance, once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality or as provided in Section 7.16 (731.211(B)) of the Ohio Revised Code, with the first publication being at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 5. That it is the intent of Council that if the amendments to Section 2.17 of the Charter related to changing Municipality to City and permitting Council to determine by ordinance the manner of providing notice of public hearings and Section 2.19 providing that ordinances involving certain public improvements be effective upon passage and publication as recommended by the Commission and submitted to the electors in Ordinance No. 22-2026 as a separate ballot issue are approved by a majority of the electors, then those amendments will be in addition to the amendments to Sections 2.17 and 2.19 contained in this Ordinance if approved by a majority of the electors.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance, directing a question to the electorate, shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as provided in Section 2.19 of the Charter.

Passed:

_____

President of Council

Attest:

Introduced:
Public Hearing:
Effective:

_____

Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026 (As Amended)

EXHIBIT A

Charter Amendment – Effective Date of Ordinances Recommended by Commission

~~SECTION 1.04 REFERENDUM AND EFFECTIVE DATE ON ZONING ORDINANCES OR OTHER ZONING MEASURES.~~

~~(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, the power of referendum on any ordinance or other measure passed by the Council amending the City's zoning code or changing the zoning for any property in the City may be exercised in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio except that the petition may be filed upon passage of any ordinance or other measure by Council and within sixty (60) days following publication in order to afford an opportunity during the period for the filing of referendum petitions thereon.~~

~~(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, no ordinance or other measure passed by the Council amending the City's zoning code or changing zoning for any property in the City shall go into effect until sixty (60) days following publication in order to afford an opportunity during that period for the filing of referendum petitions thereon; nor shall any such ordinance or measure be passed on an emergency basis.~~

SECTION 2.17 PROCEDURE IN THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES.

Each proposed ordinance shall be in writing, shall contain a title and an opening clause: "Be It Ordained by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:", and shall set forth at length therein the action to be taken. Each ordinance shall contain but one subject which shall be summarized in its title. At a regular or special meeting of Council, a proposed ordinance shall be read by title only and may thereupon be introduced by a member of Council. At the option of the President of Council, a title may be read in summary fashion, which shall include the ordinance number and a succinct description of the action to be considered. Upon its introduction and in the absence of it being declared an emergency ordinance as hereinafter provided, a public hearing date on the ordinance shall be scheduled for a subsequent regular or special meeting of the Council as it shall determine. The Clerk of Council shall cause a notice of public hearing on the ordinance to be published, in a manner determined annually by Council once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality prior to the scheduled hearing date, and/or posted on at least one electronic medium. Such notice shall contain the title of the ordinance or a succinct summary of the title, the time, date, and place of the public hearing, and a statement that the ordinance is on file for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council. At the public hearing, the ordinance shall be read a second time by title only, or by a succinct summary of the title only as may be determined by the President of Council, and, thereafter, the public hearing commenced under such rules as Council may provide. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Council shall vote to adopt, with or without amendment, or reject the ordinance. The adoption of an ordinance shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of Council and the attestation by signature thereon of the President and the Clerk of Council.

In addition to those categories of ordinances specifically set forth in Section 2.19 of this Charter, an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Municipality may be passed as an emergency measure to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication either: (1) upon introduction, provided the notice of public hearing on the ordinance is waived and the ordinance is declared to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication; or (2) at the conclusion of the public hearing thereon provided the ordinance is declared to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication. A six sevenths (6/7) vote of the members of Council shall be required to waive the waiting period, to declare the immediate effectiveness of the ordinance, and to pass the ordinance. Ordinances amending the City's zoning code or changing zoning district boundaries or zoning classifications for any property in the City may not be passed by emergency.

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ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026 (As Amended)

EXHIBIT B

Ballot Language – Effective Date of Ordinances Recommended by Commission

Shall the Charter of the City of Worthington be amended to delete Section 1.04 REFERENDUM AND EFFECTIVE DATE ON ZONING ORDINANCES OR OTHER ZONING MEASURES in its entirety and to amend Sections 2.17 PROCEDURE IN THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES and 2.19 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES as set forth in Exhibit A of Ordinance No. __-2026 of the City of Worthington?

YES ____ NO ____

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026

To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending the Charter of the City of Worthington to Delete Section 1.04 and Amend Sections 2.17 and 2.19 as Recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

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YES ____ NO ____

To: Worthington City Council

From: Worthington Charter Review Commission

Date: June 26, 2026

Subject: Report – Recommended Amendments to Worthington City Charter

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Background

The City Charter serves as the foundational document for the City of Worthington and is the City's "local constitution". The Charter was first adopted in 1956 and has been amended periodically since that time. Section 9.04 of the Charter provides for a Charter Review Commission at least every ten years. Per this section of the Charter, the purpose of the Charter Review Commission is "to review this Charter and to recommend any Charter amendments which it deems necessary or appropriate". The last Charter Review Commission served in 2016. Resolution No. 20-2026 appointing a Charter Review Commission comprised of 11 members was approved by City Council on March 16, 2026. The 2026 Commission was asked to review the Charter and consider whether changes should be made, and forward to Council specific prepared recommendations for Council's approval for placement of those amendments on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot. The following members were appointed to the 2026 Charter Review Commission:

Aaron Brown
Jamie Cleverley
Mikel Coulter
Stephanie Harless
Glen Pratt
Ram Rajadhyaksha
John Butterfield
Ben Collins
Kisha Gunn
Beth Kowalczyk
Rebecca Princehorn

Preservation of the Power of Local Self-Government[1]

The core philosophy of our Charter is to reserve to the City the widest possible power and authority of local self-government. This allows more decisions impacting the City and its residents to be made at the local level by local officials and not at the state level by state officials. Our Charter is written in such a way as to permit the City to do all things a charter city may do under the Ohio Constitution while, at the same time, providing the City with the broadest flexibility for exercising that power and authority. The Charter is basically an enabling document that permits the exercise of the power and authority of local self-government through the enactment of legislation or the adoption of regulations. The charter sets forth all of the things the City needs to have the right to do; choosing whether to do those things and, if so, how to do them is mostly left to legislative and administrative decision-making.

Work of the Commission

Rebecca Princehorn was nominated and elected to serve as the Chair of the Commission, with Ben Collins chosen as Vice-Chair. The Commission held six meetings from April to June. Many of the proposals discussed were based on submissions from the City administration. Commission members were also given the opportunity to submit their issues for discussion and several members raised additional proposals. The Commission considered and voted on recommendations one article at a time and shared a copy of their draft recommendations with the public for feedback.

The draft recommendations were placed on the City's website for 10 days prior to the last Commission meeting. The public could submit comments via a form on the website; via email to the Commission; on paper forms made available at the Municipal Building, Community Center and Griswold Center; or in person at the final Commission meeting. The opportunity to comment was promoted through the City's social media and e-newsletter and was shared by Commission members. In addition to the draft recommendations, the Commission collected feedback on the petition circulating in the community to change the signature requirement for referendum petitions. The leaders of the petition drive did not discuss their effort with the Commission and the Commission wanted to understand the public's thoughts on the subject to determine whether to incorporate this topic into its recommendations.

At its final meeting, the Commission reviewed pubic comments and considered the identified draft changes before finalizing the recommendations. The Commission received more than 150 comments during the 10 day comment period. Comments in opposition to the Commission's recommendations generally expressed concern about shifting the balance of power away from residents to Council and/or developers. Those in favor of the recommendations generally supported the streamlining of government operations, improving efficiency and modernizing referendum procedures. While some comments expressed opposition to all proposed changes and some expressed support for all proposed changes, many comments focused on specific

[1] This statement was originally drafted by Mike Minister, former Law Director for the City, and has been revised by Tom Lindsey, current Law Director.

recommendations. The recommendations that received the most comments are highlighted below.

The comments were primarily focused on the proposal to reduce the number of days to collect signatures on referendum petitions from 60 to 30. Approximately a quarter of the comments were in favor of the reduction to 30 days and about three-fourths were opposed. Some of the opposition comments were concerned about the Commission or Council imposing the change and urged the matter to be put in front of voters. Those in opposition to the change stressed the importance of residents having a say in development, needing sufficient time for evaluation and signature collection, lack of evidence that a longer period deters development, importance of quality development and engagement with neighbors and the community, and respect for voters' action on Issue 38. The comments in support focused on concern that Worthington is at a competitive disadvantage for residents, employers and investment; the change better aligning Worthington with peer communities; and modernization of referendum procedures.

The second most frequently commented upon recommendation was the proposal to consolidate the Municipal Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board and Board of Zoning Appeals into the Municipal Development Commission. About a quarter of the comments were opposed to the consolidation, while three-fourths were in support. Those in support indicated they liked the more efficient and coordinated review process. Those in opposition were concerned that it would reduce checks and balances and limit viewpoints in the process.

The recommendation to provide Council the authority to place a referendum question on a primary or special election received the third most comments. There were a couple of comments in opposition and the rest were in favor of the recommendation, indicating they thought it reduced unnecessary delays and uncertainty. Those in opposition were concerned that voter turnout is too low in these elections.

The Commission asked for feedback on the petition that was circulated in the community to reduce the number of signatures required for referendum petitions from 35% of voters in the last gubernatorial election to 10% of voters in the last municipal election. There were a little over a dozen comments provided, with about two-thirds in support of the reduction and one-third opposed.

Recommended Charter Amendments

The Charter Review Commission was deliberative in its decisions and believes that the proposed amendments maintain the integrity of the Charter while conforming provisions to current City practices, changes in technology, and revisions in Ohio statutory laws and procedures. The Commission also recommends changes to address language that is confusing or unclear in the Charter and concerns that have been raised regarding the development review process.

During its final meeting on June 23rd, the Commission considered the public comments and developed a recommendation related to the number of signatures required for referendum petitions. The Commission's recommendation is to return to the requirements that were in place prior to the State law change in 2025. This recommendation requires signatures equal to 10% of

the number of voters in the last gubernatorial election and focuses on ordinances. Recognizing this language is directly contradictory to the language in the petition, the Commission recommends adding language to the Charter that resolves conflicting provisions approved at the same election. The measure with the most votes would prevail. Additionally, in response to the public comments, the Commission recommends three separate ballot questions: (1) the proposal to reduce the number of days for collection of signatures on referendum petitions, (2) the proposal to reduce the number of signatures required for referendum petitions, and (3) all the other recommendations.

The Commission recommends that Council approve the following amendments for submission to the November general election ballot:

Article I – Incorporation – Powers

Section 1.01 – Incorporation. The Charter is inconsistent in the way it refers to the City of Worthington. In some places, it uses the term "Municipality", and in other places, it uses "City". The Commission recommends the use of "City" rather than the more general "Municipality". In addition to the change in Section 1.01 to clarify this, the Commission proposes changing "Municipality" to "City" throughout the document.

Section 1.03 Initiative and Referendum. Referendum petitions seek to overturn an ordinance adopted by City Council. If a valid petition is filed, the implementation of the ordinance is paused until the ordinance can be voted upon by the electorate. Currently, the Charter provides for referendum issues to be placed on the ballot of a general election, which occurs in November of each year. If a valid referendum petition is filed after the August filing deadline for the November election, the matter is paused until the next general election, which can be as long as 15 months in the future. The Commission recommends providing City Council with the options of placing the issue on the ballot of a primary or special election.

Section 1.04 – Referendum and Effective Date on Zoning Ordinances or Other Zoning Measures. The Commission discussed the desire to clarify the language of this section. There is reference to "any ordinance or other measure" in relation to referendum, however given the effective dates of actions of Council, ordinances are the only form of action for which referendum is available. The Commission recommends removing "or other measure" so as not to create confusion. Additionally, the Commission recommends the addition of clarifying language related to zoning actions. When zoning changes occur, they are changes in the boundaries of zoning districts or changing the zoning classification assigned to property. Finally, Sections 2.17 and 2.19 address the topics of adoption of matters by emergency and effective dates of ordinances and thus timeframes for collecting referendum signatures. For consistency and ease of identification, the Commission recommends moving the requirements related to zoning matters from Section 1.04 to Sections 2.17 and 2.19 so these topics are consolidated in one area of the Charter.

The Commission spent quite a bit of time considering the number of days provided to collect signatures on referendum petitions. In 2015, Issue 38 changed the number of days from 20 to 60. Some Commission members raised the concern that the City is an outlier with this requirement in comparison to other cities and that the longer timeframe deters people from

investing in the community. Information on time periods for referendum signature was collected from 16 other cities in Central Ohio. Twelve of the cities provided 30 days, one provided 20, and one provided 60 for zoning-related matters. State law provides for 30 days for those cities that do not specify another timeframe. Based on this research, the Commission recommends a reduction in the number of days to be consistent with state law and other cities and also provide a longer timeframe for zoning-related matters than for other City ordinances, which take effect in 20 days.

Section 1.05 Referendum Petition Signature Requirement. The Charter currently defers to State law for the number of signatures required for a referendum petition. Prior to last year, State law required 10% of the City's voters in the last gubernatorial election. Last year, the State law was changed to require 35% of the City's voters in the last gubernatorial election. The Commission noted that the new signature threshold is high and a very large change and recommends returning to the threshold that was in place prior to the state law revision.

Article II – The Council

Section 2.01 – Powers, Number, Selection and Term. City Council acts not only in a legislative and executive capacity, it also acts in a quasi-judicial capacity when hearing appeals which are outlined elsewhere in the Charter and City Code. The Commission recommends adding "quasi-judicial" to the powers listed in this section to clarify that this is the case.

Newly elected Council members are administered the Oath of Office at the first Council meeting in January following the election, however the Charter is silent on the specific day in January when the new members take office. The Commission recommends specifying the first day of January for the start of the term.

Section 2.03 Vacancies. Many other city charters provide for instances where a Council member shall be removed from office. After extensive discussion as to whether to add this provision and whether to provide discretion to the rest of the City Council in the removal, the Commission recommends that a member be automatically removed in specific instances. These instances are conviction or pleading to a felony or any crime involving dereliction of duties while in office, a judicial declaration of incompetency or the lack of qualifications already described in 2.02 of the Charter.

Section 2.04 – Salary. In 2016, a change to the Charter provided for a one time increase to the salary of the members of Council and the President of Council mid term. Since this one time event has passed, the Commission recommends removal of the language. The Commission also recommends clarification that the salary of the President of Council is established by the same procedure used for the salary for the members of Council.

Section 2.05 – President of Council, President Pro-tem of Council, Mayor and Vice-Mayor. This Charter section sets forth the qualifications for Mayor and Vice-Mayor. A primary duty of these appointed officials is to preside over Mayor's Court. The Charter provides for a revision in these duties if State law changes and requires a different court. There is the possibility that City Council could face circumstances in the future that would make it advisable to not operate a

Worthington-specific Mayor's Court. The Commission recommends providing the authority to abolish Mayor's Court to City Council in addition to the State legislature. If Council takes this action, it would need to do so through the adoption of an ordinance approved by six-sevenths of the members of Council. There is no known need or desire to make the change today. This would be enabling language if it is needed in the future.

Section 2.06 – Salary of Mayor and Vice-Mayor. The Mayor and Vice-Mayor are appointed by City Council and do not serve as part of the City Council. City Council establishes the salaries of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor and the Mayor and Vice-Mayor do not vote on this matter. Given these circumstances, the Commission does not see the need for the prohibition on their salary being increased or decreased during the term of office, which is two years. The Commission recommends the removal of this limitation.

Section 2.07 – Specific Powers of Council. This section lists specific powers of Council. In 2.07(3), Council is provided the authority to adopt the municipal budget. In recognition that the Council adopts both a budget for operations and a budget for capital infrastructure, the Commission recommends clarifying these two types of budgets in the Charter. Additionally, the reference to the Municipal Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals is recommended to be replaced with Municipal Development Commission to be consistent with the Commission's recommendations in Article VI.

Section 2.08 – Appointment of City Manager. The Council appoints a City Manager to perform the duties outlined in Article III of the Charter. The Charter specifies the City Manager is appointed by ordinance, which involves an extended process that takes up to a month unless done by emergency. Given the sensitivity of individuals moving from one job to another and the prolonged ordinance process during which the identity of the individual is known, the Commission recommends Council have the discretion to determine the method of the appointment. This discretion is consistent with the charters for other cities with city managers around Ohio.

Section 2.10 – Council Relations with City Manager. Concern was raised that the language in this section is unclear in regard to Council and individual Council member interactions with City staff. The Commission recommends modifications to the language so that Council members work through the City Manager on matters within the scope and authority of the City Manager. In conjunction, the City Manager shall establish procedures for Council member requests for information.

Section 2.16 – Ordinances and Resolutions; Procedure in Adoption of Resolutions. This section indicates the process for adopting resolutions and motions, however it does not clearly state when motions take effect. The Commission recommends clarifying that motions take effect upon adoption or such other time as Council may provide and do not require publication.

Section 2.17 and 2.18 – Procedure in the Passage of Ordinances; Publication of Passage of Ordinances. The Charter outlines specific requirements and options for publishing notices of public hearings on ordinances and their passage. Since the ways in which members of the public obtain information change over time with the evolution of technology, the Commission

recommends removal of the specific references and the provision of authority to City Council to establish publication requirements by ordinance.

Additionally, as noted above, the Commission recommends moving the requirements related to zoning matters from Section 1.04 to Sections 2.17 and 2.19 so these topics are consolidated in one area of the Charter.

Section 2.19 – Effective Date of Ordinances. There are several types of ordinances passed by City Council that go into immediate effect, currently listed in the Charter. There are two additional types of ordinances the Commission recommends including in this section. The first type is ordinances related to a public improvement for which the Ordinance Determining to Proceed has already become effective. Public improvement projects often have multiple pieces of legislation that are needed throughout the life of the project. For example, a project may have approval of the design contract, the construction contract, an inspection contract, and bonding. State law provides that only the first piece of legislation necessary to make and pay for a public improvement is subject to referendum. Subsequent legislation related to the public improvement is not subject to referendum. The Commission did not see a benefit in delaying the effective date of the subsequent ordinances since there is no opportunity for referendum.

The second type of ordinance recommended for inclusion in this list is an ordinance related to a public improvement requested by a petition of property owners. These petitions include the signatures of a majority of the affected property owners and typically involve a special assessment on adjacent properties. It is common in other charters for this type of action to be effective immediately.

Section 2.20 – Passage of Ordinances by Reference. Council establishes laws by ordinance. Laws related to items like the building code and fire code can be very lengthy, running into the hundreds or thousands of pages. This section indicates that various standard ordinances and codes can be adopted by reference to the date and source code at the time of adoption. This prohibits the need to attach a very lengthy code to the legislation. The Commission reviewed the list and recommended adding "property maintenance" to the list of codes in this section. The Commission also decided that the requirement to keep three copies of each code was outdated and recommends replacement with the requirement to provide an electronic copy upon request.

Article III – The City Manager

Section 3.02 – City Manager: Powers and Duties. This section outlines the powers and duties of the City Manager. Many other charters for cities with city managers specify the right for the city manager to attend Council meetings, participate in discussions and bring matters to the attention of Council, but do not provide the right to vote. This is the current practice in Worthington and the Commission determined these are important components of the City Manager's role and recommends inclusion of the language.

Section 3.03 – City Manager: Absence or Disability. When the City Manager will be absent or during a disability, the City Manager may designate a qualified administrative officer to perform

the City Manager's duties. Given the prevalence of electronic communication, the Commission recommends changing the requirement to make the designation by letter to the more general "in writing".

Article IV – Finance

Section 4.02 – Preparation and Submission of Budget Estimates. This section outlines the procedures related to the adoption of the City's budget. It refers to department or agency, however the City does not have any agencies, so the Commission recommends removal of this reference to agency.

Section 4.03 – Public Hearing on Budget Estimates. This section outlines notice requirements associated with public hearings on the budget. For simplicity and consistency purposes, the Commission recommends revising the language to align the publication requirements with those followed for other public hearings.

Section 4.04 – Date of Final Adoption; Failure to Adopt. Council has the authority to revise the adopted budget by ordinance. The Commission recommends the removal of the word "finally" from the language regarding budget adoption to avoid giving the impression that the budget cannot be changed.

Section 4.06 – Appropriations. The Charter provides Council with the authority to reduce or revise appropriations. The Commission recommends clarifying that this action is completed by the adoption of an ordinance.

Section 4.07 – Transfers of Appropriations. When Council adopts the budget, it appropriates funds for specific purposes as listed in line items in the budget. This section of the Charter provides for the transfer of financial appropriations from one line or purpose to another line or purpose. These transfers do not increase overall funding, rather they repurpose funding that was already allocated. The current Charter language provides for this to be done by resolution. There may be times, particularly involving smaller dollar amounts, where Council may deem it permissible to achieve certain types of transfers by other means. The Commission recommends changing the Charter language to give Council the authority to establish transfer procedures by ordinance.

Section 4.08 – Certain Contracts and Expenditures Prohibited. This section prohibits contracts that exceed the amount of funds already appropriated and sets forth severe penalties for violation. The Commission considered the idea that violations could range from minor to major and that there are times when multi-year contracts are beneficial to the City. The Commission recommends that the City Manager review situations involving potential violations by City staff and apply appropriate employment consequences. City Council would conduct the review in cases involving the City Manager. The Commission further recommends language be added to allow for the City to enter into multi-year contracts without the specific authorization of Council if there is contract language allowing the City to terminate the contract if Council does not appropriate the necessary funds.

Section 4.14 – Characteristics of Short Term Notes. The Charter requires the President of Council and Director of Finance to sign short term notes, which provide for short term borrowing of funds. There may be rare instances in which one or the other person may be incapacitated or unavailable. The Commission recommends adding language to allow other individuals to sign the notes as provided by law.

Article V – Taxation and Borrowing

Section 5.01 – Limitation on Property Tax Rate. The terms "real and public utility property tax" are more commonly utilized in official documents and the Commission recommends replacing the outdated "general property tax" terminology.

Section 5.03 – Issuance of Bonds or Notes. Refunding bonds or notes replaces bonds or short term notes that have previously been approved by City Council. Refunding typically occurs when short term financing is being converted to longer term financing or when interest rates or other terms have become more favorable than were obtained at the time of original issuance. The original issuance was subject to referendum and this recommended change would allow the subsequent refunding to be passed by emergency if deemed necessary by Council.

Article VI – Boards & Commissions

Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04 & 6.05 – Municipal Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals. The City currently operates with a Municipal Planning Commission, Board of Architectural Review and Board of Zoning Appeals which are involved with the review and approval of development proposals. These proposals can range from larger scale projects to modifications of single family homes. The City recently adopted the Northeast Area Plan and is undertaking an update to the Comprehensive Plan. In both of these planning processes, the desire to simplify and streamline the development review process while enhancing guidelines has been expressed. One strategy is to reduce the number of boards or commissions that need to consider a proposed project. The Charter Review Commission discussed this idea extensively and considered multiple proposals. The Commission ultimately decided that the combination of the Municipal Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board and Board of Zoning Appeals into one commission would reduce confusion and reduce the number of bodies and meetings involved while still providing the opportunity for review and public comment.

The Commission recommends the creation of a Municipal Development Commission that has the authority for items currently spread across the Municipal Planning Commission, Board of Architectural Review and Board of Zoning Appeals. The Municipal Development Commission would be comprised of eight members, one of whom is a member of Council who serves a two year term on the Commission and does not vote. The seven voting members would serve three year terms and two of them must reside in the Architectural Review District and one of those two must be a resident freeholder in the District.

The Commission also recommends the Master Plan, official map, area plans and development standards be reviewed at least every ten years rather than every five years. When the City pursues an update to a plan, the process typically involves a year or more of study and

engagement. The Commission recommends the extension of the maximum timeframe to allow more time for implementation and action. The Municipal Development Commission (formerly Municipal Planning Commission) would still have the authority to review and make recommendations sooner when necessary.

Article VII – Nominations and Elections

Section 7.01 – Municipal Elections. This section indicates the Council can order a special election at any time. The Commission recommends broadening the manner in which Council can order a special election to also include by ordinance. This eliminates the need for two separate pieces of legislation when the Charter or state law requires the particular ballot issue to be passed by ordinance.

Section 7.04 – Ballots. The Commission recommends eliminating the sentence specifically focused on voting machines since all elections are conducted with voting machines in current times and it is redundant with the other provisions in the section.

Article VIII – Recall

Sections 8.01, 8.02 & 8.03 – Recall, Form of Petitions, & Filing and Examination of Petitions. The Commission discussed the desire to provide more structure to the recall petition process. The Commission recommends requiring the inclusion of a statement on the petition regarding the reasons for removal, which is required under state law, and providing for 90 days for the collection of signatures. Additionally, the Commission recommends the requirement for the City Clerk to coordinate with the Franklin County Board of Elections in determining the validity and sufficiency of the petitions, given the Board of Elections' expertise and access to voter information.

Article IX – General Provisions

Section 9.02 – Official Bonds. The Charter currently requires the City to pay for corporate surety bonds to cover officers and employees whose duties require them to manage money or other property. There is insurance that provides similar protections and the Commission recommends providing the option of insurance coverage in place of surety bonds.

Section 9.03 – Personal Interest. The current language in the Charter strongly prohibits contracts between the City and any officer or employee. There may be rare instances where a contract is necessary. One such instance would be the need for right of way or an easement for an infrastructure project. The Commission recommends modification of the language to permit limited exceptions. Those exceptions would need to be authorized by ordinance of Council and permitted under the ethics laws of the State of Ohio. If the situation involves a Council member, the member would be prohibited from participating in the discussion or approval of the ordinance.

Section 9.04 – Amendments to the Charter. The Charter requires City Council to appoint a Charter Review Commission at least every ten years to review the Charter and recommend any

amendments it deems necessary or appropriate. The Charter is silent on the qualifications of Commission members. For at least the past two review cycles, Commission members have been electors of the City and this is a common requirement found in other city charters. This recommendation makes it a requirement for future Commissions.

The Commission recognizes that its recommendation for Section 1.05 conflicts with the language proposed in Section 1.05 by a petition circulated in the community. If both questions are approved, the conflict would need to be resolved. The Charter is currently silent on conflicting amendments and the Commission recommends adding language that determines the amendment with the most affirmative votes (if both receive a majority of votes cast) is the one that amends the Charter for any cases starting with this year's election and thereafter.

Section 9.06 – Compliance with Ohio Ethics and Election Laws. Article XI addresses the personnel system, including the requirements for a merit system, the classification of staff positions, and the establishment of a Personnel Department and a Personnel Appeals Board. The requirements for staff and city officials to comply with ethics and election laws don't seem to fit with the other topics. The Commission recommends moving the language to Article IX, which outlines General Provisions.

Article X – Transitional Provisions

Section 10.01 – Fiscal Succession. At times in its history, the government for Worthington was called the Town, Village, Municipality and City. With the designation that the City of Worthington will be referred to as "the City" in Section 1.01, this section is recommended to be updated to clarify that the various former entities are all predecessors of the City.

Article XI – Merit System

Section 11.02 – Classified and Unclassified Service. Most staff positions in the City are classified and require filling by open competitive examination. The Charter includes a list of positions that are excluded from this requirement, including the Assistant City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, and the Executive Assistant to the City Manager. At times, there may be more than one person in these roles. The Commission recommends making these positions plural on the list in recognition of these instances.

Section 11.06 – Solicitation; Compliance with Ohio Ethics and Election Laws. As noted above, this article addresses the personnel system, including the requirements for a merit system, the classification of staff positions, and the establishment of a Personnel Department and a Personnel Appeals Board. The requirements for staff and city officials to comply with ethics and election laws don't seem to fit within this article. The Commission recommends moving the language to Article IX, which outlines General Provisions.

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CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO PREAMBLE

We, the people of the City of Worthington, Ohio, in order to provide a democratic and efficient form of governmental organization, to secure for ourselves the benefits of municipal home rule, and to exercise all the powers of local self-government, do hereby adopt for our ~~Municipality~~ City the following Charter.

Article I
INCORPORATION - POWERS

SECTION 1.01 INCORPORATION.

The inhabitants of the City of Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio, within the corporate limits as now established or as hereafter established in the manner provided by law shall continue to be a municipal corporation in perpetuity under the name of the "City of Worthington". This municipal corporation shall hereinafter be referred to as the City.

SECTION 1.02 POWERS.

The ~~Municipality~~ City shall have all powers, general and special, governmental or proprietary, of local self-government and home rule and all other powers that may now or hereafter lawfully be possessed or exercised by municipal corporations under the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. All such powers shall be exercised in the manner prescribed by this Charter, or to the extent not prescribed herein, then in such manner as the Council may determine, and only when not prescribed in this Charter or determined by Council, such powers shall be exercised in such manner as may now or hereafter be provided by the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 1.03 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Except as limited by this Charter and the laws of the State of Ohio, the powers of initiative and referendum on all matters upon which the Council is competent to legislate are reserved to the people to be exercised in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio. The vote on an initiative or referendum shall be submitted at the next general election if one shall occur not less than ninety days nor more than one hundred eighty days after the Finance Director certifies the sufficiency and validity of the petition to the board of elections. If no such election will be held within the period herein provided, the Council shall, at its sole discretion, order and provide for the submission of such proposed initiative or referendum to a vote of the electors of the city at either a special election or primary election within such period, or at the next general election.

~~SECTION 1.04 REFERENDUM AND EFFECTIVE DATE ON ZONING ORDINANCES OR OTHER ZONING MEASURES.~~

~~(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, the power of referendum on any ordinance or other measure passed by the Council amending the City's zoning code or changing the zoning for any property in the City may be exercised in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio except that the petition may be filed upon passage of any ordinance or other measure by Council and within sixty (60) days following publication in order to afford an opportunity during the period for the filing of referendum petitions thereon.~~

~~(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, no ordinance or other measure passed by the Council amending the City's zoning code or changing zoning for any property in the City shall go into effect until sixty (60) days following publication in order to afford an opportunity during that period for the filing of referendum petitions thereon; nor shall any such ordinance or measure be passed on an emergency basis.~~

SECTION 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
Notwithstanding Section 731.29 of the Ohio Revised Code, the signature requirement for a referendum petition shall be ten percent of the number of electors who voted for governor at the most recent general election for the office of governor in the municipal corporation.

Article II
THE COUNCIL

SECTION 2.01 POWERS, NUMBER, SELECTION AND TERM.
Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Charter, all powers of government and control of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall be vested in an elective Council which shall constitute the governing body of the ~~Municipality~~ City and shall enact ordinances and resolutions and exercise all legislative power, quasi-judicial and executive authority, including the determination of general policies, now or hereafter vested in municipal officials by law and in the Council by this Charter. The Council shall consist of seven members, elected at large on a nonpartisan ballot, for four year overlapping terms. Except as provided in Section 2.03 of this Charter, the term of office for Council Members shall start on the first day of January following their election.

SECTION 2.02 QUALIFICATIONS.
All members of Council shall have been residents and qualified electors of the ~~Municipality~~ City continuously for at least two (2) years prior to their election and shall continue to be residents and qualified electors thereof throughout their respective terms of office. Except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by ordinance enacted thereunder, a member of Council shall not hold any incompatible public office but may be a notary public, a member of the State or National Guard or of a reserve component of the United States, or may occupy an office held by virtue of such member being a member of Council. Any member of Council who shall cease to possess or who violates any of the qualifications herein provided shall immediately forfeit the office but

failure to maintain such qualifications shall not render void or ineffective any action of Council in which such member has participated. The Council shall be the judge of the election and the qualifications, as set forth herein, of its members.

SECTION 2.03 VACANCIES.
Vacancies in the office of member of Council shall be deemed to occur upon and as of the time of the presentation of a resignation to the President or President Pro-tem of Council, the death of a member of Council, a determination by Council that a member of Council ceases to possess or has violated any of the qualifications for the office of Council as provided in Sec. 2.02 of this Article, the retirement from office after being recalled as provided in Sec. 8.01 of this Charter, or upon removal from office as provided by law. Any vacancy in the office of Council member shall be filled by the election of a person qualified as provided in Sec. 2.02 of this Article by a majority of the remaining members of Council. The person so elected shall serve until the next regular municipal election, occurring not less than ninety days thereafter when a successor shall be elected by the electors for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any; if not, for a full term.

The Council shall without delay declare vacant the seat of any member who has pled to or has been convicted of a felony or any crime involving dereliction of duties while in office; has received a judicial declaration of incompetency; lacks, or is found to have lacked, the qualifications described in Section 2.02 of this Charter.

SECTION 2.04 SALARY.
~~The salary of Council members and the President of Council may be established by non emergency ordinance one time prior to the general election held in November 2019. After such one-time increase, t~~The salary of the President of Council and members of Council shall be established by non-emergency ordinance, provided that no salary of a Council member shall be increased during that member's term of office and no salary shall be decreased during such term of office except with the consent of such member of Council.

SECTION 2.05 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM OF COUNCIL, MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR.
At its organizational meeting after each election of Council members, the Council shall elect a President of Council and a President Pro-tem of Council, from among its members, for a term of two (2) years. The process for such election may be included in rules adopted by Council pursuant to Section 2.15 of this Charter. The President Pro-tem of Council shall act as President of Council in the absence of the President of Council.

At said organizational meeting, the Council shall also elect as Mayor and Vice-Mayor suitable persons from among citizens of this ~~Municipality~~City, qualified to serve on Council, for a term of two (2) years. A member of Council may not be elected either as Mayor or as Vice-Mayor.

The Mayor shall serve as judge of the Mayor's Court to hear and determine misdemeanor cases arising under the ordinances of this ~~Municipality~~City, as provided by the laws of the State, unless and until ~~another and different court is required~~ Mayor's Court is abolished or terminated by State legislative act or by ordinance adopted by six sevenths of the members of City Council. So long as there is a Mayor's Court, the Mayor and Vice-Mayor shall each be an attorney admitted to the Bar of Ohio and be in good-standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio. Nothing in this Section 2.05 shall limit the City Council from appointing a magistrate to preside over Mayor's Court in the absence of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor. City Council shall establish the qualifications of a magistrate and shall make such appointment by resolution.

The Mayor shall further be recognized as the ceremonial head of the ~~Municipality~~ City but shall have no administrative duties. The Vice-Mayor shall act as Mayor during the absence of the Mayor. A vacancy in the office of Mayor or Vice-Mayor shall be deemed to occur for the same reasons set forth for a vacancy in the office of member of Council as provided in Section 2.03 hereof. Upon a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Vice-Mayor shall serve for the unexpired term or until a Mayor is elected, whichever first occurs.

SECTION 2.06 SALARY OF MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR.
The salaries of Mayor and Vice-Mayor shall be established by ordinance~~, and neither salary shall be increased or decreased during the Mayor's or Vice-Mayor's term of office~~.

SECTION 2.07 SPECIFIC POWERS OF COUNCIL.
In addition to its legislative power and its executive authority and its power to prescribe by ordinance or resolution the manner in which any power of the ~~Municipality~~ City may be exercised, the Council shall have the authority to:

(1) Appoint and remove the City Manager, appoint an Acting City Manager in the event the position of City Manager is vacant, and establish the salary for such positions by ordinance;

(2) Establish administrative departments, define their duties and procedures, and confirm the appointment of officers in unclassified positions and fix the salaries and wages for all employees;

(3) Adopt ~~the~~ municipal budget(s) for operations and capital infrastructure;

(4) Appoint and remove the members of the Municipal ~~Planning~~Development Commission~~, the Board of Zoning Appeals~~, and of any board, commission, or committee created or authorized by this Charter or by ordinance or resolution of Council;

(5) Adopt and modify the official map of the ~~Municipality~~City;

(6) Regulate and restrict the use of public and private real estate in the interests of the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the people by establishing use zones and limiting area, land use, and building heights therein;

(7) Adopt and approve subdivision plats and establish subdivision regulation therefor;

(8) Authorize the levy and collection of taxes and the issuance of notes and bonds as provided in this Charter or as otherwise authorized by the laws of the State of Ohio;

(9) Authorize an audit of the accounts of the ~~Municipality~~ City or any officer or department thereof in such manner and means as Council shall deem necessary and appropriate;

(10) Establish an Architectural District and appoint an Architectural Review Board, in accordance with Sec. 6.03(7) of this Charter, to exercise such powers within the Architectural District as are established by ordinance.

(11) Adopt, and review at least annually, a policy on the investment of funds held by the City.

The Council may delegate the administration of any and all municipal affairs to the City Manager who shall be responsible to the Council for the performance thereof.

SECTION 2.08 APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER.

The Council shall appoint ~~by ordinance~~ an officer of the ~~Municipality~~ City who shall have the title of City Manager, who shall have the administrative powers and responsibilities of the ~~Municipality~~ City and who shall perform the duties set forth in this Charter or by ordinance. The Council may authorize and its President may execute on behalf of the ~~Municipality~~ City an employment agreement with the City Manager in which is set forth such salary, benefits, and conditions of employment, including a provision for severance pay, of the City Manager as Council may determine and as are not inconsistent with this Charter. If deemed appropriate to do so, Council may authorize severance pay for the City Manager in the absence of an employment agreement with the City Manager. No Council member or Mayor shall be appointed as City Manager during the term of office for which such Council member or Mayor has been elected or appointed or for one year thereafter.

SECTION 2.09 TENURE OF OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of Council which shall have the absolute right to remove the City Manager. If removed after six months of service, the City Manager shall have the right to request and receive written reasons for the removal and to be heard thereon at a public hearing. Prior to and during said hearing, Council may suspend the City Manager from office. Any action of Council hereunder shall be final and shall not be subject to referendum or initiative petition. Council shall have the authority to appoint an Acting City Manager in the case of a vacancy in the office of City Manager.

SECTION 2.10 COUNCIL RELATIONS WITH CITY MANAGER.
~~Except for the purpose of inquiry, t~~The Council and its members shall deal solely and directly through the City Manager with respect to any matter related to the administrative affairs of the ~~Municipality~~ City which are within the scope of the power, duty, authority and responsibility of the City Manager, provided that the City Manager shall establish reasonable administrative procedures governing Council member requests for information from staff to ensure efficient operations and equitable allocation of staff resources. Except to confirm the City Manager's appointment of officers in unclassified positions of the ~~Municipality~~City, the Council and its members shall not otherwise interfere with the appointment of officers in unclassified positions or employees in the administrative service.

SECTION 2.11 CLERK OF COUNCIL; SALARY.
The Council shall elect as an officer of the City an individual, not a member of Council, who shall have the title of Clerk of Council and shall serve at the pleasure of Council. The Clerk of Council shall give notice of Council meetings, keep the journal of its proceedings, authenticate by signature and record at length in books kept for such purpose all ordinances and resolutions passed or adopted by Council, and perform such other duties required by this Charter or by ordinance. The compensation of the Clerk of Council shall be fixed by ordinance.

SECTION 2.12 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.
Subject to the provisions of this Charter, and after consultation with the City Manager, the Council shall adopt an administrative code which shall provide in detail the organization of the municipal government, define the powers and duties of each organization unit, and determine the administrative procedures to be followed. The Council shall have authority to delegate to the City Manager, and the City Manager to the heads of departments, power to make rules and regulations, consistent with the administrative code, to govern management practices.

Amendments to and revisions of the administrative code shall be made by Council after consultation with the City Manager.

SECTION 2.13 INDUCTION OF COUNCIL; ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS; MEETINGS.
On the first Monday in January following a regular municipal election, or on the succeeding day if the first Monday is a legal holiday, City Council shall hold its organizational meeting. At such meeting, newly elected members of Council shall take the oath of office, and Council shall elect a President of Council and President Pro-tem of Council as well as a Mayor and Vice-Mayor. A member of Council elected to fill a vacancy pursuant to Section 2.03 of this Charter shall take office immediately.

Meetings of Council shall be held at such times and under such circumstances as are established by ordinance. Regular and special meetings of Council shall be open to the public, subject to the

right of Council to meet, but not take action, in a non-public executive session held during a regular or special meeting and under such circumstances as are prescribed by ordinance.

SECTION 2.14 ELECTION CONTESTS.
The Council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members and for such purpose shall have the power to subpoena witnesses and require the production of records and documents.

SECTION 2.15 RULES; JOURNAL.
The Council shall determine its own rules, procedures and order of business, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter. It shall cause the Clerk of Council to keep a journal of its proceedings which shall constitute the official and sole record of its proceedings and which shall be open to public inspection.

SECTION 2.16 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROCEDURE IN ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS.
Every action of the Council establishing any offense, providing for the levy of a fine or the imposition of a penalty, providing for the levy of any tax or assessment, authorizing the appropriation of public funds, contracting any indebtedness, determining to proceed with any public improvement, purchasing, leasing or transferring property, as well as all actions so required by this Charter shall be taken by ordinance as hereinafter provided. All other actions of the Council may be taken by resolution or motion.

Resolutions shall be introduced in writing and together with motions may be adopted by a majority of a quorum of Council upon introduction and without notice or waiting period. Resolutions and motions shall take effect upon adoption or at such other time as the Council may provide and shall not require publication.

SECTION 2.17 PROCEDURE IN THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES.
Each proposed ordinance shall be in writing, shall contain a title and an opening clause: "Be It Ordained by the Council of the ~~Municipality~~ City of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:", and shall set forth at length therein the action to be taken. Each ordinance shall contain but one subject which shall be summarized in its title. At a regular or special meeting of Council, a proposed ordinance shall be read by title only and may thereupon be introduced by a member of Council. At the option of the President of Council, a title may be read in summary fashion, which shall include the ordinance number and a succinct description of the action to be considered. Upon its introduction and in the absence of it being declared an emergency ordinance as hereinafter provided, a public hearing date on the ordinance shall be scheduled for a subsequent regular or special meeting of the Council as it shall determine. The Clerk of Council shall cause a notice of public hearing on the ordinance to be published, in a manner determined

by ordinance ~~annually~~ by Council~~, once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality prior to the scheduled hearing date, and/or posted on at least one electronic medium~~. Such notice shall contain the title of the ordinance or a succinct summary of the title, the time, date, and place of the public hearing, and a statement that the ordinance is on file for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council. At the public hearing, the ordinance shall be read a second time by title only, or by a succinct summary of the title only as may be determined by the President of Council, and, thereafter, the public hearing commenced under such rules as Council may provide. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Council shall vote to adopt, with or without amendment, or reject the ordinance. The adoption of an ordinance shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of Council and the attestation by signature thereon of the President and the Clerk of Council.

In addition to those categories of ordinances specifically set forth in Section 2.19 of this Charter, an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the ~~Municipality~~ City may be passed as an emergency measure to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication either: (1) upon introduction, provided the notice of public hearing on the ordinance is waived and the ordinance is declared to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication; or (2) at the conclusion of the public hearing thereon provided the ordinance is declared to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication. A six sevenths (6/7) vote of the members of Council shall be required to waive the waiting period, to declare the immediate effectiveness of the ordinance, and to pass the ordinance. Ordinances amending the City's zoning code or changing zoning district boundaries or zoning classifications for any property in the City may not be passed by emergency.

SECTION 2.18 PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES.

Public notice of the passage of an ordinance shall be published as established by ordinance ~~the Thursday following passage by one or more of the following methods:~~

~~1) By posting copies thereof in not less than four (4) of the most public places in the Municipality as determined by City Council, and on the City website;~~

~~2) By posting copies thereof in the office of the Clerk of Council;~~

~~3) By publication of a notice, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and/or on the electronic medium determined by Council pursuant to Section 2.17 of this Charter, setting forth the title and effective date of the ordinance and a statement that the ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk;~~

~~4) By publication at length, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and/or on the electronic medium determined by Council pursuant to Section 2.17 of this Charter;~~

~~5) In accordance with the provisions of Section 4.05 of this Charter in the case of the annual appropriations budget ordinance;~~

~~6) By setting forth their provisions at length in the Codified Ordinances made available for public inspection in libraries and in courts.~~

~~Publication of the passage of an ordinance shall be made by method one (1) above unless a provision of said ordinance provides another method.~~

SECTION 2.19 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES.
Ordinances raising revenue, those appropriating money for current operations, those directing an election or a question to the electorate, those authorizing annual tax levies, those related to a public improvement for which the Ordinance Determining to Proceed has already become effective, related to any public improvement requested by a petition of property owners as authorized by the laws of the State, and those declared to be emergency ordinances as provided in Section 2.17 of this Charter shall be effective upon passage and publication. ~~Except as may be provided in Section 1.04 of this Charter,~~ Ordinances amending the City's zoning code or changing the zoning district boundaries or zoning classifications for any property in the City shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day following publication and all other ordinances shall take effect on the twentieth (20th) day following publication in order to afford an opportunity during that period for the filing of referendum petitions thereon.

SECTION 2.20 PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES BY REFERENCE.
The Council may pass, with or without amendment, standard ordinances and codes prepared by public or private agencies on such matters as fire prevention, building construction, electric wiring, plumbing, heating, ventilating and air conditioning, housing, health, property maintenance, and other similar matters by reference to the date and source of the code and without reproducing the same at length in the ordinance. In all such cases, publication of the code at length shall not be required. An electronic copy will be made available by the City upon request~~At least three copies of each code shall be kept in the office of the Clerk of Council for reference by interested persons and additional copies be kept available for sale by the Clerk~~.

SECTION 2.21 ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT; RIGHT OF REFERENDUM.
In addition to or in conjunction with any other ordinance necessary to make or pay for any public improvement, City Council shall pass an "Ordinance Determining to Proceed" with each public improvement which shall be the only ordinance that is subject to the filing of a referendum petition on said public improvement.

For purposes of this section, "public improvement" means the construction or reconstruction of any public street, highway, road, alley, bikeway, sidewalk, waterline, watercourse, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, parking lot, street lighting, fence, building, structure, or other public facility.

There shall be no right of referendum on any ordinance related to any public improvement requested by a petition of property owners as authorized by the laws of the State; or on any public improvement which is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety or welfare and is authorized by the passage of an emergency ordinance pursuant to Section 2.17 of the Charter.

Article III
THE CITY MANAGER

SECTION 3.01 CITY MANAGER; QUALIFICATIONS.

The City Manager shall be chosen by the Council on the basis of its judgment of such person's executive and administrative qualifications and abilities as evidenced by such person's training and experience in public administration or otherwise. At the time of such person's appointment, the City Manager need not be a resident of the ~~Municipality~~ City or State, but within six months after appointment shall become and remain a resident of the ~~Municipality~~ City for the duration of such person's tenure as City Manager.

SECTION 3.02 CITY MANAGER: POWERS AND DUTIES.

The City Manager shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the ~~Municipality~~City, shall be responsible to the Council for the proper administration of the affairs of the ~~Municipality~~ City and, to that end and subject to the provisions of this Charter, shall have power and be required to:

(1) Appoint and, when necessary, remove any of the classified and unclassified employees of the ~~Municipality~~City.

(2) Prepare and submit to the Council annual appropriations budget estimates and lawfully administer the budget adopted by Council.

(3) Prepare and submit to the Council and to the public an annual report including, but not limited to, the financial and administrative affairs and activities of the ~~Municipality~~ City for the preceding year.

(4) Inform the Council of the current financial condition and future financial needs of the ~~Municipality~~City.

(5) Appoint such temporary advisory committees as are necessary and desirable.

(6) Delegate to subordinate officers and employees of the ~~Municipality~~ City such duties conferred upon the City Manager by this Charter or by action of the Council as are necessary or appropriate for the efficient and effective operation of the ~~Municipality~~City.

(7) Perform such other duties, not inconsistent with this Charter, as may be required by the Council.

(8) Execute, upon authorization of the Council, contracts, leases, deeds, easements, conveyances and agreements as are necessary and appropriate to the efficient and effective operation of the City.

(9) Execute, without having to obtain additional authorization from Council, contracts for the expenditure of funds from the General Fund which have previously been appropriated by Council as part of the annual operating budget process or amendments thereto;

(10) Execute contracts for the construction of public improvements or the acquisition of capital assets only upon the specific authorization of Council at the time it appropriates funds from the Capital Improvement Fund for such construction or acquisition.

In order to perform these duties, the City Manager has the right to attend Council meetings, participate in discussions, and bring matters to the attention of Council, but does not have the right to vote.

SECTION 3.03 CITY MANAGER: ABSENCE OR DISABILITY.

The City Manager may designate, ~~by letter filed with~~in writing to the Clerk and President of Council, any qualified administrative officer of the ~~Municipality~~ City to perform the duties of the City Manager during a disability or specific period of absence. The person so designated shall have during such period such power and authority of the City Manager as is necessary and appropriate. Council may, by resolution, alter or amend the designation made by the City Manager or may appoint a qualified administrative officer of the ~~Municipality~~ City to perform such duties in the event that the Manager does not make a designation as provided herein.

SECTION 3.04 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS.

The Council shall have the authority to create, abolish and combine departments of government and specify their functions and duties for the ~~Municipality~~ City as Council determines to be necessary and appropriate and such authority shall be exercised by ordinance after consultation with the City Manager.

SECTION 3.05 DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS.

At the head of each department shall be a Director, responsible to and appointed by the City Manager with the approval of the Council, and who shall be an unclassified officer of the ~~Municipality~~City. The Director shall have supervision and control, subject to the direction of the City Manager, of the department and shall faithfully discharge those duties of the office and observe and enforce the provisions of this Charter and the ordinances of this ~~Municipality~~City. Two or more departments may be headed by the same officer and the City Manager may serve as head of one or more departments in addition to serving as City Manager, if approved by Council.

Article IV
FINANCE

SECTION 4.01 FISCAL YEAR.
The fiscal year of the ~~Municipality~~ City for budget, accounting, and all other similar purposes shall be the calendar year.

SECTION 4.02 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES.
The City Manager, at least sixty days prior to the beginning of each budget year, shall submit to the Council an operating budget estimate and an explanatory budget message after consultation with the head of each department ~~or agency~~ who shall fully cooperate with the City Manager in assisting in the preparation of the budget estimate and message. In addition, the City Manager shall prepare, at such time as Council directs, descriptions and budget estimates of needed capital expenditures. The Department of Finance shall furnish statements of balances available for appropriation, estimates of probable revenues from all sources, and expenditure estimates for debt service and other fixed items. The City Manager shall prepare, revise and adjust the budget estimates for the Council as may be required in order to produce a balanced budget.

SECTION 4.03 PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET ESTIMATES.
At the meeting of the Council at which the budget estimates are submitted by the City Manager, the Council shall schedule a public hearing on the budget. A notice of public hearing shall be published in accordance with the notice of public hearing required by Section 2.17 of this Charter~~once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and/or on the electronic medium determined by Council pursuant to Section 2.17 of this Charter, at least seven (7) days before the hearing~~. Such notice shall state that the budget estimates and message are on file for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council. On the date and at the time and place advertised, the Council shall hold a public hearing on the estimates as submitted and may continue such hearing. After the hearing, the Council shall adopt by ordinance the estimates as submitted, or as amended, as the appropriations budget of the ~~Municipality~~ City for the ensuing budget year. Adoption of the budget ordinance shall require a majority vote of the members of Council.

SECTION 4.04 DATE OF FINAL ADOPTION: FAILURE TO ADOPT.
The appropriations budget ordinance for the ensuing fiscal year shall be adopted not later than December 26 of the current fiscal year. Should the Council fail to adopt said budget ordinance or an interim budget ordinance by such date, the budget shall be deemed to have been adopted ~~finally~~ by the Council as submitted by the City Manager.

SECTION 4.05 BUDGET AS AN APPROPRIATION.
Upon adoption, the appropriations budget ordinance shall become effective as of the first day of the budget year and shall constitute an appropriation of the items therein without further legislation. A copy of the budget ordinance, certified as correct by the City Manager and the Clerk of Council shall be filed with the Director of Finance and filed as may otherwise be required by law.

SECTION 4.06 APPROPRIATIONS.
The appropriations made by the budget ordinance for debt service and other fixed charges shall become available for expenditure upon the filing of the certified copy thereof with the Director of Finance.

Appropriations for capital improvements shall become available as Council shall provide by Ordinance. Appropriations for current operations shall become available for encumbrance only when approved by the City Manager as being in conformity with the budget appropriations. Any unencumbered balance of any appropriation item shall lapse at the end of the budget year. Upon a showing of necessity by the City Manager, Council may at any time by ordinance reduce or revise appropriations during the course of the fiscal year or make transfers.

SECTION 4.07 TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.
The Council shall establish by ordinance the procedures by which transfers of unencumbered balances of appropriations may be achieved. ~~The Council, after consultation with the City Manager, may by resolution transfer any unencumbered balance of an appropriation as it deems necessary and proper.~~ Further, the Council may at any time amend or revise the budget by ordinance provided the budget as amended does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available.

SECTION 4.08 CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND EXPENDITURES PROHIBITED.
No officer~~,~~ or department ~~or agency~~ shall, during any fiscal year, expend or contract to expend any funds or incur any liability, or enter into any contract which by its terms involves the expenditure of money on behalf of the ~~Municipality~~ City for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated for such expenditures or obligations. Any such obligation, oral or written, made in violation hereof shall be voidable by the City. The officer or employee who knowingly attempts or purports to create such an obligation shall be reviewed by the City Manager and considered for appropriate employment consequences.~~removed and shall be disqualified from holding further office or employment with the Municipality.~~ In cases involving the City Manager, Council shall conduct the review. This section shall not prevent the making of multi-year contracts ~~not to be fully performed within the fiscal year~~ when such contract is authorized by the Council or contains language granting the City the right to terminate if Council does not

appropriate the necessary funds. The maximum number of years in a multi-year contract shall be specified in the contract.

SECTION 4.09 FEES.
All fees received by any official, officer, or employee of the ~~Municipality~~ City in connection with such person's employment or under color of such person's office with the ~~Municipality~~ City shall be accounted for and paid immediately into the General Fund of the ~~Municipality~~ City unless otherwise provided by this Charter or by law.

SECTION 4.10 PURCHASING.
The Council shall establish by ordinance a purchasing procedure for the City departments which may include a procedure for making emergency purchases by certain officers and employees of the ~~Municipality~~City.

SECTION 4.11 SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT; CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS.
Purchase of supplies, materials and equipment and the construction of public improvements for the ~~Municipality~~ City shall be made by any method authorized by the State of Ohio for public entities, pursuant to such procedures and subject to such threshold amounts as the Council shall determine by ordinance.

SECTION 4.12 EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS.
At any time during the fiscal year, the Council may make an appropriation to meet emergency needs for the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare of the inhabitants of the ~~Municipality~~City, even though such appropriation is in excess of available revenues. Such appropriation may be made only by the favorable votes of at least five of the members of Council and the ordinance shall set forth explicitly the character of the emergency and shall indicate clearly the source of the funds from which the expenditure is to be financed.

SECTION 4.13 SHORT TERM BORROWING.
At any time in the fiscal year when the Council determines that revenues will be insufficient, to meet authorized expenditures, it may, by ordinance, direct the issuance of notes of three different types: (1) those issued to finance emergency appropriations under Sec. 4.12 of this Charter, when unappropriated available revenues are insufficient for such purpose; (2) as permitted by law, those issued in anticipation of the collection upon real and personal property; (3) those issued in anticipation of the collection of other types of revenue. The total amount of the notes issued in each case shall not exceed a reasonable estimate of the applicable revenues to be received during the fiscal year and the succeeding year and all such notes shall be redeemed not later than the end of the next fiscal year after their issuance.

SECTION 4.14 CHARACTERISTICS OF SHORT TERM NOTES.
Notes issued pursuant to the provision of Sec. 4.13 of this Charter shall be negotiable and signed by the President of Council and the Director of Finance or as otherwise provided by law ~~and shall be negotiable~~. They may be sold at public or private sale by the Director of Finance at the lowest net cost to the ~~Municipality~~City, shall be payable on demand or at fixed dates, no later than the end of the next fiscal year, and may in the latter case be either subject to redemption prior to maturity or non-callable at the option of the ~~Municipality~~City. No renewal or extension shall extend the maturity date beyond the end of the next fiscal year following their issuance.

SECTION 4.15 ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.
The Council shall establish by ordinance accounting concepts, principles, standards, and guidelines for the effective financial management of the ~~Municipality~~ City taking into consideration current recommendations and practices established by the Office of the Auditor of the State of Ohio and by such other local, State or national agencies or organizations as will serve the fiscal needs of the ~~Municipality~~City.

Article V
TAXATION AND BORROWING

SECTION 5.01 LIMITATION ON PROPERTY TAX RATE.
Pursuant to the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, Sec. 5705.18, the Council shall have the authority to levy not more than eight mills of ~~general~~real and public utility property tax for all municipal purposes, as specified in the annual budget, without a further popular vote than the approval of this Charter. Additional levies, beyond those herein authorized to be made by vote of the Council, may be made by popular vote in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5.02 POWER TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS.
The ~~Municipality~~ City may incur indebtedness, upon authorization of the Council, by issuing its negotiable bonds and notes in anticipation of bonds, to finance the construction of any capital improvement or the acquisition of any capital asset. Council shall, by ordinance, determine that which constitutes a “capital improvement” or “capital asset”.

SECTION 5.03 ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES.
The Council shall authorize the issuance of bonds or notes by ordinance, passed by the affirmative votes of a majority of its members. ~~No~~The first such ordinance shall not be passed as an emergency ordinance. Refunding ordinances may be passed on an emergency basis.

SECTION 5.04 PROCEDURE IN BOND OR NOTE ISSUES.
In all respects not provided for otherwise in this Charter the procedure followed in authorizing and issuing bonds and notes and applying the proceeds shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Public Securities Act as established by the Revised Code of Ohio.

SECTION 5.05 FISCAL AGENT.
The Council shall designate the fiscal officer or trustee for the ~~Municipality~~ City in all transactions under the Uniform Public Securities Act.

Article VI
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SECTION 6.01 AUTHORITY OF COUNCIL TO CREATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AND TO APPOINT AND REMOVE MEMBERS.
Council shall have the authority to create, by ordinance or resolution and in addition to the boards and commissions which are required by this Charter, any board, commission, or committee which it deems necessary or appropriate. Council shall have the authority to appoint and remove the members of boards, commissions and committees whether created by this Charter or by ordinance or resolution.

SECTION 6.02 MUNICIPAL ~~PLANNING~~ DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
There shall be a Municipal ~~Planning~~Development Commission consisting of ~~six~~eight members. The ~~five~~seven voting members shall each be a qualified elector of the ~~Municipality~~ City and shall be appointed by Council to serve a term of three years except when appointed to fill a vacancy in which case to serve the unexpired term. Such terms shall be overlapping. Two of the seven voting members shall reside in the Architectural Review District, one of whom shall be a resident freeholder of the District. The ~~sixth~~eighth member shall be a member of Council designated by ~~it~~ Council in January of even-numbered years to serve a term of ~~one year~~two years and such ~~sixth~~eighth member shall have no vote. ~~Except as provided in Section 6.04 of this Charter, t~~The voting members of the Commission shall hold no other City~~municipal~~ office or employment. The Commission shall elect its own officers annually and shall follow the Rules of Procedure for Boards and Commissions provided by ordinance.

SECTION 6.03 POWERS AND DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL ~~PLANNING~~DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
The Municipal Planning Commission shall have the power to:

(1) Review and recommend any revisions to the Master Plan, official map, area plans, and development standards of the City as often as necessary as determined by Council but not less frequently than every ten (10)~~five (5)~~ years;

(2) Recommend to Council the disposition of requests for subdivision platting;

(3) Recommend to Council amendments to the zoning plan and ordinance of the ~~Municipality~~City;

(4) Recommend to Council zoning changes and zoning for newly annexed areas;

(5) Determine or recommend to Council, as provided by ordinance, the disposition of requests for conditional use permits;

(6) Cooperate with the regional planning commission and the planning commissions of area municipalities;

(7) Issue certificates of appropriateness for new or altered structures and property within the Architectural Review District as provided by ordinance;~~Act as the Board of Architectural Review as provided by ordinance. The Council shall annually appoint as additional voting members of the Board of Architectural Review two representatives of the Architectural Review District, one or both of whom shall be a resident freeholder of said District;~~

(8) Hear and decide appeals from the refusal, issuance, or revocation of a building permit, occupancy certificate, or certificate of compliance by a municipal official;

(9) Permit exceptions to and grant variances from zoning area regulations in individual cases when it is determined that practical difficulty exists;

(10)Perform such other duties, not inconsistent with this Charter, as may be required by ordinance.

In rendering a decision or recommendation on (1) to (7), the Municipal ~~Planning~~Development Commission shall articulate its basis therefor~~, in writing,~~ by reference to the relationship that decision or recommendation has to the overall comprehensive planning goals of the City, which may be found in the Master Plan, the zoning map, a course of zoning or subdivision practices by the City, or any other acknowledged comprehensive strategy or goals previously established at the time of the decision or recommendation. In rendering a decision on (8) and (9), the Municipal Development Commission shall apply the practical difficulty standards as established by ordinance.

~~SECTION 6.04 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.~~

~~There shall be a Board of Zoning Appeals consisting of five members, one of whom shall be a member of the Municipal Planning Commission designated by it annually. The remaining four members shall each be a qualified elector of the Municipality and shall be appointed by Council to serve a term of three years except when appointed to fill a vacancy in which case to serve the unexpired term. Such terms shall be overlapping. Except as provided in this Section, the members of the Board shall hold no other municipal office or employment. The Board shall elect its own officers annually and shall follow the Rules of Procedure for Boards and Commissions provided by ordinance.~~

~~SECTION 6.05 POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.~~
~~The Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the power to hear and decide appeals from the refusal, issuance, or revocation of a building permit, occupancy certificate, or certificate of compliance by a municipal official; and to permit exceptions to and grant variances from zoning area regulations in individual cases when it is determined that practical difficulty exists. The practical difficulty standards to be applied in such cases shall be established by ordinance.~~

SECTION 6.06 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.
There shall be a Parks and Recreation Commission composed of nine (9) voting members at least seven (7) of which shall be residents of the City appointed by City Council as specified by ordinance. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to City Council and to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation on such community parks and recreational matters as City Council or the Director may request, as the Commission may identify on its own initiative, or as may be set forth by ordinance. The Commission shall issue an Annual Report of its activities to City Council. The terms, and specific powers and duties of the Commission shall be specified by ordinance.

SECTION 6.07 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION.
There shall be a Community Relations Commission composed of nine (9) voting members at least seven (7) of which shall be residents of the City appointed by City Council as specified by ordinance. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to City Council and to the City Administrative Staff on community issues related to fair and equal treatment for all persons. The Commission shall promote educational and other programs and opportunities to foster understanding, positive relationships, and a strong sense of community among people of diverse educational, racial, ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds. The Commission shall issue an Annual Report of its activities to City Council. The terms, and specific powers and duties of the Commission shall be specified by ordinance.

Article VII
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 7.01 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.
The regular election for members of the Council shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the odd numbered years. The Council may, by ordinance or resolution, order a special election at any time, the purpose of which shall be set forth in the ~~resolution~~legislation.

SECTION 7.02 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.
Both regular and special municipal elections shall be conducted by the Board of Elections of Franklin County under the provisions of this Charter. Where the Charter is silent, the provisions of the State election law shall be followed.

SECTION 7.03 NOMINATIONS.
There shall be no primary election for municipal offices. Nominations for the office of member of Council shall be made by petition only, signed by not less than fifty resident registered electors, on the forms for the nomination of nonpartisan candidates for such office, filed with the Board of Elections of Franklin County under such regulations and at such time as are prescribed by the State elections laws.

SECTION 7.04 BALLOTS.
The names of all candidates nominated for the Council shall be printed on the official ballot, without party designation, in accordance with State law. If two candidates are nominated with the same surname or with names so similar as to be likely to cause confusion, the addresses of their places of residence shall be placed with their names on the ballot. The names of all candidates shall be rotated on the ballot as provided by law. ~~If voting machines are used, the names shall be rotated by precincts, as provided by law.~~

SECTION 7.05 WATCHERS AND CHALLENGERS.
At each election for Council, each candidate shall be entitled to designate a watcher and challenger as provided by the election laws of the State.

SECTION 7.06 PLURALITY: TIE VOTES.
A plurality of valid votes cast shall be sufficient to elect. In case of a tie vote, the election shall be decided in the manner provided by the State election laws.

SECTION 7.07 STATEMENT OF EXPENSES; FAILURE TO FILE.
Each successful and unsuccessful candidate for Council shall file with the Clerk of the ~~Municipality~~ City an exact copy of the statement of receipts and expenditures required by law to be filed with the Board of Elections of Franklin County and shall do so on or before the date required by State law for filing with the Board of Elections. In addition to such other penalties as may be prescribed by State law, failure to file such statement with the Clerk of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall disqualify a successful candidate from receiving the oath of office or from continuing in office if said oath of office has been administered.

Article VIII
RECALL

SECTION 8.01 RECALL.
The voters of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall have power to recall and remove from office any member of the Council before the expiration of such member's term, such power being known as the recall. A recall may be started by filing with the City Clerk a petition signed by qualified voters equal in number to twenty-five percent of those who cast ballots for the member of Council receiving the highest number of votes at the last preceding municipal election, requesting that ~~a~~the Council member, named in the petition be removed from office. ~~If the City Clerk finds the petition sufficient, t~~The City Clerk shall coordinate with the Board of Elections of Franklin County to determine sufficiency of the petition. If sufficient, the City Clerk shall certify to the Board of Elections of Franklin County, to be placed on the ballot at the next succeeding municipal or State election occurring not less than ninety days thereafter, the question: "Shall John or Jane Doe (using the name of the Councilperson named in the petition) be recalled from office as member of Council in the ~~Municipality~~ City of Worthington? Yes . No ". If, at the election, a majority of votes cast on the question shall be in favor of recall, the Council member shall forthwith ~~retire~~be removed from the office, and the Council shall fill the vacancy thus created in the manner provided in this Charter. No recall petition shall be filed against a Council member during such member's first six months in office. If a Council member against whom a petition is filed is continued in office by the vote at the election, no further recall petitions may be filed against such member for a period of one year.

SECTION 8.02 FORM OF PETITIONS: COMMITTEE.
All petition papers circulated for the purposes of recall shall be uniform in size and style and contain a statement in not more than two hundred (200) words as to the grounds upon which the removal is sought. The signature to petitions need not all be appended to one paper, but to each separate part there shall be attached an affidavit of the circulator as provided herein. Each signer shall sign his or her name in ink or indelible pencil and shall insert after his or her name his or her place of residence and the date of signing. . A petition is not valid unless filed with the City Clerk within ninety (90) days of the collection of the first signature. There shall appear on each copy of the petition the names and addresses of five electors~~voters~~ who, as a committee of the petitioners, shall be regarded as responsible to the ~~Municipality~~ City for the circulation and filing of the petition. The committee shall file a copy of the petition with the City Clerk before any signatures are solicited or obtained. Attached to each part of the petition, when signed and filed with the City Clerk, shall be an affidavit of the circulator thereof that such circulator ~~only~~ personally circulated the foregoing paper, that it bears a stated number of signatures, that each signature was affixed in the presence of the circulator, and that the circulator believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.

SECTION 8.03 FILING AND EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS.
All separate papers comprising a recall petition shall be assembled and filed with the City Clerk as a single instrument. Within twenty days thereafter the City Clerk shall examine the petitions in coordination with the Board of Elections of Franklin County and determine their validity and sufficiency and report thereon to the Council.

SECTION 8.04 AMENDMENT OF PETITIONS.
In case any petition is found to be insufficient, the Clerk shall notify the committee of the petitioners and the petition may be amended within ten days after the date of the notice. The Clerk shall, within five days after such an amendment has been filed, re-examine the petition, and if it is still insufficient, the petition shall be rejected and no further action taken thereon.

Article IX
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 9.01 OATH OF OFFICE.
Every officer and employee of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall, before entering upon the duties of office or employment, take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation, which may be administered by the City Manager, or designee, and filed and kept in the office of the Clerk: "I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Ohio and will obey the laws thereof and that I will, in all respects, observe the provisions of the Charter and ordinances of this ~~Municipality~~City, and will faithfully discharge the duties of , upon which I am about to enter."

SECTION 9.02 OFFICIAL BONDS.
Council shall determine which officers and employees of the ~~Municipality~~ City whose duties require them to handle or be concerned with the management of its money or other property, shall furnish to the Clerk a corporate surety bond issued by a company authorized to do business in Ohio, to protect the ~~Municipality~~ City against loss due to their acts. The amount of such bond shall, in each case, be determined by the Council. In lieu of requiring a bond, Council can require insurance coverage to provide similar protections. The premiums of such bonds or insurance coverage shall be paid from the funds of the ~~Municipality~~City.

SECTION 9.03 PERSONAL INTEREST.
No member of ~~the~~ Council or any officer or employee of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with or sale to the ~~Municipality~~ City of any materials, supplies or services, or any land or interest in land, except as prescribed by ordinance of Council and otherwise permitted by the ethics and other laws of the State of Ohio. No member of Council having such an interest shall participate in the discussion or approval of such

ordinance. A person ~~who knowingly violates this section shall be guilty~~convicted of having an unlawful interest in a public contract under state law~~, and upon conviction thereof~~ shall be ~~fined~~punished in accordance with such law ~~prescribing the penalty for such offense,~~ and ~~shall~~may also be removed from office by Council. Any contract or ~~agreement~~sale made in violation of this section shall be voidable at the election of the Council.

SECTION 9.04 AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER.
This Charter may be amended in the manner provided in Section 9 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio. The Council shall appoint, as often as necessary but not less frequently than every ten (10) years, a Charter Review Commission comprised of electors of the City whose purpose shall be to review this Charter and to recommend any Charter amendments which it deems necessary or appropriate.

If two or more conflicting amendments or two or more of the same nature are on the ballot, then the passing amendment receiving the greater number of affirmative votes cast shall be the amendment to the Charter. This section shall be effective and applicable to amendments on the ballot at the November 2026 election and thereafter.

SECTION 9.05 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS
Option 1
The amendments to this Charter proposed by Ordinance No. XX-2026, adopted on July __, 2026 if approved by a majority of the electors voting at the election held on November 3, 2026, shall be in effect the day the election results are certified to the City by the Franklin County Board of Elections, except that amended Sections 6.02 and 6.03 and repealed Sections 6.04 and 6.05 shall be in effect from and after December 31, 2028 or such other date determined by Council by ordinance .

Option 2
The amendments to this Charter proposed by Ordinance No. XX-2026, adopted on July __, 2026, if such amendments are approved by a majority of the electors voting at the election held on November 3, 2026, shall be in effect the day the election results are certified to the City by the Franklin County Board of Elections.
The amendment to this Charter proposed by Ordinance No. XXX-2026, adopted on July __, 2026, if such amendments are approved by a majority of the electors voting at the election held on November 3, 2026, shall take effect on December 31, 2028 or such other date determined by Council by ordinance.

SECTION 9.06 COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO ETHICS AND ELECTION LAWS.
Unless otherwise provided in this Charter or by Ordinance of City Council, the laws of the State of Ohio pertaining to conflicts of interest, criminal behavior, ethics and financial disclosure by

municipal officials and employees, and campaign financing and other election practices of candidates for municipal office shall apply under this Charter.

Article X
TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 10.01 FISCAL SUCCESSION.
The ~~Municipality~~ City of Worthington is hereby declared to be the only legal successor of the Village of Worthington, Town of Worthington, or Municipality~~City~~ of Worthington under it former charter or Ohio law and as such the ~~Municipality~~ City has title to all property real and personal, owned by its predecessors~~the City~~ including all monies on deposit and all taxes in the process of collection together with all accounts receivable and rights of action.

All tax levies voted for a term of years shall remain in effect for the full term provided in such vote. The ~~Municipality~~ City also is liable for all outstanding orders, contracts and debts of the City's predecessors and for any other obligations for which it may be held liable, as successor to the City's predecessors, by any court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 10.02 CONTINUATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, CODES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.
All ordinances, rules and regulations of the City ~~of Worthington,~~ in effect at the time of the adoption of this Charter or any amendment thereto, shall remain in effect, except as superseded by the provisions of this Charter, until amended or repealed.

SECTION 10.03 CONTINUATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.
All persons holding office or employment at the time this Charter or any amendment thereto takes effect shall continue in office and in the performance of their duties until provision shall have been made, in conformity with the Charter, for the performance of such duties by a successor, or the office or employment is abolished.

SECTION 10.04 TRANSFER OF RECORDS AND PROPERTY.
All public records and property in the custody of officers and employees of the City shall be transferred and delivered promptly to their successors when designated.

SECTION 10.05 CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.
All contracts entered into by the City or for its benefit, prior to the taking effect of this Charter or any amendment thereto, shall continue in full force and effect. Public improvements for which legislative steps have been taken under laws existing at the time this Charter or any amendment

thereto, takes effect shall be completed, as nearly as practicable, under the provisions of such laws.

SECTION 10.06 PENDING ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.
No action or proceeding, civil or criminal, pending at a time when this Charter or any amendment thereto shall take effect, brought by or against the ~~Municipality~~ City or any office, agency or officer thereof, shall be abated or affected by anything herein contained, but all such actions shall be prosecuted or defended under the laws in effect when they were filed.

Article XI
MERIT SYSTEM

SECTION 11.01 MERIT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED.
Appointments and promotions in the administrative service of the City shall be made according to merit, to be ascertained, so far as practicable, by open competitive examination.

SECTION 11.02 CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE.
All positions in the service of the City shall be filled pursuant to open competitive examinations except:

(1) The Clerk of Council.
(2) The City Manager.
(3) The Assistant City Managers.
(4) The directors, assistant directors, and deputy directors of departments.
(5) The Administrative Assistants.
(6) The Assistants to the City Manager.
(7) The Executive Assistants to the City Manager.
(8) Seasonal, temporary, and part-time employees.
(9) The Chief Building Inspector.
(10) The Clerk of the Mayor's Court.

Appointment to and removal from the offices of City Council, Mayor, Vice-Mayor and members of boards, commissions and committees shall be made in accordance with the specific applicable terms of this Charter and ordinances of the City, and shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 11.01 and this Section 11.02.

SECTION 11.03 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.
There shall be established a Personnel Department and the City Manager shall appoint, with the approval of the Council, a suitably qualified person to serve part or full time as Director of Personnel who shall:

(1) Recruit qualified persons;
(2) Prepare, schedule and hold examinations;
(3) Create eligible lists;
(4) Certify eligibles to the City Manager, as the appointing authority, for appointment;
(5) Classify positions and establish job classifications;
(6) Develop and conduct training programs;
(7) Prepare and recommend to City Council, through the City Manager, for approval and publication, necessary rules to establish and maintain the merit system in the ~~Municipality~~City;
(8) Perform such other duties relating to personnel matters as the City Manager may direct.

SECTION 11.04 PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD.
There shall be a Personnel Appeals Board of three members, appointed annually by the Council, to serve for the purpose of this Article. Each member of the Personnel Appeals Board shall be a qualified elector, known to be in sympathy with the merit principle as applied to the civil service, shall neither hold nor be a candidate for any other public office or employment and shall not be a member of any local, State or national committee of a political party or an officer in any partisan political club or organization.

SECTION 11.05 DUTIES OF PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD.
The Personnel Appeals Board shall serve without compensation and shall hear appeals (1) whenever any officer or employee in the competitive service feels aggrieved by any action of the appointing authority or is suspended, reduced, or removed, and requests such hearing or (2) whenever otherwise required by law to do so. The Board shall have power to subpoena witnesses and require the production of records.

SECTION 11.06 SOLICITATION~~; COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO ETHICS AND ELECTION LAWS~~.
~~Unless otherwise provided in this Charter or by Ordinance of City Council, the laws of the State of Ohio pertaining to conflicts of interest, criminal behavior, ethics and financial disclosure by municipal officials and employees, and campaign financing and other election practices of candidates for municipal office shall apply under this Charter.~~

No employee of the City shall solicit or contribute money to support the nomination or election of a candidate for the office of member of City Council. A candidate for the office of Member of City Council may solicit and contribute funds to his or her own campaign and to the campaign of any other candidate for the office of member of City Council. For purposes of this Charter section, a City Council member shall not be considered to be an “employee of the City.”

Article XII
THE VILLAGE GREEN

SECTION 12.01 HISTORY AND PRESERVATION.
The Village Green, originally platted and dedicated in 1803 by those persons who first came to and settled in Worthington, is held by this ~~Municipality~~ City in trust for the benefit of its residents. As such, the Village Green is, to this community, of great historical value and interest, essential to and defining of its heritage and character, and an integral part of its quality of life. Therefor~~e~~, the Village Green shall be preserved.

SECTION 12.02 BOUNDARIES.
The Village Green is bounded on the:

a. North by the northernmost right-of-way lines of the northeast and northwest Village Green Drives extended directly across High Street;
b. South by the southernmost right-of-way lines of the southeast and southwest Village Green Drives extended directly across High Street;
c. East by the easternmost right-of-way lines of the southeast and northeast Village Green Drives extended directly across Dublin-Granville Road; and
d. West by the westernmost right-of-way lines of the southwest and northwest Village Green Drives extended directly across Dublin-Granville Road.

SECTION 12.03 CONTROL OF USE.
The Village Green shall not be used for any purpose other than the enjoyment of the populace. The City Manager shall establish rules and regulations governing the use of the Village Green. The affirmative vote of six-sevenths of the members of Council, by ordinance, shall be required to:

a. Construct, install, erect or place a permanent structure on the Village Green; or
b. Remove any living, non-damaged and/or non-diseased, tree located on the Village Green which is more than five (5) inches in diameter measured three (3) feet above the ground; or
c. Install any new hard surface ground material on the Village Green; or
d. Alter, either by widening or narrowing, any of the paved surfaces of any roadway, street or drive located within the boundaries of the Village Green.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2026 (As Amended)

To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending the Charter of the City of Worthington Pertaining to Referendum Petition Signature Requirements as Recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

WHEREAS, Section 9.04 of the Charter of the City of Worthington ("Charter") authorizes amendments to the Charter to be made as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and requires City Council to appoint a Charter Review Commission at least every ten years to review the Charter and "recommend any Charter amendments which it deems necessary or appropriate;" and,

WHEREAS, City Council approved Resolution No. 20-2026, on March 16, 2026, appointing an eleven member Charter Review Commission comprised of Aaron Brown, John Butterfield, Jamie Cleverley, Ben Collins, Mikel Coulter, Kisha Gunn, Stephanie Harless, Beth Kowalczyk, Glen Pratt, Rebecca Princehorn, and Ram Rajadhyaksha ("Commission"); and,

WHEREAS, the Commission met six times throughout April, May and June and identified draft recommendations which were shared with the public for comment prior to the Commission finalizing its recommendations to City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has recommended that City Council amend the Charter by enacting a new Section 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS consistent with the state law requirements since the adoption of the Charter in 1956 until the General Assembly increased the requirements in 2025; and,

WHEREAS, after reviewing and considering the Commission's recommendation and public comments regarding it, Council has determined that the amendment included in this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City and should therefore be submitted to the electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio provides that the charter amendment question shall be submitted to the electors at the next regular municipal election if one shall occur not less than sixty nor more than one hundred and twenty days after passage of the ordinance or otherwise at a special election to be called and held within that time period; and,

WHEREAS, since no regular municipal election will be held in 2026, City Council by Resolution No. 46-2026, has called a special election pursuant to Section 7.01 of the Charter to be held on November 3, 2026 concurrently with the general election, a date which is not less than 60 nor more than 120 days after passage of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio, two-thirds of the elected members concurring therein:

SECTION 1. That there shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Worthington the question of amending the Charter, such question and proposed amendment being set forth in Exhibit A (Charter Amendment – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Recommended by Commission), attached hereto and made a part hereof, to be submitted as a single ballot question, at the special election to be held concurrently with the general election on November 3, 2026, at the regular places and times of voting in the City.

SECTION 2. That the ballot for said election shall conform to the election laws of the State of Ohio, and shall: (1) be entitled "Proposed Charter Amendment – City of Worthington" and shall be worded as set forth in Exhibit B (Ballot Language – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Recommended by Commission), attached hereto and made a part hereof; and (2) contain a statement that a majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage and approval of the amendment of the Sections as proposed herein.

SECTION 3. That the Director of Law is authorized and directed to make such arrangements with the Board of Elections of Franklin County ("Board of Elections") as are necessary for giving notice of said election, for placing the question on the ballot, and for printing the text of the proposed amendments for posting at polling places. In the event that either the Board of Elections or the Ohio Secretary of State determine that the ballot language must read differently than the language set forth in Exhibit B of Section 2 of this Ordinance or that the reference to the proposed amended charter language should change for presentation on the ballot, then the Director of Law, upon approval of the City Council President, may make such changes sufficient to permit the issue to be placed on the November3, 2026 ballot, provided that the proposed change must be presented upon the ballot as a single ballot issue.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections and to publish the full text of the proposed Charter amendments, as set forth in Exhibit A of this Ordinance, once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality or as provided in Section 7.16 (731.211(B)) of the Ohio Revised Code, with the first publication being at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance, directing a question to the electorate, shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as provided in Section 2.19 of the Charter.

Passed:

_____

President of Council

Attest:

Introduced:
Public Hearing:
Effective:

_____

Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2026 (As Amended)

EXHIBIT A

Charter Amendment – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Recommended by Commission

SECTION 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
Notwithstanding Section 731.29 of the Ohio Revised Code, the signature requirement for a referendum petition shall be ten percent of the number of electors who voted for governor at the most recent general election for the office of governor in the municipal corporation.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2026 (As Amended)

EXHIBIT B

Ballot Language – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Recommended by Commission

Shall the Charter of the City of Worthington be amended to add Section 1.05 to read as follows:

SECTION 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
Notwithstanding Section 731.29 of the Ohio Revised Code, the signature requirement for a referendum petition shall be ten percent of the number of electors who voted for governor at the most recent general election for the office of governor in the municipal corporation?

YES ____ NO ____

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2026

To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending the Charter of the City of Worthington Pertaining to Referendum Petition Signature Requirements as Recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

WHEREAS, Section 9.04 of the Charter of the City of Worthington ("Charter") authorizes amendments to the Charter to be made as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and requires City Council to appoint a Charter Review Commission at least every ten years to review the Charter and "recommend any Charter amendments which it deems necessary or appropriate;" and,

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WHEREAS, the Commission met six times throughout April, May and June and identified draft recommendations which were shared with the public for comment prior to the Commission finalizing its recommendations to City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has recommended that City Council amend the Charter by enacting a new Section 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS consistent with the state law requirements since the adoption of the Charter in 1956 until the General Assembly increased the requirements in 2025; and,

WHEREAS, after reviewing and considering the Commission's recommendation and public comments regarding it, Council has determined that the amendment included in this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City and should therefore be submitted to the electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio provides that the charter amendment question shall be submitted to the electors at the next regular municipal election if one shall occur not less than sixty nor more than one hundred and twenty days after passage of the ordinance or otherwise at a special election to be called and held within that time period; and,

WHEREAS, since no regular municipal election will be held in 2026, City Council by Resolution No. _____ , has called a special election pursuant to Section 7.01 of the Charter to be held on November 3, 2026 concurrently with the general election, a date which is not less than 60 nor more than 120 days after passage of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio, two-thirds of the elected members concurring therein:

SECTION 1. That there shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Worthington the question of amending the Charter, such question and proposed amendment being set forth in Exhibit A (Charter Amendment – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Recommended by Commission), attached hereto and made a part hereof, to be submitted as a single ballot question, at the special election to be held concurrently with the general election on November 3, 2026, at the regular places and times of voting in the City.

SECTION 2. That the ballot for said election shall conform to the election laws of the State of Ohio, and shall: (1) be entitled "Proposed Charter Amendment – City of Worthington" and shall be worded as set forth in Exhibit B (Ballot Language – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Recommended by Commission), attached hereto and made a part hereof; and (2) contain a statement that a majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage and approval of the amendment of the Sections as proposed herein.

SECTION 3. That the Director of Law is authorized and directed to make such arrangements with the Board of Elections of Franklin County ("Board of Elections") as are necessary for giving notice of said election, for placing the question on the ballot, and for printing the text of the proposed amendments for posting at polling places. In the event that either the Board of Elections or the Ohio Secretary of State determine that the ballot language must read differently than the language set forth in Exhibit B of Section 2 of this Ordinance or that the reference to the proposed amended charter language should change for presentation on the ballot, then the Director of Law, upon approval of the City Council President, may make such changes sufficient to permit the issue to be placed on the November3, 2026 ballot, provided that the proposed change must be presented upon the ballot as a single ballot issue.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections and to publish the full text of the proposed Charter amendments, as set forth in Exhibit A of this Ordinance, once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality or as provided in Section 7.16 (731.211(B)) of the Ohio Revised Code, with the first publication being at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance, directing a question to the electorate, shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as provided in Section 2.19 of the Charter.

EXHIBIT A

Charter Amendment – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Recommended by Commission

SECTION 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
Notwithstanding Section 731.29 of the Ohio Revised Code, the signature requirement for a referendum petition shall be ten percent of the number of electors who voted for governor at the most recent general election for the office of governor in the municipal corporation.

EXHIBIT B

Ballot Language – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Recommended by Commission

Shall the Charter of the City of Worthington be amended to add Section 1.05 to read as follows:

SECTION 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
Notwithstanding Section 731.29 of the Ohio Revised Code, the signature requirement for a referendum petition shall be ten percent of the number of electors who voted for governor at the most recent general election for the office of governor in the municipal corporation?

YES ____ NO ____

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2026 (As Amended)

To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending Various Sections of the Charter of the City of Worthington as Recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

WHEREAS, Section 9.04 of the Charter of the City of Worthington ("Charter") authorizes amendments to the Charter to be made as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and requires City Council to appoint a Charter Review Commission at least every ten years to review the Charter and "recommend any Charter amendments which it deems necessary or appropriate;" and,

WHEREAS, City Council approved Resolution No. 20-2026, on March 16, 2026, appointing an eleven member Charter Review Commission comprised of Aaron Brown, John Butterfield, Jamie Cleverley, Ben Collins, Mikel Coulter, Kisha Gunn, Stephanie Harless, Beth Kowalczyk, Glen Pratt, Rebecca Princehorn, and Ram Rajadhyaksha ("Commission"); and,

WHEREAS, the Commission met six times throughout April, May and June and identified draft recommendations which were shared with the public for comment prior to the Commission finalizing its recommendations to City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has recommended that City Council submit to the electors a separate ballot issue to amend various sections of the Charter and provided a report explaining the Commission's rationale for the various amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has also recommended that the addition of a new Section 1.05 regarding referendum petition signature requirements be submitted to the electors as a separate ballot issue; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has also recommended that the deletion of Section 1.04 and that amendments to Sections 2.17 and 2.19 related to referendum, effective dates, and emergency legislation involving zoning ordinances be submitted to the electors as a separate ballot issue; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing and considering the Commission's recommendations and public comments regarding them, Council has determined that the amendments included in this Ordinance are in the best interest of the City and should therefore be submitted to electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio provides that the charter amendment question shall be submitted to the electors at the next regular municipal election if one shall occur not less than sixty nor more than one hundred and twenty days after passage of the ordinance or otherwise at a special election to be called and held within that time period; and,

WHEREAS, since no regular municipal election will be held in 2026, City Council by Resolution No. 46-2026, has called a special election pursuant to Section 7.01 of the Charter to be held on November 3, 2026 concurrently with the general election, a date which is not less than 60 nor more than 120 days after passage of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio, two-thirds of the elected members concurring therein:

SECTION 1. That there shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Worthington the question of amending various sections of the Charter, such question and proposed amendments being set forth in Exhibit A (Charter Amendment – Various Amendments Recommended by Commission), attached hereto and made a part hereof, to be submitted as a single ballot question, at the special election to be held concurrently with the general election on November 3, 2026, at the regular places and times of voting in the City.

SECTION 2. That the ballot for said election shall conform to the election laws of the State of Ohio, and shall: (1) be entitled "Proposed Charter Amendment – City of Worthington" and shall be worded as set forth in Exhibit B (Ballot Language – Various Amendments Recommended by Commission), attached hereto and made a part hereof; and (2) contain a statement that a majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage and approval of the amendment of the various sections of the Charter as proposed herein.

SECTION 3. That the Director of Law is authorized and directed to make such arrangements with the Board of Elections of Franklin County ("Board of Elections") as are necessary for giving notice of said election, for placing the question on the ballot, and for printing the text of the proposed amendments for posting at polling places. In the event that either the Board of Elections or the Ohio Secretary of State determine that the ballot language must read differently than the language set forth in Exhibit B of Section 2 of this Ordinance or that the reference to the proposed amended charter language should change for presentation on the ballot, then the Director of Law, upon approval of the City Council President, may make such changes sufficient to permit the issue to be placed on the November3, 2026 ballot, provided that the proposed change must be presented upon the ballot as a single ballot issue.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections and to publish the full text of the proposed Charter amendments, as set forth in Exhibit A of this Ordinance, once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality or as provided in Section 7.16 (731.211(B)) of the Ohio Revised Code, with the first publication being at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 5. That it is the intent of Council that if the amendments to Sections 2.17 and 2.19 of the Charter related to referendum, effective dates, and emergency legislation involving zoning ordinances recommended by the Commission and submitted to the electors in Ordinance No. 20-2026 as a separate ballot issue are approved by a majority of the electors, then those amendments will be in addition to the amendments to Sections 2.17 and 2.19 contained in this Ordinance if approved by a majority of the electors.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance, directing a question to the electorate, shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as provided in Section 2.19 of the Charter.

Passed:

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President of Council

Attest:

Introduced:
Public Hearing:
Effective:

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Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2026 (As Amended)

EXHIBIT A

Charter Amendment – Various Amendments Recommended by Commission

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO PREAMBLE

We, the people of the City of Worthington, Ohio, in order to provide a democratic and efficient form of governmental organization, to secure for ourselves the benefits of municipal home rule, and to exercise all the powers of local self-government, do hereby adopt for our ~~Municipality~~ City the following Charter.

SECTION 1.01 INCORPORATION.
The inhabitants of the City of Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio, within the corporate limits as now established or as hereafter established in the manner provided by law shall continue to be a municipal corporation in perpetuity under the name of the "City of Worthington". This municipal corporation shall hereinafter be referred to as the City.

SECTION 1.02 POWERS.
The ~~Municipality~~ City shall have all powers, general and special, governmental or proprietary, of local self-government and home rule and all other powers that may now or hereafter lawfully be possessed or exercised by municipal corporations under the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. All such powers shall be exercised in the manner prescribed by this Charter, or to the extent not prescribed herein, then in such manner as the Council may determine, and only when not prescribed in this Charter or determined by Council, such powers shall be exercised in such manner as may now or hereafter be provided by the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 1.03 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.
Except as limited by this Charter and the laws of the State of Ohio, the powers of initiative and referendum on all matters upon which the Council is competent to legislate are reserved to the people to be exercised in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio. The vote on an initiative or referendum shall be submitted at the next general election if one shall occur not less than ninety days nor more than one hundred eighty days after the Finance Director certifies the sufficiency and validity of the petition to the board of elections. If no such election will be held within the period herein provided, the Council shall, at its sole discretion, order and provide for the submission of such proposed initiative or referendum to a vote of the electors of the city at either a special election or primary election within such period, or at the next general election.

SECTION 2.01 POWERS, NUMBER, SELECTION AND TERM.
Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Charter, all powers of government and control of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall be vested in an elective Council which shall constitute the governing body of the ~~Municipality~~ City and shall enact ordinances and resolutions and exercise all legislative power, quasi-judicial and executive authority, including the determination of general policies, now or hereafter vested in municipal

officials by law and in the Council by this Charter. The Council shall consist of seven members, elected at large on a nonpartisan ballot, for four year overlapping terms. Except as provided in Section 2.03 of this Charter, the term of office for Council Members shall start on the first day of January following their election.

SECTION 2.02 QUALIFICATIONS.
All members of Council shall have been residents and qualified electors of the ~~Municipality~~ City continuously for at least two (2) years prior to their election and shall continue to be residents and qualified electors thereof throughout their respective terms of office. Except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by ordinance enacted thereunder, a member of Council shall not hold any incompatible public office but may be a notary public, a member of the State or National Guard or of a reserve component of the United States, or may occupy an office held by virtue of such member being a member of Council. Any member of Council who shall cease to possess or who violates any of the qualifications herein provided shall immediately forfeit the office but failure to maintain such qualifications shall not render void or ineffective any action of Council in which such member has participated. The Council shall be the judge of the election and the qualifications, as set forth herein, of its members.

SECTION 2.03 VACANCIES.
Vacancies in the office of member of Council shall be deemed to occur upon and as of the time of the presentation of a resignation to the President or President Pro-tem of Council, the death of a member of Council, a determination by Council that a member of Council ceases to possess or has violated any of the qualifications for the office of Council as provided in Sec. 2.02 of this Article, the retirement from office after being recalled as provided in Sec. 8.01 of this Charter, or upon removal from office as provided by law. Any vacancy in the office of Council member shall be filled by the election of a person qualified as provided in Sec. 2.02 of this Article by a majority of the remaining members of Council. The person so elected shall serve until the next regular municipal election, occurring not less than ninety days thereafter when a successor shall be elected by the electors for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any; if not, for a full term.

The Council shall without delay declare vacant the seat of any member who has pled to or has been convicted of a felony or any crime involving dereliction of duties while in office; has received a judicial declaration of incompetency; lacks, or is found to have lacked, the qualifications described in Section 2.02 of this Charter.

SECTION 2.04 SALARY.
~~The salary of Council members and the President of Council may be established by non-emergency ordinance one time prior to the general election held in November 2019. After such one-time increase, t~~The salary of the President of Council and members of Council shall be established by non-emergency ordinance, provided that no salary of a Council member shall be increased during that member's term of office and no salary shall be decreased during such term of office except with the consent of such member of Council.

SECTION 2.05 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM OF COUNCIL, MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR.
At its organizational meeting after each election of Council members, the Council shall elect a President of Council and a President Pro-tem of Council, from among its members, for a term of two (2) years. The process for such election may be included in rules adopted by Council pursuant to Section 2.15 of this Charter. The President Pro-tem of Council shall act as President of Council in the absence of the President of Council.

At said organizational meeting, the Council shall also elect as Mayor and Vice-Mayor suitable persons from among citizens of this ~~Municipality~~City, qualified to serve on Council, for a term of two (2) years. A member of Council may not be elected either as Mayor or as Vice-Mayor.

The Mayor shall serve as judge of the Mayor's Court to hear and determine misdemeanor cases arising under the ordinances of this ~~Municipality~~City, as provided by the laws of the State, unless and until ~~another and different court is required~~ Mayor's Court is abolished or terminated by State legislative act or by ordinance adopted by six sevenths of the members of City Council. So long as there is a Mayor's Court, the Mayor and Vice-Mayor shall each be an attorney admitted to the Bar of Ohio and be in good-standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio. Nothing in this Section 2.05 shall limit the City Council from appointing a magistrate to preside over Mayor's Court in the absence of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor. City Council shall establish the qualifications of a magistrate and shall make such appointment by resolution.

The Mayor shall further be recognized as the ceremonial head of the ~~Municipality~~ City but shall have no administrative duties. The Vice-Mayor shall act as Mayor during the absence of the Mayor. A vacancy in the office of Mayor or Vice-Mayor shall be deemed to occur for the same reasons set forth for a vacancy in the office of member of Council as provided in Section 2.03 hereof. Upon a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Vice-Mayor shall serve for the unexpired term or until a Mayor is elected, whichever first occurs.

SECTION 2.06 SALARY OF MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR.
The salaries of Mayor and Vice-Mayor shall be established by ordinance~~, and neither salary shall be increased or decreased during the Mayor's or Vice-Mayor's term of office~~.

SECTION 2.07 SPECIFIC POWERS OF COUNCIL.
In addition to its legislative power and its executive authority and its power to prescribe by ordinance or resolution the manner in which any power of the ~~Municipality~~ City may be exercised, the Council shall have the authority to:

(1) Appoint and remove the City Manager, appoint an Acting City Manager in the event the position of City Manager is vacant, and establish the salary for such positions by ordinance;

(2) Establish administrative departments, define their duties and procedures, and confirm the appointment of officers in unclassified positions and fix the salaries and wages for all employees;

(3) Adopt ~~the~~ municipal budget(s) for operations and capital infrastructure;

(4) Appoint and remove the members of the Municipal ~~Planning~~Development Commission~~, the Board of Zoning Appeals~~, and of any board, commission, or committee created or authorized by this Charter or by ordinance or resolution of Council;

(5) Adopt and modify the official map of the ~~Municipality~~City;

(6) Regulate and restrict the use of public and private real estate in the interests of the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the people by establishing use zones and limiting area, land use, and building heights therein;

(7) Adopt and approve subdivision plats and establish subdivision regulation therefor;

(8) Authorize the levy and collection of taxes and the issuance of notes and bonds as provided in this Charter or as otherwise authorized by the laws of the State of Ohio;

(9) Authorize an audit of the accounts of the ~~Municipality~~ City or any officer or department thereof in such manner and means as Council shall deem necessary and appropriate;

(10) Establish an Architectural District and appoint an Architectural Review Board, in accordance with Sec. 6.03(7) of this Charter, to exercise such powers within the Architectural District as are established by ordinance.

(11) Adopt, and review at least annually, a policy on the investment of funds held by the City.

The Council may delegate the administration of any and all municipal affairs to the City Manager who shall be responsible to the Council for the performance thereof.

SECTION 2.08 APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER.

The Council shall appoint ~~by ordinance~~ an officer of the ~~Municipality~~ City who shall have the title of City Manager, who shall have the administrative powers and responsibilities of the ~~Municipality~~ City and who shall perform the duties set forth in this Charter or by ordinance. The Council may authorize and its President may execute on behalf of the ~~Municipality~~ City an employment agreement with the City Manager in which is set forth such salary, benefits, and conditions of employment, including a provision for severance pay, of the City Manager as Council may determine and as are not inconsistent with this Charter. If deemed appropriate to do so, Council may authorize severance pay for the City Manager in the absence of an employment agreement with the City Manager. No Council member or Mayor shall be appointed as City Manager during the term of office for which such Council member or Mayor has been elected or appointed or for one year thereafter.

SECTION 2.10 COUNCIL RELATIONS WITH CITY MANAGER.
~~Except for the purpose of inquiry, t~~The Council and its members shall deal solely and directly through the City Manager with respect to any matter related to the administrative affairs of the ~~Municipality~~ City which are within the scope of the power, duty, authority and responsibility of the City Manager, provided that the City Manager shall establish reasonable administrative procedures governing Council member requests for information from staff to ensure efficient operations and equitable allocation of staff resources. Except to confirm the City Manager's appointment of officers in unclassified positions of the ~~Municipality~~City, the Council and its members shall not otherwise interfere with the appointment of officers in unclassified positions or employees in the administrative service.

SECTION 2.16 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROCEDURE IN ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS.
Every action of the Council establishing any offense, providing for the levy of a fine or the imposition of a penalty, providing for the levy of any tax or assessment, authorizing the appropriation of public funds, contracting any indebtedness, determining to proceed with any public improvement, purchasing, leasing or transferring property, as well as all actions so required by this Charter shall be taken by ordinance as hereinafter provided. All other actions of the Council may be taken by resolution or motion.

Resolutions shall be introduced in writing and together with motions may be adopted by a majority of a quorum of Council upon introduction and without notice or waiting period. Resolutions and motions shall take effect upon adoption or at such other time as the Council may provide and shall not require publication.

SECTION 2.17 PROCEDURE IN THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES.
Each proposed ordinance shall be in writing, shall contain a title and an opening clause: "Be It Ordained by the Council of the ~~Municipality~~ City of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:", and shall set forth at length therein the action to be taken. Each ordinance shall contain but one subject which shall be summarized in its title. At a regular or special meeting of Council, a proposed ordinance shall be read by title only and may thereupon be introduced by a member of Council. At the option of the President of Council, a title may be read in summary fashion, which shall include the ordinance number and a succinct description of the action to be considered. Upon its introduction and in the absence of it being declared an emergency ordinance as hereinafter provided, a public hearing date on the ordinance shall be scheduled for a subsequent regular or special meeting of the Council as it shall determine. The Clerk of Council shall cause a notice of public hearing on the ordinance to be published, in a manner determined by ordinance ~~annually~~ by Council~~, once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality prior to the scheduled hearing date, and/or posted on at least one electronic medium~~. Such notice shall contain the title of the ordinance or a succinct summary of the title, the time, date, and place of the public hearing, and a statement that the ordinance is on file for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council. At the public hearing, the ordinance shall be read a second time by title only, or by a succinct summary of the

title only as may be determined by the President of Council, and, thereafter, the public hearing commenced under such rules as Council may provide. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Council shall vote to adopt, with or without amendment, or reject the ordinance. The adoption of an ordinance shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of Council and the attestation by signature thereon of the President and the Clerk of Council.

In addition to those categories of ordinances specifically set forth in Section 2.19 of this Charter, an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the ~~Municipality~~ City may be passed as an emergency measure to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication either: (1) upon introduction, provided the notice of public hearing on the ordinance is waived and the ordinance is declared to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication; or (2) at the conclusion of the public hearing thereon provided the ordinance is declared to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication. A six sevenths (6/7) vote of the members of Council shall be required to waive the waiting period, to declare the immediate effectiveness of the ordinance, and to pass the ordinance.

SECTION 2.18 PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES.
Public notice of the passage of an ordinance shall be published as established by ordinance ~~the Thursday following passage by one or more of the following methods:~~
~~1) By posting copies thereof in not less than four (4) of the most public places in the Municipality as determined by City Council, and on the City website;~~
~~2) By posting copies thereof in the office of the Clerk of Council;~~
~~3) By publication of a notice, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and/or on the electronic medium determined by Council pursuant to Section 2.17 of this Charter, setting forth the title and effective date of the ordinance and a statement that the ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk;~~
~~4) By publication at length, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and/or on the electronic medium determined by Council pursuant to Section 2.17 of this Charter;~~
~~5) In accordance with the provisions of Section 4.05 of this Charter in the case of the annual appropriations budget ordinance;~~
~~6) By setting forth their provisions at length in the Codified Ordinances made available for public inspection in libraries and in courts.~~

~~Publication of the passage of an ordinance shall be made by method one (1) above unless a provision of said ordinance provides another method.~~

SECTION 2.19 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES.
Ordinances raising revenue, those appropriating money for current operations, those directing an election or a question to the electorate, those authorizing annual tax levies, those related to a public improvement for which the Ordinance Determining to Proceed has already become effective, related to any public improvement requested by a petition of property owners as authorized by the laws of the State, and those declared to be emergency ordinances as provided in Section 2.17 of this Charter shall be effective upon passage and publication. Except as may be provided in Section 1.04 of this

Charter, all other ordinances shall take effect on the twentieth (20th) day following publication in order to afford an opportunity during that period for the filing of referendum petitions thereon.

SECTION 2.20 PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES BY REFERENCE.
The Council may pass, with or without amendment, standard ordinances and codes prepared by public or private agencies on such matters as fire prevention, building construction, electric wiring, plumbing, heating, ventilating and air conditioning, housing, health, property maintenance, and other similar matters by reference to the date and source of the code and without reproducing the same at length in the ordinance. In all such cases, publication of the code at length shall not be required. An electronic copy will be made available by the City upon request~~At least three copies of each code shall be kept in the office of the Clerk of Council for reference by interested persons and additional copies be kept available for sale by the Clerk~~.

SECTION 3.01 CITY MANAGER; QUALIFICATIONS.
The City Manager shall be chosen by the Council on the basis of its judgment of such person's executive and administrative qualifications and abilities as evidenced by such person's training and experience in public administration or otherwise. At the time of such person's appointment, the City Manager need not be a resident of the ~~Municipality~~ City or State, but within six months after appointment shall become and remain a resident of the ~~Municipality~~ City for the duration of such person's tenure as City Manager.

SECTION 3.02 CITY MANAGER: POWERS AND DUTIES.
The City Manager shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the ~~Municipality~~City, shall be responsible to the Council for the proper administration of the affairs of the ~~Municipality~~ City and, to that end and subject to the provisions of this Charter, shall have power and be required to:

(1) Appoint and, when necessary, remove any of the classified and unclassified employees of the ~~Municipality~~City.

(2) Prepare and submit to the Council annual appropriations budget estimates and lawfully administer the budget adopted by Council.

(3) Prepare and submit to the Council and to the public an annual report including, but not limited to, the financial and administrative affairs and activities of the ~~Municipality~~ City for the preceding year.

(4) Inform the Council of the current financial condition and future financial needs of the ~~Municipality~~City.

(5) Appoint such temporary advisory committees as are necessary and desirable.

(6) Delegate to subordinate officers and employees of the ~~Municipality~~ City such duties conferred upon the City Manager by this Charter or by action of the Council as are necessary or appropriate for the efficient and effective operation of the ~~Municipality~~City.

(7) Perform such other duties, not inconsistent with this Charter, as may be required by the Council.

(8) Execute, upon authorization of the Council, contracts, leases, deeds, easements, conveyances and agreements as are necessary and appropriate to the efficient and effective operation of the City.

(9) Execute, without having to obtain additional authorization from Council, contracts for the expenditure of funds from the General Fund which have previously been appropriated by Council as part of the annual operating budget process or amendments thereto;

(10) Execute contracts for the construction of public improvements or the acquisition of capital assets only upon the specific authorization of Council at the time it appropriates funds from the Capital Improvement Fund for such construction or acquisition.

In order to perform these duties, the City Manager has the right to attend Council meetings, participate in discussions, and bring matters to the attention of Council, but does not have the right to vote.

SECTION 3.03 CITY MANAGER: ABSENCE OR DISABILITY.
The City Manager may designate, ~~by letter filed with~~in writing to the Clerk and President of Council, any qualified administrative officer of the ~~Municipality~~ City to perform the duties of the City Manager during a disability or specific period of absence. The person so designated shall have during such period such power and authority of the City Manager as is necessary and appropriate. Council may, by resolution, alter or amend the designation made by the City Manager or may appoint a qualified administrative officer of the ~~Municipality~~ City to perform such duties in the event that the Manager does not make a designation as provided herein.

SECTION 3.04 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS.
The Council shall have the authority to create, abolish and combine departments of government and specify their functions and duties for the ~~Municipality~~ City as Council determines to be necessary and appropriate and such authority shall be exercised by ordinance after consultation with the City Manager.

SECTION 3.05 DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS.
At the head of each department shall be a Director, responsible to and appointed by the City Manager with the approval of the Council, and who shall be an unclassified officer of the ~~Municipality~~City. The Director shall have supervision and control, subject to the direction of the City Manager, of the department and shall faithfully discharge those duties of the office and observe and enforce the provisions of this Charter and the ordinances of this ~~Municipality~~City. Two or more departments may be headed by the same officer and the City Manager may serve as head of one or more departments in addition to serving as City Manager, if approved by Council.

SECTION 4.01 FISCAL YEAR.
The fiscal year of the ~~Municipality~~ City for budget, accounting, and all other similar purposes shall be the calendar year.

SECTION 4.02 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES.
The City Manager, at least sixty days prior to the beginning of each budget year, shall submit to the Council an operating budget estimate and an explanatory budget message after consultation with the head of each department ~~or agency~~ who shall fully cooperate with the City Manager in assisting in the preparation of the budget estimate and message. In addition, the City Manager shall prepare, at such time as Council directs, descriptions and budget estimates of needed capital expenditures. The Department of Finance shall furnish statements of balances available for appropriation, estimates of probable revenues from all sources, and expenditure estimates for debt service and other fixed items. The City Manager shall prepare, revise and adjust the budget estimates for the Council as may be required in order to produce a balanced budget.

SECTION 4.03 PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET ESTIMATES.
At the meeting of the Council at which the budget estimates are submitted by the City Manager, the Council shall schedule a public hearing on the budget. A notice of public hearing shall be published in accordance with the notice of public hearing required by Section 2.17 of this Charter~~once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and/or on the electronic medium determined by Council pursuant to Section 2.17 of this Charter, at least seven (7) days before the hearing~~. Such notice shall state that the budget estimates and message are on file for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council. On the date and at the time and place advertised, the Council shall hold a public hearing on the estimates as submitted and may continue such hearing. After the hearing, the Council shall adopt by ordinance the estimates as submitted, or as amended, as the appropriations budget of the ~~Municipality~~ City for the ensuing budget year. Adoption of the budget ordinance shall require a majority vote of the members of Council.

SECTION 4.04 DATE OF FINAL ADOPTION: FAILURE TO ADOPT.
The appropriations budget ordinance for the ensuing fiscal year shall be adopted not later than December 26 of the current fiscal year. Should the Council fail to adopt said budget ordinance or an interim budget ordinance by such date, the budget shall be deemed to have been adopted ~~finally~~ by the Council as submitted by the City Manager.

SECTION 4.06 APPROPRIATIONS.
The appropriations made by the budget ordinance for debt service and other fixed charges shall become available for expenditure upon the filing of the certified copy thereof with the Director of Finance.

Appropriations for capital improvements shall become available as Council shall provide by Ordinance. Appropriations for current operations shall become available for encumbrance only when approved by the City Manager as being in conformity with the budget appropriations. Any unencumbered balance of any appropriation item shall lapse at the end of the budget year. Upon a showing of necessity by the City Manager, Council may at any time by ordinance reduce or revise appropriations during the course of the fiscal year or make transfers.

SECTION 4.07 TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.
The Council shall establish by ordinance the procedures by which transfers of unencumbered balances of appropriations may be achieved. ~~The Council, after consultation with the City Manager, may by resolution transfer any unencumbered balance of an appropriation as it deems necessary and proper.~~ Further, the Council may at any time amend or revise the budget by ordinance provided the budget as amended does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available.

SECTION 4.08 CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND EXPENDITURES PROHIBITED.
No officer~~,~~ or department ~~or agency~~ shall, during any fiscal year, expend or contract to expend any funds or incur any liability, or enter into any contract which by its terms involves the expenditure of money on behalf of the ~~Municipality~~ City for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated for such expenditures or obligations. Any such obligation, oral or written, made in violation hereof shall be voidable by the City. The officer or employee who knowingly attempts or purports to create such an obligation shall be reviewed by the City Manager and considered for appropriate employment consequences.~~removed and shall be disqualified from holding further office or employment with the Municipality.~~ In cases involving the City Manager, Council shall conduct the review. This section shall not prevent the making of multi-year contracts ~~not to be fully performed within the fiscal year~~ when such contract is authorized by the Council or contains language granting the City the right to terminate if Council does not appropriate the necessary funds. The maximum number of years in a multi-year contract shall be specified in the contract.

SECTION 4.09 FEES.
All fees received by any official, officer, or employee of the ~~Municipality~~ City in connection with such person's employment or under color of such person's office with the ~~Municipality~~ City shall be accounted for and paid immediately into the General Fund of the ~~Municipality~~ City unless otherwise provided by this Charter or by law.

SECTION 4.10 PURCHASING.
The Council shall establish by ordinance a purchasing procedure for the City departments which may include a procedure for making emergency purchases by certain officers and employees of the ~~Municipality~~City.

SECTION 4.11 SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT; CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS.
Purchase of supplies, materials and equipment and the construction of public improvements for the ~~Municipality~~ City shall be made by any method authorized by the State of Ohio for public entities, pursuant to such procedures and subject to such threshold amounts as the Council shall determine by ordinance.

SECTION 4.12 EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS.
At any time during the fiscal year, the Council may make an appropriation to meet emergency needs for the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare of the

inhabitants of the ~~Municipality~~City, even though such appropriation is in excess of available revenues. Such appropriation may be made only by the favorable votes of at least five of the members of Council and the ordinance shall set forth explicitly the character of the emergency and shall indicate clearly the source of the funds from which the expenditure is to be financed.

SECTION 4.14 CHARACTERISTICS OF SHORT TERM NOTES.
Notes issued pursuant to the provision of Sec. 4.13 of this Charter shall be negotiable and signed by the President of Council and the Director of Finance or as otherwise provided by law ~~and shall be negotiable~~. They may be sold at public or private sale by the Director of Finance at the lowest net cost to the ~~Municipality~~City, shall be payable on demand or at fixed dates, no later than the end of the next fiscal year, and may in the latter case be either subject to redemption prior to maturity or non-callable at the option of the ~~Municipality~~City. No renewal or extension shall extend the maturity date beyond the end of the next fiscal year following their issuance.

SECTION 4.15 ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.
The Council shall establish by ordinance accounting concepts, principles, standards, and guidelines for the effective financial management of the ~~Municipality~~ City taking into consideration current recommendations and practices established by the Office of the Auditor of the State of Ohio and by such other local, State or national agencies or organizations as will serve the fiscal needs of the ~~Municipality~~City.

SECTION 5.01 LIMITATION ON PROPERTY TAX RATE.
Pursuant to the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, Sec. 5705.18, the Council shall have the authority to levy not more than eight mills of ~~general~~real and public utility property tax for all municipal purposes, as specified in the annual budget, without a further popular vote than the approval of this Charter. Additional levies, beyond those herein authorized to be made by vote of the Council, may be made by popular vote in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5.02 POWER TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS.
The ~~Municipality~~ City may incur indebtedness, upon authorization of the Council, by issuing its negotiable bonds and notes in anticipation of bonds, to finance the construction of any capital improvement or the acquisition of any capital asset. Council shall, by ordinance, determine that which constitutes a “capital improvement” or “capital asset”.

SECTION 5.03 ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES.
The Council shall authorize the issuance of bonds or notes by ordinance, passed by the affirmative votes of a majority of its members. ~~No~~The first such ordinance shall not be passed as an emergency ordinance. Refunding ordinances may be passed on an emergency basis.

SECTION 5.05 FISCAL AGENT.
The Council shall designate the fiscal officer or trustee for the ~~Municipality~~ City in all transactions under the Uniform Public Securities Act.

SECTION 6.02 MUNICIPAL ~~PLANNING~~ DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. There shall be a Municipal ~~Planning~~Development Commission consisting of ~~six~~eight members. The ~~five~~seven voting members shall each be a qualified elector of the ~~Municipality~~ City and shall be appointed by Council to serve a term of three years except when appointed to fill a vacancy in which case to serve the unexpired term. Such terms shall be overlapping. Two of the seven voting members shall reside in the Architectural Review District, one of whom shall be a resident freeholder of the District. The ~~sixth~~eighth member shall be a member of Council designated by ~~it~~ Council in January of even-numbered years to serve a term of ~~one year~~two years and such ~~sixth~~eighth member shall have no vote. ~~Except as provided in Section 6.04 of this Charter, t~~The voting members of the Commission shall hold no other City~~municipal~~ office or employment. The Commission shall elect its own officers annually and shall follow the Rules of Procedure for Boards and Commissions provided by ordinance.

SECTION 6.03 POWERS AND DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL ~~PLANNING~~DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. The Municipal Planning Commission shall have the power to:

(1) Review and recommend any revisions to the Master Plan, official map, area plans, and development standards of the City as often as necessary as determined by Council but not less frequently than every ten (10)~~five (5)~~ years;

(2) Recommend to Council the disposition of requests for subdivision platting;

(3) Recommend to Council amendments to the zoning plan and ordinance of the ~~Municipality~~City;

(4) Recommend to Council zoning changes and zoning for newly annexed areas;

(5) Determine or recommend to Council, as provided by ordinance, the disposition of requests for conditional use permits;

(6) Cooperate with the regional planning commission and the planning commissions of area municipalities;

(7) Issue certificates of appropriateness for new or altered structures and property within the Architectural Review District as provided by ordinance;~~Act as the Board of Architectural Review as provided by ordinance. The Council shall annually appoint as additional voting members of the Board of Architectural Review two representatives of the Architectural Review District, one or both of whom shall be a resident freeholder of said District;~~

(8) Hear and decide appeals from the refusal, issuance, or revocation of a building permit, occupancy certificate, or certificate of compliance by a municipal official;

(9) Permit exceptions to and grant variances from zoning area regulations in individual cases when it is determined that practical difficulty exists;

(10)Perform such other duties, not inconsistent with this Charter, as may be required by ordinance.

In rendering a decision or recommendation on (1) to (7), the Municipal ~~Planning~~Development Commission shall articulate its basis therefor~~, in~~

~~writing,~~ by reference to the relationship that decision or recommendation has to the overall comprehensive planning goals of the City, which may be found in the Master Plan, the zoning map, a course of zoning or subdivision practices by the City, or any other acknowledged comprehensive strategy or goals previously established at the time of the decision or recommendation. In rendering a decision on (8) and (9), the Municipal Development Commission shall apply the practical difficulty standards as established by ordinance.

~~SECTION 6.04 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.~~
~~There shall be a Board of Zoning Appeals consisting of five members, one of whom shall be a member of the Municipal Planning Commission designated by it annually. The remaining four members shall each be a qualified elector of the Municipality and shall be appointed by Council to serve a term of three years except when appointed to fill a vacancy in which case to serve the unexpired term. Such terms shall be overlapping. Except as provided in this Section, the members of the Board shall hold no other municipal office or employment. The Board shall elect its own officers annually and shall follow the Rules of Procedure for Boards and Commissions provided by ordinance.~~

~~SECTION 6.05 POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.~~
~~The Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the power to hear and decide appeals from the refusal, issuance, or revocation of a building permit, occupancy certificate, or certificate of compliance by a municipal official; and to permit exceptions to and grant variances from zoning area regulations in individual cases when it is determined that practical difficulty exists. The practical difficulty standards to be applied in such cases shall be established by ordinance.~~

SECTION 7.01 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.
The regular election for members of the Council shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the odd numbered years. The Council may, by ordinance or resolution, order a special election at any time, the purpose of which shall be set forth in the ~~resolution~~legislation.

SECTION 7.04 BALLOTS.
The names of all candidates nominated for the Council shall be printed on the official ballot, without party designation, in accordance with State law. If two candidates are nominated with the same surname or with names so similar as to be likely to cause confusion, the addresses of their places of residence shall be placed with their names on the ballot. The names of all candidates shall be rotated on the ballot as provided by law. ~~If voting machines are used, the names shall be rotated by precincts, as provided by law.~~

SECTION 7.07 STATEMENT OF EXPENSES; FAILURE TO FILE.
Each successful and unsuccessful candidate for Council shall file with the Clerk of the ~~Municipality~~ City an exact copy of the statement of receipts and expenditures required by law to be filed with the Board of Elections of Franklin County and shall do so on or before the date required by State law for filing with the Board of Elections. In

addition to such other penalties as may be prescribed by State law, failure to file such statement with the Clerk of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall disqualify a successful candidate from receiving the oath of office or from continuing in office if said oath of office has been administered.

SECTION 8.01 RECALL.
The voters of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall have power to recall and remove from office any member of the Council before the expiration of such member's term, such power being known as the recall. A recall may be started by filing with the City Clerk a petition signed by qualified voters equal in number to twenty-five percent of those who cast ballots for the member of Council receiving the highest number of votes at the last preceding municipal election, requesting that ~~a~~the Council member, named in the petition be removed from office. ~~If the City Clerk finds the petition sufficient, t~~The City Clerk shall coordinate with the Board of Elections of Franklin County to determine sufficiency of the petition. If sufficient, the City Clerk shall certify to the Board of Elections of Franklin County, to be placed on the ballot at the next succeeding municipal or State election occurring not less than ninety days thereafter, the question: "Shall John or Jane Doe (using the name of the Councilperson named in the petition) be recalled from office as member of Council in the ~~Municipality~~ City of Worthington? Yes . No ". If, at the election, a majority of votes cast on the question shall be in favor of recall, the Council member shall forthwith ~~retire~~be removed from the office, and the Council shall fill the vacancy thus created in the manner provided in this Charter. No recall petition shall be filed against a Council member during such member's first six months in office. If a Council member against whom a petition is filed is continued in office by the vote at the election, no further recall petitions may be filed against such member for a period of one year.

SECTION 8.02 FORM OF PETITIONS: COMMITTEE.
All petition papers circulated for the purposes of recall shall be uniform in size and style and contain a statement in not more than two hundred (200) words as to the grounds upon which the removal is sought. The signature to petitions need not all be appended to one paper, but to each separate part there shall be attached an affidavit of the circulator as provided herein. Each signer shall sign his or her name in ink or indelible pencil and shall insert after his or her name his or her place of residence and the date of signing. . A petition is not valid unless filed with the City Clerk within ninety (90) days of the collection of the first signature. There shall appear on each copy of the petition the names and addresses of five electors~~voters~~ who, as a committee of the petitioners, shall be regarded as responsible to the ~~Municipality~~ City for the circulation and filing of the petition. The committee shall file a copy of the petition with the City Clerk before any signatures are solicited or obtained. Attached to each part of the petition, when signed and filed with the City Clerk, shall be an affidavit of the circulator thereof that such circulator ~~only~~ personally circulated the foregoing paper, that it bears a stated number of signatures, that each signature was affixed in the presence of the circulator, and that the circulator believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.

SECTION 8.03 FILING AND EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS.

All separate papers comprising a recall petition shall be assembled and filed with the City Clerk as a single instrument. Within twenty days thereafter the City Clerk shall examine the petitions in coordination with the Board of Elections of Franklin County and determine their validity and sufficiency and report thereon to the Council.

SECTION 9.01 OATH OF OFFICE.
Every officer and employee of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall, before entering upon the duties of office or employment, take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation, which may be administered by the City Manager, or designee, and filed and kept in the office of the Clerk: "I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Ohio and will obey the laws thereof and that I will, in all respects, observe the provisions of the Charter and ordinances of this ~~Municipality~~City, and will faithfully discharge the duties of , upon which I am about to enter."

SECTION 9.02 OFFICIAL BONDS.
Council shall determine which officers and employees of the ~~Municipality~~ City whose duties require them to handle or be concerned with the management of its money or other property, shall furnish to the Clerk a corporate surety bond issued by a company authorized to do business in Ohio, to protect the ~~Municipality~~ City against loss due to their acts. The amount of such bond shall, in each case, be determined by the Council. In lieu of requiring a bond, Council can require insurance coverage to provide similar protections. The premiums of such bonds or insurance coverage shall be paid from the funds of the ~~Municipality~~City.

SECTION 9.03 PERSONAL INTEREST.
No member of ~~the~~ Council or any officer or employee of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with or sale to the ~~Municipality~~ City of any materials, supplies or services, or any land or interest in land, except as prescribed by ordinance of Council and otherwise permitted by the ethics and other laws of the State of Ohio. No member of Council having such an interest shall participate in the discussion or approval of such ordinance.
A person ~~who knowingly violates this section shall be guilty~~convicted of having an unlawful interest in a public contract under state law~~, and upon conviction thereof~~ shall be ~~fined~~punished in accordance with such law ~~prescribing the penalty for such offense,~~ and ~~shall~~may also be removed from office by Council. Any contract or ~~agreement~~sale made in violation of this section shall be voidable at the election of the Council.

SECTION 9.04 AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER.
This Charter may be amended in the manner provided in Section 9 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio. The Council shall appoint, as often as necessary but not less frequently than every ten (10) years, a Charter Review Commission comprised of electors of the City whose purpose shall be to review this Charter and to recommend any Charter amendments which it deems necessary or appropriate.

If two or more conflicting amendments or two or more of the same nature are on the ballot, then the passing amendment receiving the greater number of affirmative votes cast shall be the amendment to the Charter. This section shall be effective and applicable to amendments on the ballot at the November 2026 election and thereafter.

SECTION 9.05 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS
Option 1
The amendments to this Charter proposed by Ordinance No. XX-2026, adopted on July __, 2026 if approved by a majority of the electors voting at the election held on November 3, 2026, shall be in effect the day the election results are certified to the City by the Franklin County Board of Elections, except that amended Sections 6.02 and 6.03 and repealed Sections 6.04 and 6.05 shall be in effect from and after December 31, 2028 or such other date determined by Council by ordinance .

SECTION 9.06 COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO ETHICS AND ELECTION LAWS.
Unless otherwise provided in this Charter or by Ordinance of City Council, the laws of the State of Ohio pertaining to conflicts of interest, criminal behavior, ethics and financial disclosure by municipal officials and employees, and campaign financing and other election practices of candidates for municipal office shall apply under this Charter.

SECTION 10.01 FISCAL SUCCESSION.
The ~~Municipality~~ City of Worthington is hereby declared to be the only legal successor of the Village of Worthington, Town of Worthington, or Municipality~~City~~ of Worthington under it former charter or Ohio law and as such the ~~Municipality~~ City has title to all property real and personal, owned by its predecessors~~the City~~ including all monies on deposit and all taxes in the process of collection together with all accounts receivable and rights of action.

All tax levies voted for a term of years shall remain in effect for the full term provided in such vote. The ~~Municipality~~ City also is liable for all outstanding orders, contracts and debts of the City's predecessors and for any other obligations for which it may be held liable, as successor to the City's predecessors, by any court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 10.02 CONTINUATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, CODES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.
All ordinances, rules and regulations of the City ~~of Worthington,~~ in effect at the time of the adoption of this Charter or any amendment thereto, shall remain in effect, except as superseded by the provisions of this Charter, until amended or repealed.

SECTION 10.06 PENDING ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.
No action or proceeding, civil or criminal, pending at a time when this Charter or any amendment thereto shall take effect, brought by or against the ~~Municipality~~ City or any office, agency or officer thereof, shall be abated or affected by anything herein contained, but all such actions shall be prosecuted or defended under the laws in effect when they were filed.

SECTION 11.02 CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE.
All positions in the service of the City shall be filled pursuant to open competitive examinations except:

(1) The Clerk of Council.
(2) The City Manager.
(3) The Assistant City Managers.
(4) The directors, assistant directors, and deputy directors of departments.
(5) The Administrative Assistants.
(6) The Assistants to the City Manager.
(7) The Executive Assistants to the City Manager.
(8) Seasonal, temporary, and part-time employees.
(9) The Chief Building Inspector.
(10) The Clerk of the Mayor's Court.

Appointment to and removal from the offices of City Council, Mayor, Vice-Mayor and members of boards, commissions and committees shall be made in accordance with the specific applicable terms of this Charter and ordinances of the City, and shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 11.01 and this Section 11.02.

SECTION 11.03 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.
There shall be established a Personnel Department and the City Manager shall appoint, with the approval of the Council, a suitably qualified person to serve part or full time as Director of Personnel who shall:

(1) Recruit qualified persons;
(2) Prepare, schedule and hold examinations;
(3) Create eligible lists;
(4) Certify eligibles to the City Manager, as the appointing authority, for appointment;
(5) Classify positions and establish job classifications;
(6) Develop and conduct training programs;
(7) Prepare and recommend to City Council, through the City Manager, for approval and publication, necessary rules to establish and maintain the merit system in the ~~Municipality~~City;
(8) Perform such other duties relating to personnel matters as the City Manager may direct.

SECTION 11.05 DUTIES OF PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD.
The Personnel Appeals Board shall serve without compensation and shall hear appeals (1) whenever any officer or employee in the competitive service feels aggrieved by any action of the appointing authority or is suspended, reduced, or removed, and requests such hearing or (2) whenever otherwise required by law to do so. The Board shall have power to subpoena witnesses and require the production of records.

SECTION 11.06 SOLICITATION~~; COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO ETHICS AND ELECTION LAWS~~.

~~Unless otherwise provided in this Charter or by Ordinance of City Council, the laws of the State of Ohio pertaining to conflicts of interest, criminal behavior, ethics and financial disclosure by municipal officials and employees, and campaign financing and other election practices of candidates for municipal office shall apply under this Charter.~~

No employee of the City shall solicit or contribute money to support the nomination or election of a candidate for the office of member of City Council. A candidate for the office of Member of City Council may solicit and contribute funds to his or her own campaign and to the campaign of any other candidate for the office of member of City Council. For purposes of this Charter section, a City Council member shall not be considered to be an "employee of the City."

SECTION 12.01 HISTORY AND PRESERVATION.
The Village Green, originally platted and dedicated in 1803 by those persons who first came to and settled in Worthington, is held by this ~~Municipality~~ City in trust for the benefit of its residents. As such, the Village Green is, to this community, of great historical value and interest, essential to and defining of its heritage and character, and an integral part of its quality of life. Therefor~~e~~, the Village Green shall be preserved.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2026 (As Amended)

EXHIBIT B

Ballot Language – Various Amendments Recommended by Commission

Shall the various sections of the Charter of the City of Worthington be amended as set forth in Exhibit A of Ordinance No. __-2026 of the City of Worthington?

YES ____ NO ____

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2026

To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending Various Sections of the Charter of the City of Worthington as Recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

WHEREAS, Section 9.04 of the Charter of the City of Worthington ("Charter") authorizes amendments to the Charter to be made as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and requires City Council to appoint a Charter Review Commission at least every ten years to review the Charter and "recommend any Charter amendments which it deems necessary or appropriate;" and,

WHEREAS, City Council approved Resolution No. 20-2026, on March 16, 2026, appointing an eleven member Charter Review Commission comprised of Aaron Brown, John Butterfield, Jamie Cleverley, Ben Collins, Mikel Coulter, Kisha Gunn, Stephanie Harless, Beth Kowalczyk, Glen Pratt, Rebecca Princehorn, and Ram Rajadhyaksha ("Commission"); and,

WHEREAS, the Commission met six times throughout April, May and June and identified draft recommendations which were shared with the public for comment prior to the Commission finalizing its recommendations to City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has recommended that City Council submit to the electors a separate ballot issue to amend various sections of the Charter and provided a report explaining the Commission's rationale for the various amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has also recommended that the addition of a new Section 1.05 regarding referendum petition signature requirements be submitted to the electors as a separate ballot issue; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has also recommended that the deletion of Section 1.04 and that amendments to Sections 2.17 and 2.19 related to referendum, effective dates, and emergency legislation involving zoning ordinances be submitted to the electors as a separate ballot issue; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing and considering the Commission's recommendations and public comments regarding them, Council has determined that the amendments included in this Ordinance are in the best interest of the City and should therefore be submitted to electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio provides that the charter amendment question shall be submitted to the electors at the next regular municipal election if one shall occur not less than sixty nor more than one hundred and

twenty days after passage of the ordinance or otherwise at a special election to be called and held within that time period; and,

WHEREAS, since no regular municipal election will be held in 2026, City Council by Resolution No. _____ , has called a special election pursuant to Section 7.01 of the Charter to be held on November 3, 2026 concurrently with the general election, a date which is not less than 60 nor more than 120 days after passage of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio, two-thirds of the elected members concurring therein:

SECTION 1. That there shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Worthington the question of amending various sections of the Charter, such question and proposed amendments being set forth in Exhibit A (Charter Amendment – Various Amendments Recommended by Commission), attached hereto and made a part hereof, to be submitted as a single ballot question, at the special election to be held concurrently with the general election on November 3, 2026, at the regular places and times of voting in the City.

SECTION 2. That the ballot for said election shall conform to the election laws of the State of Ohio, and shall: (1) be entitled "Proposed Charter Amendment – City of Worthington" and shall be worded as set forth in Exhibit B (Ballot Language – Various Amendments Recommended by Commission), attached hereto and made a part hereof; and (2) contain a statement that a majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage and approval of the amendment of the various sections of the Charter as proposed herein.

SECTION 3. That the Director of Law is authorized and directed to make such arrangements with the Board of Elections of Franklin County ("Board of Elections") as are necessary for giving notice of said election, for placing the question on the ballot, and for printing the text of the proposed amendments for posting at polling places. In the event that either the Board of Elections or the Ohio Secretary of State determine that the ballot language must read differently than the language set forth in Exhibit B of Section 2 of this Ordinance or that the reference to the proposed amended charter language should change for presentation on the ballot, then the Director of Law, upon approval of the City Council President, may make such changes sufficient to permit the issue to be placed on the November3, 2026 ballot, provided that the proposed change must be presented upon the ballot as a single ballot issue.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections and to publish the full text of the proposed Charter amendments, as set forth in Exhibit A of this Ordinance, once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality or as provided in Section 7.16 (731.211(B)) of the Ohio Revised Code, with the first publication being at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 5. That it is the intent of Council that if the amendments to Sections 2.17 and 2.19 of the Charter related to referendum, effective dates, and emergency legislation involving zoning ordinances recommended by the Commission and submitted to the electors in Ordinance No. 20-2026 as a separate ballot issue are approved by a majority of the electors, then those amendments will be in addition to the amendments to Sections 2.17 and 2.19 contained in this Ordinance if approved by a majority of the electors.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance, directing a question to the electorate, shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as provided in Section 2.19 of the Charter.

EXHIBIT A
Charter Amendment – Various Amendments Recommended by Commission

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO PREAMBLE

We, the people of the City of Worthington, Ohio, in order to provide a democratic and efficient form of governmental organization, to secure for ourselves the benefits of municipal home rule, and to exercise all the powers of local self-government, do hereby adopt for our ~~Municipality~~ City the following Charter.

SECTION 1.01 INCORPORATION.
The inhabitants of the City of Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio, within the corporate limits as now established or as hereafter established in the manner provided by law shall continue to be a municipal corporation in perpetuity under the name of the "City of Worthington". This municipal corporation shall hereinafter be referred to as the City.

SECTION 1.02 POWERS.
The ~~Municipality~~ City shall have all powers, general and special, governmental or proprietary, of local self-government and home rule and all other powers that may now or hereafter lawfully be possessed or exercised by municipal corporations under the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. All such powers shall be exercised in the manner prescribed by this Charter, or to the extent not prescribed herein, then in such manner as the Council may determine, and only when not prescribed in this Charter or determined by Council, such powers shall be exercised in such manner as may now or hereafter be provided by the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 1.03 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.
Except as limited by this Charter and the laws of the State of Ohio, the powers of initiative and referendum on all matters upon which the Council is competent to legislate are reserved to the people to be exercised in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio. The vote on an initiative or referendum shall be submitted at the next general election if one shall occur not less than ninety days nor more than one hundred eighty days after the Finance Director certifies the sufficiency and validity of the petition to the board of elections. If no such election will be held within the period herein provided, the Council shall, at its sole discretion, order and provide for the submission of such proposed initiative or referendum to a vote of the electors of the city at either a special election or primary election within such period, or at the next general election.

SECTION 2.01 POWERS, NUMBER, SELECTION AND TERM.
Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Charter, all powers of government and control of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall be vested in an elective Council which shall constitute the governing body of the ~~Municipality~~ City and shall enact ordinances and resolutions and exercise all legislative power, quasi-judicial and executive authority, including the determination of general policies, now or hereafter vested in municipal officials by law and in the Council by this Charter. The Council shall consist of seven

members, elected at large on a nonpartisan ballot, for four year overlapping terms. Except as provided in Section 2.03 of this Charter, the term of office for Council Members shall start on the first day of January following their election.

SECTION 2.02 QUALIFICATIONS.
All members of Council shall have been residents and qualified electors of the ~~Municipality~~ City continuously for at least two (2) years prior to their election and shall continue to be residents and qualified electors thereof throughout their respective terms of office. Except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by ordinance enacted thereunder, a member of Council shall not hold any incompatible public office but may be a notary public, a member of the State or National Guard or of a reserve component of the United States, or may occupy an office held by virtue of such member being a member of Council. Any member of Council who shall cease to possess or who violates any of the qualifications herein provided shall immediately forfeit the office but failure to maintain such qualifications shall not render void or ineffective any action of Council in which such member has participated. The Council shall be the judge of the election and the qualifications, as set forth herein, of its members.

SECTION 2.03 VACANCIES.
Vacancies in the office of member of Council shall be deemed to occur upon and as of the time of the presentation of a resignation to the President or President Pro-tem of Council, the death of a member of Council, a determination by Council that a member of Council ceases to possess or has violated any of the qualifications for the office of Council as provided in Sec. 2.02 of this Article, the retirement from office after being recalled as provided in Sec. 8.01 of this Charter, or upon removal from office as provided by law. Any vacancy in the office of Council member shall be filled by the election of a person qualified as provided in Sec. 2.02 of this Article by a majority of the remaining members of Council. The person so elected shall serve until the next regular municipal election, occurring not less than ninety days thereafter when a successor shall be elected by the electors for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any; if not, for a full term.

The Council shall without delay declare vacant the seat of any member who has pled to or has been convicted of a felony or any crime involving dereliction of duties while in office; has received a judicial declaration of incompetency; lacks, or is found to have lacked, the qualifications described in Section 2.02 of this Charter.

SECTION 2.04 SALARY.
~~The salary of Council members and the President of Council may be established by non-emergency ordinance one time prior to the general election held in November 2019. After such one-time increase, t~~The salary of the President of Council and members of Council shall be established by non-emergency ordinance, provided that no salary of a Council member shall be increased during that member's term of office and no salary shall be decreased during such term of office except with the consent of such member of Council.

SECTION 2.05 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM OF COUNCIL, MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR.
At its organizational meeting after each election of Council members, the Council shall elect a President of Council and a President Pro-tem of Council, from among its members, for a term of two (2) years. The process for such election may be included in rules adopted by Council pursuant to Section 2.15 of this Charter. The President Pro-tem of Council shall act as President of Council in the absence of the President of Council.

At said organizational meeting, the Council shall also elect as Mayor and Vice-Mayor suitable persons from among citizens of this ~~Municipality~~City, qualified to serve on Council, for a term of two (2) years. A member of Council may not be elected either as Mayor or as Vice-Mayor.

The Mayor shall serve as judge of the Mayor's Court to hear and determine misdemeanor cases arising under the ordinances of this ~~Municipality~~City, as provided by the laws of the State, unless and until ~~another and different court is required~~ Mayor's Court is abolished or terminated by State legislative act or by ordinance adopted by six sevenths of the members of City Council. So long as there is a Mayor's Court, the Mayor and Vice-Mayor shall each be an attorney admitted to the Bar of Ohio and be in good-standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio. Nothing in this Section 2.05 shall limit the City Council from appointing a magistrate to preside over Mayor's Court in the absence of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor. City Council shall establish the qualifications of a magistrate and shall make such appointment by resolution.

The Mayor shall further be recognized as the ceremonial head of the ~~Municipality~~ City but shall have no administrative duties. The Vice-Mayor shall act as Mayor during the absence of the Mayor. A vacancy in the office of Mayor or Vice-Mayor shall be deemed to occur for the same reasons set forth for a vacancy in the office of member of Council as provided in Section 2.03 hereof. Upon a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Vice-Mayor shall serve for the unexpired term or until a Mayor is elected, whichever first occurs.

SECTION 2.06 SALARY OF MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR.
The salaries of Mayor and Vice-Mayor shall be established by ordinance~~, and neither salary shall be increased or decreased during the Mayor's or Vice-Mayor's term of office~~.

SECTION 2.07 SPECIFIC POWERS OF COUNCIL.
In addition to its legislative power and its executive authority and its power to prescribe by ordinance or resolution the manner in which any power of the ~~Municipality~~ City may be exercised, the Council shall have the authority to:

(1) Appoint and remove the City Manager, appoint an Acting City Manager in the event the position of City Manager is vacant, and establish the salary for such positions by ordinance;

(2) Establish administrative departments, define their duties and procedures, and confirm the appointment of officers in unclassified positions and fix the salaries and wages for all employees;

(3) Adopt ~~the~~ municipal budget(s) for operations and capital infrastructure;

(4) Appoint and remove the members of the Municipal ~~Planning~~Development Commission~~, the Board of Zoning Appeals~~, and of any board, commission, or committee created or authorized by this Charter or by ordinance or resolution of Council;

(5) Adopt and modify the official map of the ~~Municipality~~City;

(6) Regulate and restrict the use of public and private real estate in the interests of the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the people by establishing use zones and limiting area, land use, and building heights therein;

(7) Adopt and approve subdivision plats and establish subdivision regulation therefor;

(8) Authorize the levy and collection of taxes and the issuance of notes and bonds as provided in this Charter or as otherwise authorized by the laws of the State of Ohio;

(9) Authorize an audit of the accounts of the ~~Municipality~~ City or any officer or department thereof in such manner and means as Council shall deem necessary and appropriate;

(10) Establish an Architectural District and appoint an Architectural Review Board, in accordance with Sec. 6.03(7) of this Charter, to exercise such powers within the Architectural District as are established by ordinance.

(11) Adopt, and review at least annually, a policy on the investment of funds held by the City.

The Council may delegate the administration of any and all municipal affairs to the City Manager who shall be responsible to the Council for the performance thereof.

SECTION 2.08 APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER.

The Council shall appoint ~~by ordinance~~ an officer of the ~~Municipality~~ City who shall have the title of City Manager, who shall have the administrative powers and responsibilities of the ~~Municipality~~ City and who shall perform the duties set forth in this Charter or by ordinance. The Council may authorize and its President may execute on behalf of the ~~Municipality~~ City an employment agreement with the City Manager in which is set forth such salary, benefits, and conditions of employment, including a provision for severance pay, of the City Manager as Council may determine and as are not inconsistent with this Charter. If deemed appropriate to do so, Council may authorize severance pay for the City Manager in the absence of an employment agreement with the City Manager. No Council member or Mayor shall be appointed as City Manager during the term of office for which such Council member or Mayor has been elected or appointed or for one year thereafter.

SECTION 2.10 COUNCIL RELATIONS WITH CITY MANAGER.

~~Except for the purpose of inquiry, t~~The Council and its members shall deal solely and directly through the City Manager with respect to any matter related to the administrative

affairs of the ~~Municipality~~ City which are within the scope of the power, duty, authority and responsibility of the City Manager, provided that the City Manager shall establish reasonable administrative procedures governing Council member requests for information from staff to ensure efficient operations and equitable allocation of staff resources. Except to confirm the City Manager's appointment of officers in unclassified positions of the ~~Municipality~~City, the Council and its members shall not otherwise interfere with the appointment of officers in unclassified positions or employees in the administrative service.

SECTION 2.16 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROCEDURE IN ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS.
Every action of the Council establishing any offense, providing for the levy of a fine or the imposition of a penalty, providing for the levy of any tax or assessment, authorizing the appropriation of public funds, contracting any indebtedness, determining to proceed with any public improvement, purchasing, leasing or transferring property, as well as all actions so required by this Charter shall be taken by ordinance as hereinafter provided. All other actions of the Council may be taken by resolution or motion.

Resolutions shall be introduced in writing and together with motions may be adopted by a majority of a quorum of Council upon introduction and without notice or waiting period. Resolutions and motions shall take effect upon adoption or at such other time as the Council may provide and shall not require publication.

SECTION 2.17 PROCEDURE IN THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES.
Each proposed ordinance shall be in writing, shall contain a title and an opening clause: "Be It Ordained by the Council of the ~~Municipality~~ City of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:", and shall set forth at length therein the action to be taken. Each ordinance shall contain but one subject which shall be summarized in its title. At a regular or special meeting of Council, a proposed ordinance shall be read by title only and may thereupon be introduced by a member of Council. At the option of the President of Council, a title may be read in summary fashion, which shall include the ordinance number and a succinct description of the action to be considered. Upon its introduction and in the absence of it being declared an emergency ordinance as hereinafter provided, a public hearing date on the ordinance shall be scheduled for a subsequent regular or special meeting of the Council as it shall determine. The Clerk of Council shall cause a notice of public hearing on the ordinance to be published, in a manner determined by ordinance ~~annually~~ by Council~~, once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality prior to the scheduled hearing date, and/or posted on at least one electronic medium~~. Such notice shall contain the title of the ordinance or a succinct summary of the title, the time, date, and place of the public hearing, and a statement that the ordinance is on file for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council. At the public hearing, the ordinance shall be read a second time by title only, or by a succinct summary of the title only as may be determined by the President of Council, and, thereafter, the public hearing commenced under such rules as Council may provide. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Council shall vote to adopt, with or without amendment, or reject the ordinance. The adoption of an ordinance shall require the affirmative vote of a majority

of the members of Council and the attestation by signature thereon of the President and the Clerk of Council.

In addition to those categories of ordinances specifically set forth in Section 2.19 of this Charter, an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the ~~Municipality~~ City may be passed as an emergency measure to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication either: (1) upon introduction, provided the notice of public hearing on the ordinance is waived and the ordinance is declared to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication; or (2) at the conclusion of the public hearing thereon provided the ordinance is declared to be immediately effective upon its passage and publication. A six sevenths (6/7) vote of the members of Council shall be required to waive the waiting period, to declare the immediate effectiveness of the ordinance, and to pass the ordinance.

SECTION 2.18 PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES.
Public notice of the passage of an ordinance shall be published as established by ordinance ~~the Thursday following passage by one or more of the following methods:~~
~~1) By posting copies thereof in not less than four (4) of the most public places in the Municipality as determined by City Council, and on the City website;~~
~~2) By posting copies thereof in the office of the Clerk of Council;~~
~~3) By publication of a notice, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and/or on the electronic medium determined by Council pursuant to Section 2.17 of this Charter, setting forth the title and effective date of the ordinance and a statement that the ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk;~~
~~4) By publication at length, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and/or on the electronic medium determined by Council pursuant to Section 2.17 of this Charter;~~
~~5) In accordance with the provisions of Section 4.05 of this Charter in the case of the annual appropriations budget ordinance;~~
~~6) By setting forth their provisions at length in the Codified Ordinances made available for public inspection in libraries and in courts.~~

~~Publication of the passage of an ordinance shall be made by method one (1) above unless a provision of said ordinance provides another method.~~

SECTION 2.19 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES.
Ordinances raising revenue, those appropriating money for current operations, those directing an election or a question to the electorate, those authorizing annual tax levies, those related to a public improvement for which the Ordinance Determining to Proceed has already become effective, related to any public improvement requested by a petition of property owners as authorized by the laws of the State, and those declared to be emergency ordinances as provided in Section 2.17 of this Charter shall be effective upon passage and publication. Except as may be provided in Section 1.04 of this Charter, all other ordinances shall take effect on the twentieth (20th) day following

publication in order to afford an opportunity during that period for the filing of referendum petitions thereon.

SECTION 2.20 PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES BY REFERENCE.
The Council may pass, with or without amendment, standard ordinances and codes prepared by public or private agencies on such matters as fire prevention, building construction, electric wiring, plumbing, heating, ventilating and air conditioning, housing, health, property maintenance, and other similar matters by reference to the date and source of the code and without reproducing the same at length in the ordinance. In all such cases, publication of the code at length shall not be required. An electronic copy will be made available by the City upon request~~At least three copies of each code shall be kept in the office of the Clerk of Council for reference by interested persons and additional copies be kept available for sale by the Clerk~~.

SECTION 3.01 CITY MANAGER; QUALIFICATIONS.
The City Manager shall be chosen by the Council on the basis of its judgment of such person's executive and administrative qualifications and abilities as evidenced by such person's training and experience in public administration or otherwise. At the time of such person's appointment, the City Manager need not be a resident of the ~~Municipality~~ City or State, but within six months after appointment shall become and remain a resident of the ~~Municipality~~ City for the duration of such person's tenure as City Manager.

SECTION 3.02 CITY MANAGER: POWERS AND DUTIES.
The City Manager shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the ~~Municipality~~City, shall be responsible to the Council for the proper administration of the affairs of the ~~Municipality~~ City and, to that end and subject to the provisions of this Charter, shall have power and be required to:

(1) Appoint and, when necessary, remove any of the classified and unclassified employees of the ~~Municipality~~City.

(2) Prepare and submit to the Council annual appropriations budget estimates and lawfully administer the budget adopted by Council.

(3) Prepare and submit to the Council and to the public an annual report including, but not limited to, the financial and administrative affairs and activities of the ~~Municipality~~ City for the preceding year.

(4) Inform the Council of the current financial condition and future financial needs of the ~~Municipality~~City.

(5) Appoint such temporary advisory committees as are necessary and desirable.

(6) Delegate to subordinate officers and employees of the ~~Municipality~~ City such duties conferred upon the City Manager by this Charter or by action of the Council as are necessary or appropriate for the efficient and effective operation of the ~~Municipality~~City.

(7) Perform such other duties, not inconsistent with this Charter, as may be required by the Council.

(8) Execute, upon authorization of the Council, contracts, leases, deeds, easements, conveyances and agreements as are necessary and appropriate to the efficient and effective operation of the City.

(9) Execute, without having to obtain additional authorization from Council, contracts for the expenditure of funds from the General Fund which have previously been appropriated by Council as part of the annual operating budget process or amendments thereto;

(10) Execute contracts for the construction of public improvements or the acquisition of capital assets only upon the specific authorization of Council at the time it appropriates funds from the Capital Improvement Fund for such construction or acquisition.

In order to perform these duties, the City Manager has the right to attend Council meetings, participate in discussions, and bring matters to the attention of Council, but does not have the right to vote.

SECTION 3.03 CITY MANAGER: ABSENCE OR DISABILITY.
The City Manager may designate, ~~by letter filed with~~in writing to the Clerk and President of Council, any qualified administrative officer of the ~~Municipality~~ City to perform the duties of the City Manager during a disability or specific period of absence. The person so designated shall have during such period such power and authority of the City Manager as is necessary and appropriate. Council may, by resolution, alter or amend the designation made by the City Manager or may appoint a qualified administrative officer of the ~~Municipality~~ City to perform such duties in the event that the Manager does not make a designation as provided herein.

SECTION 3.04 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS.
The Council shall have the authority to create, abolish and combine departments of government and specify their functions and duties for the ~~Municipality~~ City as Council determines to be necessary and appropriate and such authority shall be exercised by ordinance after consultation with the City Manager.

SECTION 3.05 DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS.
At the head of each department shall be a Director, responsible to and appointed by the City Manager with the approval of the Council, and who shall be an unclassified officer of the ~~Municipality~~City. The Director shall have supervision and control, subject to the direction of the City Manager, of the department and shall faithfully discharge those duties of the office and observe and enforce the provisions of this Charter and the ordinances of this ~~Municipality~~City. Two or more departments may be headed by the same officer and the City Manager may serve as head of one or more departments in addition to serving as City Manager, if approved by Council.

SECTION 4.01 FISCAL YEAR.
The fiscal year of the ~~Municipality~~ City for budget, accounting, and all other similar purposes shall be the calendar year.

SECTION 4.02 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES.
The City Manager, at least sixty days prior to the beginning of each budget year, shall submit to the Council an operating budget estimate and an explanatory budget message after consultation with the head of each department ~~or agency~~ who shall fully cooperate with the City Manager in assisting in the preparation of the budget estimate and message. In addition, the City Manager shall prepare, at such time as Council directs, descriptions and budget estimates of needed capital expenditures. The Department of Finance shall furnish statements of balances available for appropriation, estimates of probable revenues from all sources, and expenditure estimates for debt service and other fixed items. The City Manager shall prepare, revise and adjust the budget estimates for the Council as may be required in order to produce a balanced budget.

SECTION 4.03 PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET ESTIMATES.
At the meeting of the Council at which the budget estimates are submitted by the City Manager, the Council shall schedule a public hearing on the budget. A notice of public hearing shall be published in accordance with the notice of public hearing required by Section 2.17 of this Charter~~once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and/or on the electronic medium determined by Council pursuant to Section 2.17 of this Charter, at least seven (7) days before the hearing~~. Such notice shall state that the budget estimates and message are on file for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council. On the date and at the time and place advertised, the Council shall hold a public hearing on the estimates as submitted and may continue such hearing. After the hearing, the Council shall adopt by ordinance the estimates as submitted, or as amended, as the appropriations budget of the ~~Municipality~~ City for the ensuing budget year. Adoption of the budget ordinance shall require a majority vote of the members of Council.

SECTION 4.04 DATE OF FINAL ADOPTION: FAILURE TO ADOPT.
The appropriations budget ordinance for the ensuing fiscal year shall be adopted not later than December 26 of the current fiscal year. Should the Council fail to adopt said budget ordinance or an interim budget ordinance by such date, the budget shall be deemed to have been adopted ~~finally~~ by the Council as submitted by the City Manager.

SECTION 4.06 APPROPRIATIONS.
The appropriations made by the budget ordinance for debt service and other fixed charges shall become available for expenditure upon the filing of the certified copy thereof with the Director of Finance.

Appropriations for capital improvements shall become available as Council shall provide by Ordinance. Appropriations for current operations shall become available for encumbrance only when approved by the City Manager as being in conformity with the budget appropriations. Any unencumbered balance of any appropriation item shall lapse at the end of the budget year. Upon a showing of necessity by the City Manager, Council may at any time by ordinance reduce or revise appropriations during the course of the fiscal year or make transfers.

SECTION 4.07 TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The Council shall establish by ordinance the procedures by which transfers of unencumbered balances of appropriations may be achieved. ~~The Council, after consultation with the City Manager, may by resolution transfer any unencumbered balance of an appropriation as it deems necessary and proper.~~ Further, the Council may at any time amend or revise the budget by ordinance provided the budget as amended does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available.

SECTION 4.08 CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND EXPENDITURES PROHIBITED.
No officer~~,~~ or department ~~or agency~~ shall, during any fiscal year, expend or contract to expend any funds or incur any liability, or enter into any contract which by its terms involves the expenditure of money on behalf of the ~~Municipality~~ City for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated for such expenditures or obligations. Any such obligation, oral or written, made in violation hereof shall be voidable by the City. The officer or employee who knowingly attempts or purports to create such an obligation shall be reviewed by the City Manager and considered for appropriate employment consequences.~~removed and shall be disqualified from holding further office or employment with the Municipality.~~ In cases involving the City Manager, Council shall conduct the review. This section shall not prevent the making of multi-year contracts ~~not to be fully performed within the fiscal year~~ when such contract is authorized by the Council or contains language granting the City the right to terminate if Council does not appropriate the necessary funds. The maximum number of years in a multi-year contract shall be specified in the contract.

SECTION 4.09 FEES.
All fees received by any official, officer, or employee of the ~~Municipality~~ City in connection with such person's employment or under color of such person's office with the ~~Municipality~~ City shall be accounted for and paid immediately into the General Fund of the ~~Municipality~~ City unless otherwise provided by this Charter or by law.

SECTION 4.10 PURCHASING.
The Council shall establish by ordinance a purchasing procedure for the City departments which may include a procedure for making emergency purchases by certain officers and employees of the ~~Municipality~~City.

SECTION 4.11 SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT; CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS.
Purchase of supplies, materials and equipment and the construction of public improvements for the ~~Municipality~~ City shall be made by any method authorized by the State of Ohio for public entities, pursuant to such procedures and subject to such threshold amounts as the Council shall determine by ordinance.

SECTION 4.12 EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS.
At any time during the fiscal year, the Council may make an appropriation to meet emergency needs for the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare of the inhabitants of the ~~Municipality~~City, even though such appropriation is in excess of available revenues. Such appropriation may be made only by the favorable votes of at

least five of the members of Council and the ordinance shall set forth explicitly the character of the emergency and shall indicate clearly the source of the funds from which the expenditure is to be financed.

SECTION 4.14 CHARACTERISTICS OF SHORT TERM NOTES.
Notes issued pursuant to the provision of Sec. 4.13 of this Charter shall be negotiable and signed by the President of Council and the Director of Finance or as otherwise provided by law ~~and shall be negotiable~~. They may be sold at public or private sale by the Director of Finance at the lowest net cost to the ~~Municipality~~City, shall be payable on demand or at fixed dates, no later than the end of the next fiscal year, and may in the latter case be either subject to redemption prior to maturity or non-callable at the option of the ~~Municipality~~City. No renewal or extension shall extend the maturity date beyond the end of the next fiscal year following their issuance.

SECTION 4.15 ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.
The Council shall establish by ordinance accounting concepts, principles, standards, and guidelines for the effective financial management of the ~~Municipality~~ City taking into consideration current recommendations and practices established by the Office of the Auditor of the State of Ohio and by such other local, State or national agencies or organizations as will serve the fiscal needs of the ~~Municipality~~City.

SECTION 5.01 LIMITATION ON PROPERTY TAX RATE.
Pursuant to the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, Sec. 5705.18, the Council shall have the authority to levy not more than eight mills of ~~general~~real and public utility property tax for all municipal purposes, as specified in the annual budget, without a further popular vote than the approval of this Charter. Additional levies, beyond those herein authorized to be made by vote of the Council, may be made by popular vote in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5.02 POWER TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS.
The ~~Municipality~~ City may incur indebtedness, upon authorization of the Council, by issuing its negotiable bonds and notes in anticipation of bonds, to finance the construction of any capital improvement or the acquisition of any capital asset. Council shall, by ordinance, determine that which constitutes a “capital improvement” or “capital asset”.

SECTION 5.03 ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES.
The Council shall authorize the issuance of bonds or notes by ordinance, passed by the affirmative votes of a majority of its members. ~~No~~The first such ordinance shall not be passed as an emergency ordinance. Refunding ordinances may be passed on an emergency basis.

SECTION 5.05 FISCAL AGENT.
The Council shall designate the fiscal officer or trustee for the ~~Municipality~~ City in all transactions under the Uniform Public Securities Act.

SECTION 6.02 MUNICIPAL ~~PLANNING~~ DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

There shall be a Municipal ~~Planning~~Development Commission consisting of ~~six~~eight members. The ~~five~~seven voting members shall each be a qualified elector of the ~~Municipality~~ City and shall be appointed by Council to serve a term of three years except when appointed to fill a vacancy in which case to serve the unexpired term. Such terms shall be overlapping. Two of the seven voting members shall reside in the Architectural Review District, one of whom shall be a resident freeholder of the District. The ~~sixth~~eighth member shall be a member of Council designated by ~~it~~ Council in January of even-numbered years to serve a term of ~~one year~~two years and such ~~sixth~~eighth member shall have no vote. ~~Except as provided in Section 6.04 of this Charter, t~~The voting members of the Commission shall hold no other City~~municipal~~ office or employment. The Commission shall elect its own officers annually and shall follow the Rules of Procedure for Boards and Commissions provided by ordinance.

SECTION 6.03 POWERS AND DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL ~~PLANNING~~DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

The Municipal Planning Commission shall have the power to:

(1) Review and recommend any revisions to the Master Plan, official map, area plans, and development standards of the City as often as necessary as determined by Council but not less frequently than every ten (10)~~five (5)~~ years;

(2) Recommend to Council the disposition of requests for subdivision platting;

(3) Recommend to Council amendments to the zoning plan and ordinance of the ~~Municipality~~City;

(4) Recommend to Council zoning changes and zoning for newly annexed areas;

(5) Determine or recommend to Council, as provided by ordinance, the disposition of requests for conditional use permits;

(6) Cooperate with the regional planning commission and the planning commissions of area municipalities;

(7) Issue certificates of appropriateness for new or altered structures and property within the Architectural Review District as provided by ordinance;~~Act as the Board of Architectural Review as provided by ordinance. The Council shall annually appoint as additional voting members of the Board of Architectural Review two representatives of the Architectural Review District, one or both of whom shall be a resident freeholder of said District;~~

(8) Hear and decide appeals from the refusal, issuance, or revocation of a building permit, occupancy certificate, or certificate of compliance by a municipal official;

(9) Permit exceptions to and grant variances from zoning area regulations in individual cases when it is determined that practical difficulty exists;

(10)Perform such other duties, not inconsistent with this Charter, as may be required by ordinance.

In rendering a decision or recommendation on (1) to (7), the Municipal ~~Planning~~Development Commission shall articulate its basis therefor~~, in writing,~~ by reference to the relationship that decision or recommendation has to the overall comprehensive planning goals of the City, which may be found in the Master

Plan, the zoning map, a course of zoning or subdivision practices by the City, or any other acknowledged comprehensive strategy or goals previously established at the time of the decision or recommendation. In rendering a decision on (8) and (9), the Municipal Development Commission shall apply the practical difficulty standards as established by ordinance.

~~SECTION 6.04 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.~~
~~There shall be a Board of Zoning Appeals consisting of five members, one of whom shall be a member of the Municipal Planning Commission designated by it annually. The remaining four members shall each be a qualified elector of the Municipality and shall be appointed by Council to serve a term of three years except when appointed to fill a vacancy in which case to serve the unexpired term. Such terms shall be overlapping. Except as provided in this Section, the members of the Board shall hold no other municipal office or employment. The Board shall elect its own officers annually and shall follow the Rules of Procedure for Boards and Commissions provided by ordinance.~~

~~SECTION 6.05 POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.~~
~~The Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the power to hear and decide appeals from the refusal, issuance, or revocation of a building permit, occupancy certificate, or certificate of compliance by a municipal official; and to permit exceptions to and grant variances from zoning area regulations in individual cases when it is determined that practical difficulty exists. The practical difficulty standards to be applied in such cases shall be established by ordinance.~~

SECTION 7.01 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.
The regular election for members of the Council shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the odd numbered years. The Council may, by ordinance or resolution, order a special election at any time, the purpose of which shall be set forth in the ~~resolution~~legislation.

SECTION 7.04 BALLOTS.
The names of all candidates nominated for the Council shall be printed on the official ballot, without party designation, in accordance with State law. If two candidates are nominated with the same surname or with names so similar as to be likely to cause confusion, the addresses of their places of residence shall be placed with their names on the ballot. The names of all candidates shall be rotated on the ballot as provided by law. ~~If voting machines are used, the names shall be rotated by precincts, as provided by law.~~

SECTION 7.07 STATEMENT OF EXPENSES; FAILURE TO FILE.
Each successful and unsuccessful candidate for Council shall file with the Clerk of the ~~Municipality~~ City an exact copy of the statement of receipts and expenditures required by law to be filed with the Board of Elections of Franklin County and shall do so on or before the date required by State law for filing with the Board of Elections. In addition to such other penalties as may be prescribed by State law, failure to file such statement with the Clerk of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall disqualify a successful candidate

from receiving the oath of office or from continuing in office if said oath of office has been administered.

SECTION 8.01 RECALL.
The voters of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall have power to recall and remove from office any member of the Council before the expiration of such member's term, such power being known as the recall. A recall may be started by filing with the City Clerk a petition signed by qualified voters equal in number to twenty-five percent of those who cast ballots for the member of Council receiving the highest number of votes at the last preceding municipal election, requesting that ~~a~~the Council member, named in the petition be removed from office. ~~If the City Clerk finds the petition sufficient, t~~The City Clerk shall coordinate with the Board of Elections of Franklin County to determine sufficiency of the petition. If sufficient, the City Clerk shall certify to the Board of Elections of Franklin County, to be placed on the ballot at the next succeeding municipal or State election occurring not less than ninety days thereafter, the question: "Shall John or Jane Doe (using the name of the Councilperson named in the petition) be recalled from office as member of Council in the ~~Municipality~~ City of Worthington? Yes . No ". If, at the election, a majority of votes cast on the question shall be in favor of recall, the Council member shall forthwith ~~retire~~be removed from the office, and the Council shall fill the vacancy thus created in the manner provided in this Charter. No recall petition shall be filed against a Council member during such member's first six months in office. If a Council member against whom a petition is filed is continued in office by the vote at the election, no further recall petitions may be filed against such member for a period of one year.

SECTION 8.02 FORM OF PETITIONS: COMMITTEE.
All petition papers circulated for the purposes of recall shall be uniform in size and style and contain a statement in not more than two hundred (200) words as to the grounds upon which the removal is sought. The signature to petitions need not all be appended to one paper, but to each separate part there shall be attached an affidavit of the circulator as provided herein. Each signer shall sign his or her name in ink or indelible pencil and shall insert after his or her name his or her place of residence and the date of signing. . A petition is not valid unless filed with the City Clerk within ninety (90) days of the collection of the first signature. There shall appear on each copy of the petition the names and addresses of five electors~~voters~~ who, as a committee of the petitioners, shall be regarded as responsible to the ~~Municipality~~ City for the circulation and filing of the petition. The committee shall file a copy of the petition with the City Clerk before any signatures are solicited or obtained. Attached to each part of the petition, when signed and filed with the City Clerk, shall be an affidavit of the circulator thereof that such circulator ~~only~~ personally circulated the foregoing paper, that it bears a stated number of signatures, that each signature was affixed in the presence of the circulator, and that the circulator believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.

SECTION 8.03 FILING AND EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS.

All separate papers comprising a recall petition shall be assembled and filed with the City Clerk as a single instrument. Within twenty days thereafter the City Clerk shall examine the petitions in coordination with the Board of Elections of Franklin County and determine their validity and sufficiency and report thereon to the Council.

SECTION 9.01 OATH OF OFFICE.
Every officer and employee of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall, before entering upon the duties of office or employment, take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation, which may be administered by the City Manager, or designee, and filed and kept in the office of the Clerk: "I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Ohio and will obey the laws thereof and that I will, in all respects, observe the provisions of the Charter and ordinances of this ~~Municipality~~City, and will faithfully discharge the duties of , upon which I am about to enter."

SECTION 9.02 OFFICIAL BONDS.
Council shall determine which officers and employees of the ~~Municipality~~ City whose duties require them to handle or be concerned with the management of its money or other property, shall furnish to the Clerk a corporate surety bond issued by a company authorized to do business in Ohio, to protect the ~~Municipality~~ City against loss due to their acts. The amount of such bond shall, in each case, be determined by the Council. In lieu of requiring a bond, Council can require insurance coverage to provide similar protections. The premiums of such bonds or insurance coverage shall be paid from the funds of the ~~Municipality~~City.

SECTION 9.03 PERSONAL INTEREST.
No member of ~~the~~ Council or any officer or employee of the ~~Municipality~~ City shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with or sale to the ~~Municipality~~ City of any materials, supplies or services, or any land or interest in land, except as prescribed by ordinance of Council and otherwise permitted by the ethics and other laws of the State of Ohio. No member of Council having such an interest shall participate in the discussion or approval of such ordinance.
A person ~~who knowingly violates this section shall be guilty~~convicted of having an unlawful interest in a public contract under state law~~, and upon conviction thereof~~ shall be ~~fined~~punished in accordance with such law ~~prescribing the penalty for such offense,~~ and ~~shall~~may also be removed from office by Council. Any contract or ~~agreement~~sale made in violation of this section shall be voidable at the election of the Council.

SECTION 9.04 AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER.
This Charter may be amended in the manner provided in Section 9 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio. The Council shall appoint, as often as necessary but not less frequently than every ten (10) years, a Charter Review Commission comprised of electors of the City whose purpose shall be to review this Charter and to recommend any Charter amendments which it deems necessary or appropriate.

If two or more conflicting amendments or two or more of the same nature are on the ballot, then the passing amendment receiving the greater number of affirmative votes cast shall be the amendment to the Charter. This section shall be effective and applicable to amendments on the ballot at the November 2026 election and thereafter.

SECTION 9.05 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS
Option 1
The amendments to this Charter proposed by Ordinance No. XX-2026, adopted on July __, 2026 if approved by a majority of the electors voting at the election held on November 3, 2026, shall be in effect the day the election results are certified to the City by the Franklin County Board of Elections, except that amended Sections 6.02 and 6.03 and repealed Sections 6.04 and 6.05 shall be in effect from and after December 31, 2028 or such other date determined by Council by ordinance .

SECTION 9.06 COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO ETHICS AND ELECTION LAWS.
Unless otherwise provided in this Charter or by Ordinance of City Council, the laws of the State of Ohio pertaining to conflicts of interest, criminal behavior, ethics and financial disclosure by municipal officials and employees, and campaign financing and other election practices of candidates for municipal office shall apply under this Charter.

SECTION 10.01 FISCAL SUCCESSION.
The ~~Municipality~~ City of Worthington is hereby declared to be the only legal successor of the Village of Worthington, Town of Worthington, or Municipality~~City~~ of Worthington under it former charter or Ohio law and as such the ~~Municipality~~ City has title to all property real and personal, owned by its predecessors~~the City~~ including all monies on deposit and all taxes in the process of collection together with all accounts receivable and rights of action.

All tax levies voted for a term of years shall remain in effect for the full term provided in such vote. The ~~Municipality~~ City also is liable for all outstanding orders, contracts and debts of the City's predecessors and for any other obligations for which it may be held liable, as successor to the City's predecessors, by any court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 10.02 CONTINUATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, CODES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.
All ordinances, rules and regulations of the City ~~of Worthington,~~ in effect at the time of the adoption of this Charter or any amendment thereto, shall remain in effect, except as superseded by the provisions of this Charter, until amended or repealed.

SECTION 10.06 PENDING ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.
No action or proceeding, civil or criminal, pending at a time when this Charter or any amendment thereto shall take effect, brought by or against the ~~Municipality~~ City or any office, agency or officer thereof, shall be abated or affected by anything herein contained, but all such actions shall be prosecuted or defended under the laws in effect when they were filed.

SECTION 11.02 CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE.
All positions in the service of the City shall be filled pursuant to open competitive examinations except:

(1) The Clerk of Council.
(2) The City Manager.
(3) The Assistant City Managers.
(4) The directors, assistant directors, and deputy directors of departments.
(5) The Administrative Assistants.
(6) The Assistants to the City Manager.
(7) The Executive Assistants to the City Manager.
(8) Seasonal, temporary, and part-time employees.
(9) The Chief Building Inspector.
(10) The Clerk of the Mayor's Court.

Appointment to and removal from the offices of City Council, Mayor, Vice-Mayor and members of boards, commissions and committees shall be made in accordance with the specific applicable terms of this Charter and ordinances of the City, and shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 11.01 and this Section 11.02.

SECTION 11.03 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.
There shall be established a Personnel Department and the City Manager shall appoint, with the approval of the Council, a suitably qualified person to serve part or full time as Director of Personnel who shall:

(1) Recruit qualified persons;
(2) Prepare, schedule and hold examinations;
(3) Create eligible lists;
(4) Certify eligibles to the City Manager, as the appointing authority, for appointment;
(5) Classify positions and establish job classifications;
(6) Develop and conduct training programs;
(7) Prepare and recommend to City Council, through the City Manager, for approval and publication, necessary rules to establish and maintain the merit system in the ~~Municipality~~City;
(8) Perform such other duties relating to personnel matters as the City Manager may direct.

SECTION 11.05 DUTIES OF PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD.
The Personnel Appeals Board shall serve without compensation and shall hear appeals (1) whenever any officer or employee in the competitive service feels aggrieved by any action of the appointing authority or is suspended, reduced, or removed, and requests such hearing or (2) whenever otherwise required by law to do so. The Board shall have power to subpoena witnesses and require the production of records.

SECTION 11.06 SOLICITATION~~; COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO ETHICS AND ELECTION LAWS~~.

~~Unless otherwise provided in this Charter or by Ordinance of City Council, the laws of the State of Ohio pertaining to conflicts of interest, criminal behavior, ethics and financial disclosure by municipal officials and employees, and campaign financing and other election practices of candidates for municipal office shall apply under this Charter.~~

No employee of the City shall solicit or contribute money to support the nomination or election of a candidate for the office of member of City Council. A candidate for the office of Member of City Council may solicit and contribute funds to his or her own campaign and to the campaign of any other candidate for the office of member of City Council. For purposes of this Charter section, a City Council member shall not be considered to be an "employee of the City."

SECTION 12.01 HISTORY AND PRESERVATION.
The Village Green, originally platted and dedicated in 1803 by those persons who first came to and settled in Worthington, is held by this ~~Municipality~~ City in trust for the benefit of its residents. As such, the Village Green is, to this community, of great historical value and interest, essential to and defining of its heritage and character, and an integral part of its quality of life. Therefor~~e~~, the Village Green shall be preserved.

EXHIBIT B

Ballot Language – Various Amendments Recommended by Commission

Shall the various sections of the Charter of the City of Worthington be amended as set forth in Exhibit A of Ordinance No. __-2026 of the City of Worthington?

YES ____ NO ____

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: City Council

From: Robyn Stewart, City Manager
Tom Lindsey, Law Director

Subject: PETITION TO AMEND CITY CHARTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Franklin County Board of Elections has certified a petition that was circulated in the community to amend the City's Charter to reduce the number of signatures required for referendum petitions. This Ordinance places the question on the November 3rd ballot.

RECOMMENDATION
Motion to amend each ordinance to insert the Resolution number (46-2026) for the Special Election; Approve as Amended.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
The Ohio Constitution provides the opportunity for citizens to propose amendments to city charters by petition. Petitions for amendments must be signed by 10% of the electors voting in the last general municipal election and are then placed on the ballot for voter consideration. A group of citizens in Worthington has circulated a petition and submitted the signed petition to the City. The City forwarded the signed petition to the Franklin County Board of Election who reviewed the signatures and certified the petition had the required number of signatures.

The petition proposes the following amendment to the City's Charter:

> SECTION 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Charter, the power of referendum on any ordinance or other measure passed by the Council may be exercised in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio except that the petition signature requirement shall be ten

present of the electors of the City, based upon the total vote cast at the last preceding general municipal election.

This Ordinance places this Charter amendment on the November 3rd election. Since the petition has the required number of signatures, Council is required to approve the ordinance. Approval by Council does not indicate support or lack of support for the proposed amendment.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Ordinance No. 23-2026 (As Amended)
Ordinance No. 23-2026
Franklin County Board of Elections Certification Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2026 (As Amended)

To Submit to the Electors of the City of Worthington at a Special Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 the Question of Amending the Charter of the City of Worthington Pertaining to Referendum Petition Signature Requirements as Proposed by Petition.

WHEREAS, Section 9.04 of the Charter of the City of Worthington ("Charter") authorizes amendments to the Charter to be made as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution, which requires the City Council to submit to the electors of the City, by ordinance, a charter amendment proposed by petition of ten percent of the electors who voted at the last general municipal election in pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 14 of the Ohio Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2026, a Petition for Submission of Proposed Amendment to Charter was filed with the City Clerk/Clerk of Council to amend the Charter by enacting a new Section 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS, comprised of 43 part-petitions containing 976 signatures; and,

WHEREAS, the Petition was submitted to the Franklin County Board of Elections ("Board of Elections") on June 22, 2026, for verification of the signatures and on June 24, 2026, the City was notified by the Board of Elections that the Petition contains 891 valid signatures; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Board of Elections, there were 5,794 Worthington electors who voted at the last general municipal election held in 2025 and that ten percent of the total ballots cast is 580; and,

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio provides that the charter amendment question, having sufficient valid signatures, shall be submitted to the electors at the next regular municipal election if one shall occur not less than sixty nor more than one hundred and twenty days after passage of the ordinance or otherwise at a special election to be called and held within that time period; and,

WHEREAS, since no regular municipal election will be held in 2026, City Council by Resolution No. 46-2026, has called a special election pursuant to Section 7.01 of the Charter to be held on November 3, 2026 concurrently with the general election, a date which is not less than 60 nor more than 120 days after passage of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That there shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Worthington the question of amending the Charter, such question and proposed amendment being set forth in Exhibit A (Charter Amendment – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Proposed by Petition), attached hereto and made a part hereof, to

be submitted as a single ballot question, at the special election to be held concurrently with the general election on November 3, 2026, at the regular places and times of voting in the City.

SECTION 2. That the ballot for said election shall conform to the election laws of the State of Ohio, and shall: (1) be entitled "Proposed Charter Amendment – City of Worthington"; (2) shall be worded as set forth in Exhibit B (Ballot Language – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Proposed by Petition), attached hereto and made a part hereof; and (3) contain a statement that a majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage and approval of the amendment of the Sections as proposed herein.

SECTION 3. That the Director of Law is authorized and directed to make such arrangements with the Board of Elections as are necessary for giving notice of said election, for placing the question on the ballot, and for printing the text of the proposed amendments for posting at polling places. In the event that either the Board of Elections or the Ohio Secretary of State determine that the ballot language must read differently than the language set forth in Exhibit B of Section 2 of this Ordinance or that the reference to the proposed amended charter language should change for presentation on the ballot, then the Director of Law, upon approval of the City Council President, may make such changes sufficient to permit the issue to be placed on the November 3, 2026 ballot, provided that the proposed change must be presented upon the ballot as a single ballot issue.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections and to publish the full text of the proposed Charter amendments, as set forth in Exhibit A of this Ordinance, once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality or as provided in Section 7.16 (731.211(B)) of the Ohio Revised Code, with the first publication being at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance, directing a question to the electorate, shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as provided in Section 2.19 of the Charter.

Passed:

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President of Council

Attest:

Introduced:
Public Hearing:
Effective:

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Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2026 (As Amended)

Exhibit A

Charter Amendment – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Proposed by Petition

SECTION 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Charter, the power of referendum on any ordinance or other measure passed by the Council may be exercised in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio except that the petition signature requirement shall be ten percent of the electors of the City, based on the total vote cast at the last preceding general municipal election.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2026 (As Amended)

Exhibit B

Ballot Language – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Proposed by Petition

Shall the Charter of the City of Worthington be amended to add Section 1.05 to read as follows:

SECTION 1.05 REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Charter, the power of referendum on any ordinance or other measure passed by the Council may be exercised in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio except that the petition signature requirement shall be ten percent of the electors of the City, based on the total vote cast at the last preceding general municipal election?

YES ____ NO ____

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Passed:

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President of Council

Attest:

Introduced:
Public Hearing:
Effective:

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Clerk of Council

Exhibit A
Charter Amendment – Referendum Petition Signature Requirement Proposed by Petition

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YES ____ NO ____

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June 24, 2026

Daniel Ruggiero, Clerk of Council
City of Worthington
6550 N High St
Worthington, OH 43085

Mr. Ruggiero,

RE: Initiative Petition for Worthington Charter Amendment

On behalf of the Franklin County Board of Elections, I hereby certify that the board has examined the petition for initiated charter amendment received by our office from you on June 22, 2026. The numbers of valid and invalid signatures on the petition for the prospective initiative are as follows:

Total Signatures:	975
Valid Signatures:	891
Invalid Signatures:	84

The total number of ballots cast in the City of Worthington at the 2025 regular municipal election was 5,794. Ten percent of the total ballots cast is 580.

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeff Mackey, Manager
Petitions & Campaign Finance
614.525.3893
jomackey@vote.franklincountyohio.gov

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: Scott F. Bartter, Finance Director

Subject: Ordinance No. 18-2026 – Additional Appropriation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Ordinance appropriates funds in the Orange Township JEDD fund for the purpose of distributing the income tax collected.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve as Presented

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

Income tax collections for the Orange Township JEDD have exceeded estimates, which requires additional appropriations to account for the distribution of the tax. The distribution is currently set at 10% to the JEDD for administrative costs and the actual cost of income tax collection. The remaining balance is distributed with 25% allocated to the City of Worthington and 75% to Orange Township.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Ordinance No. 18-2026

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2026

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2025 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Orange Township JEDD Unappropriated Balance.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio, provides that City Council may at any time amend or revise the Budget by Ordinance, providing that such amendment does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the Orange Township JEDD unappropriated balance to:

Account No.	Description	Amount
Orange Township JEDD #231		
231.3131.540517	Tax Collection	$ 3,500.00
231.3131.540519	City Distribution	35,000.00
231.3131.540524	Township Distribution	90,000.00
231.3131.540542	JEDD Distribution	10,000.00
Total General Fund		$ 138,500.00

SECTION 2. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed:

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President of Council

Attest:

Introduced:
Public Hearing:
Effective:

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Clerk of Council

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: John Moorehead, Director of Service and Engineering

Subject: Ordinance No. 24-2026 - Granting an Easement to Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Ordinance grants a permanent easement to Ohio Power Company, a unit of American Electric Power and authorizes the City Manager to enter into an easement agreement to allow the installation of electrical service equipment and use of a portion of the Outdoor Pool property at 350 W Dublin Granville Road.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Approve as presented

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
With construction of the new Outdoor Pool complex, a new electrical service to the property is needed. American Electric Power (AEP) has determined that the best route for providing service extends from overhead power lines along W Dublin Granville Road. An easement roughly 1,400 square feet in size is needed from the City of Worthington to convey electrical service from the public right of way to a proposed utility pole and transformer on the Outdoor Pool property.

The location, size, and proposed use of this easement do not create significant hardships or limitations on the City's property. Staff recommends that Council grant this easement to AEP and authorize the City Manager to enter into an easement agreement.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Ordinance No. 24-2026
Easement Agreement

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2026

Granting a Permanent Easement to Ohio Power Company through Property Owned by the City of Worthington at 350 W Dublin Granville Road.

WHEREAS, Ohio Power Company a unit of American Electric Power ("AEP Ohio") is in the process of relocating the electric power lines and utility poles as part of the outdoor swimming pool construction project; and,

WHEREAS, AEP Ohio has requested an easement through the property owned by the City of Worthington located at 350 W Dublin Granville Road (Parcel # 100-007053); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council does hereby grant a permanent easement to AEP Ohio across the property owned by the City at 350 W Dublin Granville Road as described on the Easement & Right of Way attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a permanent easement with AEP Ohio in substantially the form of Exhibit 1 and approved to form by the Law Director.

SECTION 3. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed:

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President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT 1

Eas._____



Easement & Right of Way

CITY OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO, a municipal corporation, "Grantor", in consideration of $1.00, the easement terms, and other good and valuable consideration from Ohio Power Company an Ohio corporation and a unit of American Electric Power, 700 Morrison Road, Gahanna, OH 43230, "Grantee", the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, grants and conveys with general warranty covenants to Grantee its successors, assigns, lessees, licensees and tenants, a right of way and easement, "Easement" for electric and other current/future energy or communication purposes overhead, underground, in, on, through and across the following described lands situated in the State of Ohio, County of Franklin, City of Worthington, and described as follows: Lot 1B of the Resubdivision of Lot 1 of the McConnell Arts Center Subdivision as the same is shown of record as: Being Lot No. 2 in the McConnell Arts Center Subdivision as the same is numbered and delineated upon the recorded plat thereof, of record in Instrument Number 202511240135564, and also in Instrument Number 202512020137975 all records of the Franklin County Recorder's Office (Parcel # 100-007053-00).

Said lines and facilities shall be constructed within certain strips of land, the centerline being the facilities as installed. The approximate location and dimensions of said easement are depicted on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein:

This Easement conveys all necessary and convenient rights for the Easement's use, including, without limitation, the rights to**:** construct, operate, maintain, inspect, protect, repair, replace, enlarge, upgrade, extend or remove utility facilities and relocate within the Easement, all necessary and convenient facilities which include but are not limited to: conductors, conduits, enclosures, grounding systems, foundations, manholes, and associated equipment, adding thereto from time to time**;** perform grading or filling for such facilities**;** cut, trim, remove and/or otherwise control, with herbicides or by other means, at Grantee's option (without any liability to Grantor), any trees, limbs or branches, brush, shrubs, undergrowth, of whatever size, buildings, structures, pavement, or other obstructions that in Grantee's reasonable judgment endanger or interfere with the safety or use of its facilities, both within and adjoining the Easement. Within the Easement, Grantor shall not: place any structures, piles or debris, change the level of the ground by excavation or mounding without Grantee's written consent, allow any construction that would be inconsistent with the National Electric Safety Code or Grantee's design standards, nor permit or cause any excavation, except for other utilities, provided such utilities rights do not conflict with this Easement. This Easement also conveys the right of ingress and egress in and over any reasonable routesat

all times. If any governmental authority requires Grantee to relocate the facilities contemplated by this grant, this Easement conveys the right to relocate such facilities to a comparable location of Grantee's choosing, without the need for a new easement.

Grantor may use its property for all purposes not inconsistent with the full enjoyment of the Easement, but Grantor acknowledges high voltage electric lines will be constructed within the Easement and Grantor shall use its property in a manner consistent with all applicable safety rules and regulations for working near electric lines. Safety/required clearance issues may be referred to Grantee's Engineering Group. Grantee shall restore the premises or pay reasonable damages done to fences, drains, seeded lawns (not landscaping), gates, ditches and crops caused by Grantee's use of the Easement. Grantor has authority to grant this Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee in exercising any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver or forfeiture of such right. This Easement grant is effective and binding upon the parties, their successors, assigns, lessees, licensees, heirs and legal representatives, and if any term hereunder is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

WITNESS, Grantor signed this Easement on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO,
a municipal corporation

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

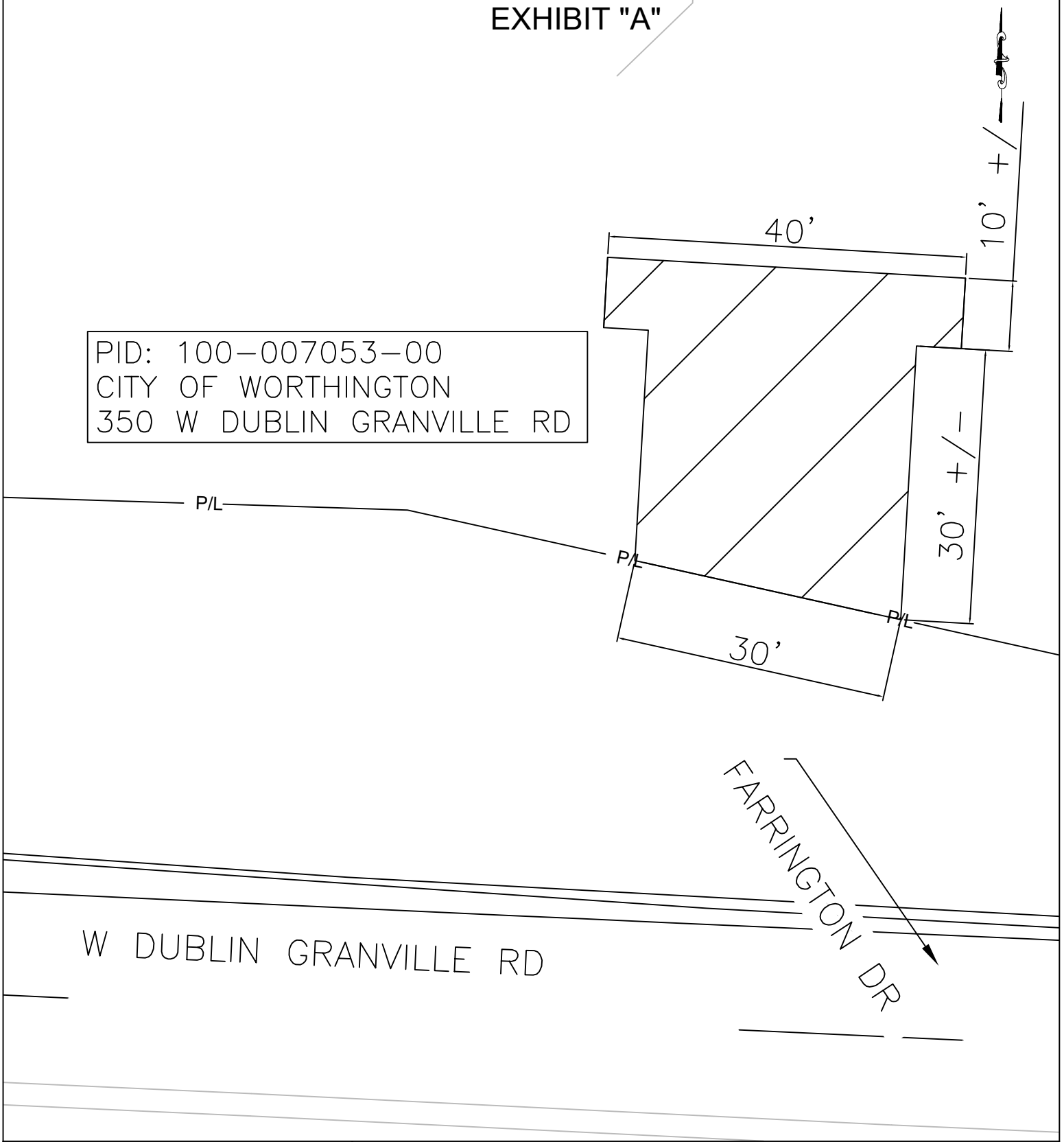
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2026, by _____ (Name), _____ (Title of Officer) of **CITY OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO**, a municipal corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

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Notary Public
My Commission Expires_____

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EXHIBIT "A"



AEP OHIO OHIO POWER COMPANY	DRAWN BY: Lorenzo Repaso	
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	CITY/TWP: WORTHINGTON	DATE: 04/29/2026
	STATE: OH	SCALE: NTS

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: John Moorehead, Director of Service and Engineering

Subject: Ordinance No. 25-2026 – Appropriation - 2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Appropriation, Project 781-25

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Ordinance funds Worthington's 2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation work, Project Number 781-25.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve as presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
Staff in the Service and Engineering Department conduct routine inspections of the City's sanitary sewers using CCTV equipment. Sewers in need of maintenance or rehabilitation are identified during that process. The 2026 Sewer Rehabilitation Project consists of rehabilitation work that cannot be performed by city staff.

This project includes cured in place lining of approximately 2,400 feet of sewer pipe, rehabilitation of two manholes, and associated work which will extend the lifespan of the existing sewer network.

City Council authorized staff to advertise this project for public bidding on June 1, 2026. Sealed bids were opened on June 25, 2026. Three bids were received, with Performance Pipelining being the lowest responsive bid of $200,117.00. Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Performance Pipelining and appropriate $225,000.00 to cover the cost of construction and provide contingency funds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES
This ordinance appropriates $225,000.00 towards Project Number 781-25.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Ordinance No. 25-2026
Proposed 2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Exhibit

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2026

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2025 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of the 2026 Sewer Rehabilitation Project and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 781-25)

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio, provides that City Council may at any time amend or revise the Budget by Ordinance, providing that such amendment does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Account No. 308.8170.533525 an amount not to exceed two-hundred twenty-five thousand dollars ($225,000) to pay the cost of the 2026 Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Project No. 781-25)

SECTION 2. That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the firm of Performance Pipelining, Inc. for the provision of the aforementioned services.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of Section 2.21 of the Charter of the City, this ordinance shall be considered an “Ordinance Determining to Proceed” with the Project, notwithstanding future actions of this Council, which may be necessary or appropriate in order to comply with other requirements of law.

SECTION 4. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed:

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President of Council

Attest:

Introduced:
Public Hearing:
Effective:

_____

Clerk of Council



LEGEND - PROPOSED	
	Proposed CIPP Rehabilitation
	Proposed CIPP Short Liner Rehabilitation
	Proposed Open Cut Point Repair
	Proposed Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation

REVISIONS			
MARK	DATE	DESCRIPTION	

CITY OF WORTHINGTON

CITY OF WORTHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
FOR
2026 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION

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STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager

Subject: **2026 Worthington TIRC Follow-Up Actions by City Council**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Resolution summarizes the actions taken by the Worthington Tax Incentive Review Council and accepts their recommendations for tax year 2025.

RECOMMENDATION
Introduce and Approve as Presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) abatements and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) exemptions are administered locally by the City's economic development staff, subject to State law requirements. One such requirement is to hold an annual Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) meeting to review active projects in Worthington receiving tax exemptions.

The Worthington TIRC held its annual meeting on July 14, 2026, to review the City's (1) CRA abatement project and (8) TIF projects active during reporting year 2025. The Worthington TIRC is charged with making recommendations to City Council to continue, modify, or cancel each active exemption agreement. For tax year 2025, the Worthington TIRC recommended continuing all projects as-is. A summary of the projects and the TIRC's recommendations are included in the attached meeting minutes.

ATTACHMENTS
Resolution No. 48-2026
Draft Meeting Minutes from 2026 TIRC Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2026

Accepting the Recommendations of the 2026 Worthington Tax Incentive Review Council concerning parcels of commercial real property in the City of Worthington receiving tax exemptions for purposes of economic development.

WHEREAS, Worthington City Council has from time to time provided economic development incentives through means of Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) exemptions to foster redevelopment of various commercial properties within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington annually collects performance data from each such exempted economic development project and reports the same to the Ohio Development Services Agency; and,

WHEREAS, Worthington City Council has acted pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85 to create the Worthington Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) for purposes of annually reviewing all City agreements granting CRA and TIF property tax exemptions; and,

WHEREAS, the TIRC met on July 14, 2026, for purposes of its annual review of performance data collected from all tax-exempted economic development projects (the same data reported to the State), with the TIRC making recommendations concerning the on-going status of each such economic development project; and,

WHEREAS, staff has provided Worthington City Council with the TIRC's recommendations and supporting information for each of the exempted economic development projects; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85(E), Worthington City Council must vote to accept, reject or modify all or any portion of the TIRC's recommendations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City hereby accepts the TIRC's recommendations to continue as-is the one (1) active CRA abatement project and the eight (8) active TIF projects on the basis of performance data reported for the year ending December 31, 2025.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Auditor of Franklin County, Ohio, after its passage and upon request made by said Auditor's representative.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be instructed to record said Resolution in the appropriate record book.

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_____

President of Council

Attest:

_____

Clerk of Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 ~ 11:30 A.M.

Tax Incentive Review Council

Michael Stinziano (County Auditor)
Lois Carson (County)
Vacant (County)
Vacant (County)
Vacant (City)
Rachael Dorothy (City)
TJ Cusick (Schools)
John Oberle (Township)
Laura Kunze (Township)

City of Worthington Staff
David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager
Krystina Zabek, Management Assistant

Franklin County Auditor Staff
P.R. Casey, General Counsel & Deputy Chief of Staff

CALL TO ORDER – Introduction of Members and Participants

Chairperson Stinziano called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.

Members Present:	Michael Stinziano (County Auditor) Rachael Dorothy (City) TJ Cusick (Schools) John Oberle (Township) Laura Kunze (Township)
Members Absent:	Lois Carson, Franklin County
Auditor Staff Present:	P.R. Casey, General Counsel & Deputy Chief of Staff
City Staff Present:	David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager Krystina Zabek, Management Assistant

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Mr. Oberle agreed to serve as Vice Chair of the Worthington TIRC.

APPROVAL OF TIRC MINUTES – June 24, 2025 TIRC Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Oberle moved to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy. **The motion to adopt the minutes passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented during this meeting.

INCENTIVE REVIEW:

Chairperson Stinziano introduced the agenda items for CRA and invited Mr. David McCorkle to brief the members.

Mr. McCorkle presented the following:

Background of Worthington CRA Activity

6600 N. HIGH STREET

Project Background:

The City of Worthington entered into a CRA exemption agreement with the developer in August 2015 to encourage development of its regional headquarters and enhanced bank branch operations on the site at 6600 N. High Street. Under the terms of the agreement, a 50 percent, **10-year** tax exemption was put in place on the property.

2025 Worthington TIRC & City Council Actions
The Worthington TIRC met in June 2025 to review 2024 reporting year data and suggested the CRA abatement should continue as-is. City Council adopted the TIRC's recommended approach on July 7, 2025, via Resolution 27-2025.

2026 City Staff Recommendation
City staff recommends the TIRC determine the project is **in compliance** with the CRA agreement, per the following considerations:

- The company has met their new job and payroll commitments, fulfilling the terms of their agreement.

MOTION: Mr. Oberle made a motion to accept the report and find them in compliance. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

The motion to accept the CRA report passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. McCorkle requested that TIF activity be heard and voted on as a package. Chairperson Stinziano agreed that this would be appropriate.

Mr. McCorkle presented the following:

Background of Worthington TIF activity

WORTHINGTON SQUARE VENTURE LLC (*The Shops at Worthington Place*)

Project Background
Worthington City Council passed Ordinance 47-2010 to authorize a **100 percent**, **30-year** urban redevelopment TIF on the value of improvements made to the former Worthington Square Mall. The TIF revenues are intended to reimburse the developer, Worthington Square Venture LLC, for the costs of various improvements to entrance facades and streetscapes at the southern, eastern and northeastern portions of the 140,000 sq ft retail facility.

In late December 2011, the developer submitted the required documentation to file the TIF. In February 2013, the Ohio Tax Commissioner issued a final determination acknowledging the TIF exemption for the mall parcel.

In March 2015, Worthington City Council passed Ordinance 07-2015 authorizing the City Manager to sign the Acknowledgement of Termination to eliminate the TIF's existing school compensation agreement. Ordinance 07-2015 also amended the existing TIF to convert it to a non-school TIF.

2025 Reporting Year -- Project Performance
The City has recognized approximately $325,000 in deposits to the TIF fund since its inception.

2026 City Staff Recommendation
City staff recommends the TIRC determine the project is **in compliance** with the TIF statutes.

160 W. WILSON BRIDGE ROAD TIF (*The Heights at Worthington Place*)

Project Background:

Worthington City Council passed Ordinance 45-2012 to authorize a **100 percent**, **30-year**, non-school incentive district TIF on the value of improvements made by Worthington Square Acquisition, LLC to develop a mixed-use office and residential project on the rear parking lot behind the Shops at Worthington Place and the former James Tavern site at 160 West Wilson Bridge Road. This is a non-school TIF.

In April 2014, the City submitted the required documentation to file the TIF. In May 2014, the Ohio Tax Commissioner issued a final determination acknowledging the TIF exemption for the mixed-use project.

2025 Reporting Year -- Project Performance
The City has recognized approximately $4,000,000 in deposits to the TIF fund since its inception.

2026 City Staff Recommendation
City staff recommends the TIRC determine the project is **in compliance** with the TIF statutes.

W. DUBLIN GRANVILLE ROAD TIF (*Linworth Plaza*)

Project Background:

Worthington City Council passed Ordinance 42-2013 to authorize a **75 percent**, **10-year** parcel TIF on the value of improvements made to the former Segna Volvo dealership property. The TIF revenues are intended to cover the construction of public infrastructure improvements to

the intersection of State Route 161 (West-Dublin Granville Road) and Linworth Road. The developer will be reimbursed approximately $300,000. This project utilizes the default compensation formula to income tax share with the Worthington School District.

In April 2015, the City submitted the required documentation to file the TIF. In November 2015, the Ohio Tax Commissioner issued a final determination acknowledging the TIF exemption for the project.

2025 Reporting Year -- Project Performance
The City has recognized approximately $1,000,000 in deposits to the TIF fund since its inception.

2026 City Staff Recommendation
City staff recommends the TIRC determine the project is **in compliance** with the TIF statutes.

933 HIGH STREET TIF (*Fresh Thyme Farmers Market*)

Project Background:

Worthington City Council passed Ordinance 24-2014 to authorize a **75 percent**, **10-year** parcel TIF on the value of improvements made to the former multi-tenant office development on High Street in Old Worthington. The TIF revenues are intended to cover the construction of storm sewer improvements, buried utility lines and other public infrastructure improvements at the site being redeveloped by Fresh Thyme Farmers Market. Reimbursements to the developer are capped at $110,000. This is a non-school TIF.

In September 2014, the City submitted the required documentation to file the TIF. In February 2015, the Ohio Tax Commissioner issued a final determination acknowledging the TIF exemption for the project.

2025 Reporting Year -- Project Performance
The City has recognized approximately $460,000 in deposits to the TIF fund since its inception.

2026 City Staff Recommendation
City staff recommends the TIRC determine the project is **in compliance** with the TIF statutes.

DOWNTOWN WORTHINGTON TIF DISTRICT

Project Background:
Worthington City Council passed Ordinance 33-2014 to authorize a **100 percent**, **30-year** incentive district TIF on the value of improvements made to properties within the district. The TIF is enclosed by a continuous boundary and incorporates real estate parcels that adjoin High

Street, from South Street to North Street. The incentive district comprises approximately 28 acres. This is a non-school TIF.

In January 2015, the City submitted the required documentation to file the TIF. In May 2016, the Ohio Tax Commissioner issued a final determination acknowledging the TIF exemption for the incentive district.

2025 Reporting Year -- Project Performance
The City has recognized approximately $3,510,000 in deposits to the TIF fund since its inception. A majority of these deposits are then returned to the Worthington School District.

2026 City Staff Recommendation
City staff recommends the TIRC determine the project is **in compliance** with the TIF statutes.

350 W. WILSON BRIDGE ROAD TIF (*Trivium Development LLC*)

Project Background:
Worthington City Council passed Ordinance 36-2015 to authorize a **75 percent**, **10-year** urban redevelopment TIF on the value of improvements made to the property located at 350 W. Wilson Bridge Road. The TIF revenues are intended to help offset the costs associated with the construction of public infrastructure improvements. If the property valuation exceeds $5,800,000, the TIF becomes a non-school TIF.

In December 2015, the City submitted the required documentation to file the TIF. In July 2016, the City responded to a request from the Ohio Department of Taxation for supplemental documentation. In September 2016, the Ohio Tax Commissioner issued a final determination acknowledging the TIF exemption for the project.

2025 Reporting Year -- Project Performance
The City has recognized approximately $735,000 in deposits to the TIF fund since its inception.

2026 City Staff Recommendation
City staff recommends the TIRC determine the project is **in compliance** with the TIF statutes.

800 PROPRIETORS ROAD (*Cotter House*)

Project Background:
Worthington City Council passed Ordinance 037-2018 to authorize a **75 percent**, **10-year** parcel TIF on the value of improvements made to the property located at 800 Proprietors Road. The TIF revenues are intended to help offset the costs associated with the construction of public infrastructure improvements. Reimbursements to the developer are capped at $200,000.

In June 2019, the City submitted the required documentation to file the TIF. In January 2020, the Ohio Tax Commissioner issued a final determination acknowledging the TIF exemption for the project.

2025 Reporting Year -- Project Performance
The City has recognized approximately $255,000 in deposits to the TIF fund since its inception.

2026 City Staff Recommendation
City staff recommends the TIRC determine the project is **in compliance** with the TIF statutes.

STAFFORD VILLAGE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TIF (*The Hartford*)

Project Background:
Worthington City Council passed Ordinance 02-2023 to authorize a **100 percent, 30-year** parcel TIF on the value of improvements made to the property located at 84-104 Stafford Avenue. The TIF revenues will be used to reimburse the Worthington City Schools for the costs associated with public improvements to Hartford Field. Reimbursements to the Schools are capped at $600,000. This is a non-school TIF.

In January 2024, the Ohio Tax Commissioner issued a final determination acknowledging the TIF exemption for the project.

2025 Reporting Year -- Project Performance
The City has not yet received any deposits to the TIF fund.

2026 City Staff Recommendation
City staff recommends the TIRC determine the project is **in compliance** with the TIF statutes.

MOTION: Ms. Dorothy made a motion to accept the report and find all TIF projects in compliance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cusick. **The motion to accept the TIF report passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Stinziano declared the meeting adjourned at 11:39 A.M.

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Resolution 49-2026 – (1) Business Addition to Sharon Township Joint Economic Development District (JEDD)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Resolution authorizes an amendment to the existing Joint Economic Development District agreement with Sharon Township to add a new property to the area.

RECOMMENDATION
Introduce and Approve as presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
In 2021, the City of Worthington and Sharon Township entered into an agreement to form the Sharon Township Joint Economic Development District (JEDD). The JEDD area began with five parcels, though it was anticipated that additional businesses/parcels may be added to the JEDD in future years. The proposed amendment would add one additional parcel to the JEDD area:

- Tree of Life Christian Schools - tax parcel 254-151939

Ohio Revised Code Section 715.72(L) and Section 13 of the original JEDD agreement authorize amendments for the purposes of adding territory to the JEDD area. The City and Township have complied with all procedures of the JEDD Act related to the addition of the businesses, including this public hearing and notice requirements of ORC Section 715.72(L)(2). Additionally, as required by ORC Section 715.72(L)(3), the business owners

have submitted, and the City and Township have received, the required property owner and business owner petitions necessary to add the parcels to the JEDD area.

ATTACHMENTS
Resolution No. 49-2026
JEDD Amendment – Tree of Life Christian Schools

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2026

Authorizing an Amendment to the Existing Joint Economic Development District Contract with Sharon Township to Add a New Property to the Area.

WHEREAS, Resolution 35-2020 authorized the Worthington City Manager to enter into a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) contract with Sharon Township pursuant to ORC 715.72; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC 715.72(L) and Section 13 of the original JEDD contract, the City and Township may amend the contract for the purposes of adding territory to the JEDD area; and,

WHEREAS, Tree of Life Christian Schools is currently located outside of existing JEDD boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the City, Township, and property owner desire to facilitate the addition of certain properties to the JEDD area; and,

WHEREAS, the City and Township have complied with all procedures of the JEDD Act related to the addition of the property, including the public hearing and notice requirements of ORC Section 715.72(L)(2).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The original JEDD contract is hereby amended to add the following property to the JEDD area:

- Tree of Life Christian Schools - tax parcel 254-151939

SECTION 2. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

Adopted:

_____

President of Council

Attest:

_____

Clerk of Council

SECOND AMENDMENT
TO THE
JOINT ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CONTRACT

By and Among

TOWNSHIP OF SHARON
and
CITY OF WORTHINGTON

SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT BY AND AMONG THE TOWNSHIP OF SHARON AND CITY OF WORTHINGTON

(Tree of Life Christian School Development Project Expansion)

This Second Amendment to the Joint Economic Development Contract by and between Sharon Township, Franklin County, Ohio and the City of Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Amendment") is executed _____, 2026 (the "Effective Date") by and among Sharon Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Township") and the City of Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio (the "City").

RECITALS:

A. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 715, including particularly R.C. 715.72 of current law (the "JEDD Act"), the City and Township executed a Joint Economic Development District Contract (the "Original JEDD Contract") dated February 4, 2021. The Original JEDD Contract established the Sharon Township Joint Economic Development District, as amended and expanded to date (referred to herein as "JEDD Area," or the "District").

B. Pursuant to the Original JEDD Contract, the Board of Directors for the JEDD (the "JEDD Board") currently imposes a 2.50% tax on income withheld from employees working and persons residing within the JEDD Area and on net business profits from operations within the JEDD Area.

C. Tree of Life Christian Schools, an Ohio nonprofit corporation (the "Owner") has acquired and desires to develop certain property (the "Project" or "Project Area") at a site within the boundaries of the Township (the "Tree of Life Additional Property," which is further described on the attached Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference). The Tree of Life Additional Property is located outside of the current JEDD Area. The current JEDD Area and the Tree of Life Additional Property are referred to collectively herein as the "Expanded JEDD Area."

D. The City, Township, and Owner desire to facilitate the addition of the Tree of Life Additional Property to the JEDD Area.

E. Ohio Revised Code Section 715.72(L) and Section 13 of the Original JEDD Contract authorize the amendment of the Original JEDD Contract upon certain conditions stated therein for the purposes of adding territory to the JEDD Area.

F. The City and Township have complied with all procedures of the JEDD Act related to the addition of the Tree of Life Additional Property to the JEDD Area, including the public hearing and notice requirements of R.C. Section 715.72(L)(2).

G. As required by R.C. Section 715.72(L)(3), the Owner has submitted or caused to be submitted, and the Township and the City have received the required property owner and business owner petitions necessary to add the Tree of Life Additional Property to the JEDD Area.

H. Pursuant to Resolution No. _____ , passed _____, 2026, the City Council of the City has approved the execution of this Amendment. Pursuant to Resolution No. _____, passed _____, 2026, the Board of Township Trustees of the Township has approved the execution of this Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties herein agree as follows:

Section 1. Adding the Tree of Life Additional Property to the JEDD. Pursuant to Section 13 of the Original JEDD Contract and Ohio Revised Code Section 715.72, and effective on the Effective Date hereof, the Original JEDD Contract is hereby amended to include the Tree of Life Additional Property within the Expanded JEDD Area. The Tree of Life Additional Property shall be subject to the Economic Development Plan contained within the Original JEDD Contract. The territorial boundaries of the Tree of Life Additional Property are depicted and identified in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this Amendment. The territory of the Original JEDD Contract, as amended, is otherwise unchanged. The Tree of Life Additional Property is located entirely within the territorial boundaries of the Township. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 715.72(E), no electors reside within the Tree of Life Additional Property as of the date hereof. Pursuant to the Township Resolution and the City Ordinance, the owners of the Tree of Life Additional Property have given their respective consent to the inclusion within the Expanded JEDD Area of certain real properties depicted and identified in Exhibit A hereto, which also identifies the applicable zoning restrictions with respect to the Tree of Life Additional Property.

Section 2. Public Utilities Infrastructure. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 715.72(F)(8), no new costs are currently anticipated with respect to the provision of public utility services, facilities, and improvements to the Tree of Life Additional Property.

Section 3. Remainder Unaffected. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Original JEDD Contract or this Amendment, the remaining provisions of the Original JEDD Contract not expressly amended or modified by this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument, and any party to this Amendment may execute this Amendment by signing any such counterpart.

Section 5. Captions. Captions have been provided herein for the convenience of the reader and shall not affect the construction of this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and Township have caused this Amendment to be executed in their respective names by their duly authorized officers or representatives, as of the date hereinabove written.

CITY OF WORTHINGTON,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

By: _____
Its: _____

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SHARON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

By: _____

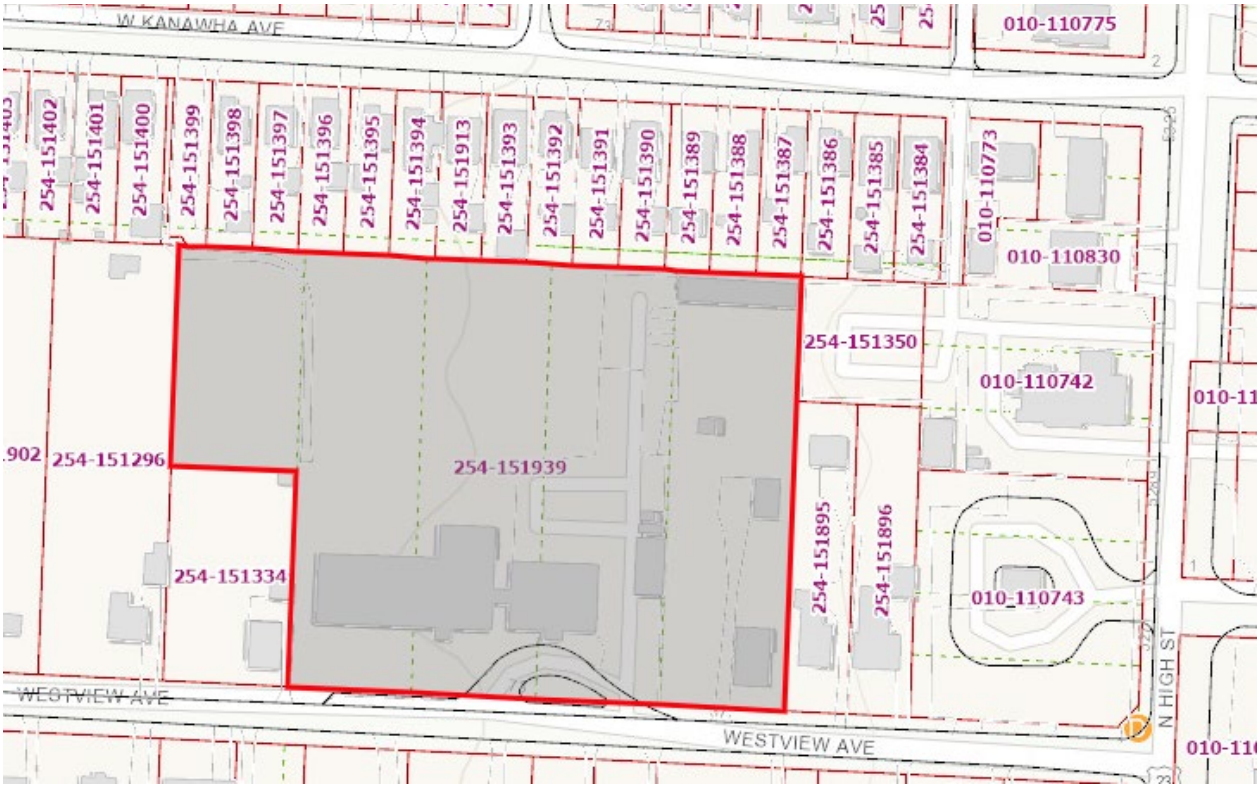
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EXHIBIT A

DEPICTION OF JEDD EXPANSION

(attached hereto)

The real estate situated in the County of Franklin and State of Ohio, Township of Sharon, consisting of Franklin County tax parcel 254-151939-00 (including any subsequent combinations and/or subdivisions of such current parcel number), which is zoned Restricted Urban Residential.



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager

Subject: **Resolution 50-2026 –FACE Program Application – 37 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Resolution would authorize $10,000 in financial assistance under the FACE Program to SKR Realty, LLC, located at 37 E. Wilson Bridge Road.

RECOMMENDATION
Introduce and Approve as presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
The City of Worthington launched a façade improvement grant/revolving loan fund in May 2014 to induce private, commercial property owners and tenants to make exterior focused improvements. Worthington called this initiative the Re-emergent Corridor Assistance Program (ReCAP). After its fifth year in operation, the program was revised in 2019 to expand its geographic eligibility beyond the City's industrial corridor. The newer program, the Façade Assistance and Corridor Enhancement (FACE) Program, continues to encourage exterior investment and enhancement to commercial industrial and office properties within the City. Worthington's commercial real estate is largely comprised of older properties which lag behind comparable properties elsewhere in the Central Ohio region, many of which are marked by declining investment and depressed leasing rates. Reimbursable grants and no-cost financing are available under the FACE Program to fund commercial building exterior enhancements. FACE provides half of the total award amount up-front as a loan payment to awardees, with the remaining half being a reimbursable grant that is received upon proof of invoices and payments, capped at $25,000 per

property. This assistance is to partially fund well-designed exteriors that enhance design integrity and secure participating buildings against further devaluation and disinvestment.

The Worthington Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) met on July 10, 2026, and reviewed the proposed exterior improvements to 37 E. Wilson Bridge Road. The CIC Board recommended approval of funding for the project site. The facade application submitted by SKR Realty, LLC was scored by both City staff and the CIC Board, receiving a final score of 70 points (out of 100 possible; a minimum score of 65 points is required). The CIC recommends that City Council approve $10,000 in total FACE assistance to SKR Realty, LLC, for the property located at 37 E. Wilson Bridge Road. Funds will be used to make improvements pursuant to the program's guidelines and procedures.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The application was completed by Anas Abdul, owner of 37 E. Wilson Bridge Road. Facade improvements include exterior repairs, painting, roof repairs, new landscaping, and new signage. The CIC indicated City funds should only go towards the building repairs, landscaping, and signage. The total cost of the exterior improvements for this project is approximately $20,000, depending on the final scope of work. FACE Program funds will pay for half of the eligible project costs, up to $10,000.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES

Account 219.1919.540650	Building Improvement Incentives	$10,000

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 50-2026
Project Presentation
Application
Scoring Sheet

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2026

Authorizing the Award of Façade Assistance and Corridor Enhancement Funds to Help Improve Facility Exterior Facade and Streetscape Along Certain of the City's Commercial Corridors. (37 E. Wilson Bridge Road)

WHEREAS, in January 2019 the City launched its Façade Assistance and Corridor Enhancement Program, or FACE, as an exterior façade and streetscape enhancement initiative to induce property owners and tenants to re-invest in their commercial properties in Worthington; and,

WHEREAS, those properties eligible for FACE assistance during program year 2026 are located in one of the City's commercial corridors; and,

WHEREAS, the City received an application for program assistance from SKR Realty, LLC, to make exterior improvements to a property at 37 E. Wilson Bridge Road, City of Worthington, Franklin County (the "Property"); and,

WHEREAS, as specified in the FACE Policy & Procedures, City staff prepared the application materials for review by the Worthington Community Improvement Corporation ("CIC") at its regular meeting on July 10, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the CIC Board reviewed the applications and recommended approval; and,

WHEREAS, City Council is desirous of encouraging the exterior renovation project to be made by SKR Realty, LLC as set forth in its application for FACE assistance, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as EXHIBIT A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Worthington does hereby approve an award of $10,000 in assistance under the Façade Assistance and Corridor Enhancement Program for 37 E. Wilson Bridge Road, to SKR Realty, LLC, for the work described in EXHIBIT A. Said assistance is structured in the form of one-half the amount in grant funds and one-half the amount in loaned funds to encourage investments in, and improvements to, the Property.

SECTION 2. These awards of FACE assistance shall be in accordance with and subject to the requirements set forth in the FACE Policy & Procedures, including the use of City funds for only those Eligible Improvement Costs as identified therein.

SECTION 3. The City Manager, the Director of Finance and the Director of Law, and any other City official, as appropriate, are each authorized and directed to sign the necessary documents to evidence the FACE assistance approved herein, and are authorized and directed to sign any other documents, instruments or certificates and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate or implement the transaction described in or contemplated by this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council be instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted:

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President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

FACE Program

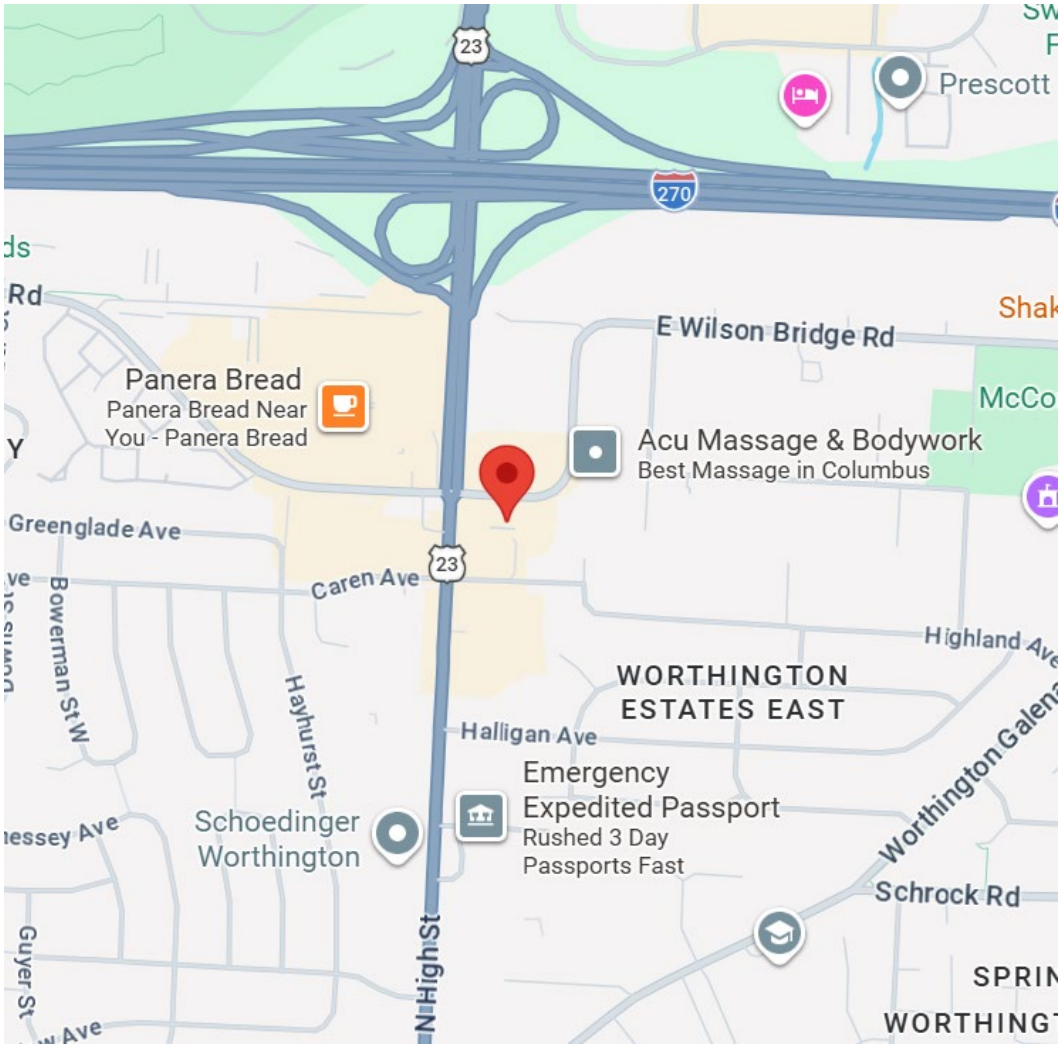
37 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.

Applicant Information

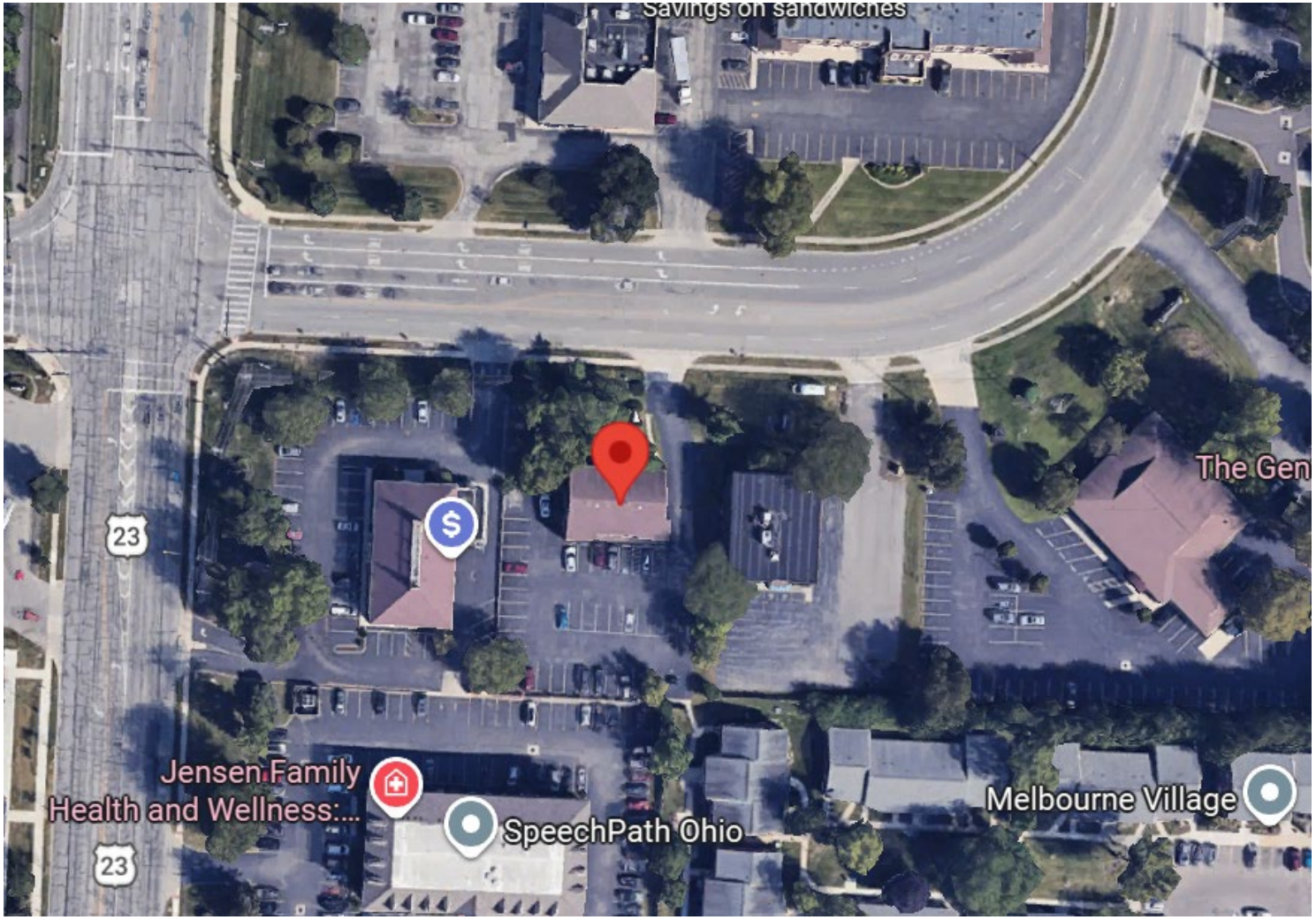
- Applicant: SKR Realty, LLC
- Site Address: 37 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.
- Total Project Cost: $20,000
- Award Amount: $10,000

The building is 50% vacant. The owner of the building, Anas Abdul, intends to invest $20,000 - $30,000 into the building the attract new businesses.

37 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.



37 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.



Scope of Work

- Exterior Repairs
- Painting*
- Fix Roof
- New landscaping
- New signage

**City funds would not pay for painting the building, as recommended by the CIC*

5721 N. High Street

Current Condition



37 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.

Completed Improvements



37 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.

Proposed Improvements



Scoring

Current physical condition:	20
Scope of Work:	15
Viability and repayment:	15
Economic impact:	20
TOTAL SCORE:	70*

**Minimum score of 65 needed to receive funding.*

Façade Assistance & Corridor Enhancement (FACE) Program
Application for Assistance (2025)

Those interested in receiving FACE financing for exterior improvements must complete this form and submit to the City of Worthington. The City will review the information to determine whether an award of FACE assistance is approved for the described project.

Applicant Information	
Applicant Name	SKR Realty, LLC
Applicant's Mailing Address	4920 Scioto Darby RD STE 120 Hilliard, Ohio 43026
Contact Name & Title	Anas Abdul - Owner
Contact Email	skr@skrrealty.com
Contact Phone No.	614-369-6333
Project Site Address	37 E. Wilson Bridge Worthington, OH Is this site: ☒ Purchased ☐ Leased (lease ends: ___/___/___)
Applicant's Federal Identification Number (FEIN)	[redacted] (attach sheet if additional FEINs)
Describe the Economic Impact of the Project, including jobs created/retained, payroll considerations, and total investment	Currenntly the bulding is almost 50% vacant. Once we do the upgrades which includes painting the exterior building and redo Landscaping the building will be more attractive and it will bring us new tenants. the new tenants will bring more people and customers to the area and hire new employees. The total investment for this project could be around $30,000
Attach Copy of Applicant's Recent Letter of Credit or Loan Commitment from a Banking Institution	If the Applicant cannot show recent correspondence from a Banking Institution, Applicant can supply a completed Personal Financial Statement (SBA Form 413).
Property Owner Information	

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Property Owner Name*	SKR Realty, LLC
Email	skr@skrrealty.com
Phone No.	614-369-6333

** If Applicant is NOT the Property Owner, then Property Owner must supply notarized acknowledgement.*

As the owner in fee simple of the real property at the Project Site Address, I hereby acknowledge and approve of the Applicant submitting this request for City of Worthington FACE assistance to improve said property.

PROPERTY OWNER

__Anas Abdallah

STATE OF OHIO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Franklin)

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said county, personally appeared the above-named Property Owner who acknowledged the signing hereof to be his/her voluntary act for the purposes therein mentioned.

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF OHIO

ABIR ELASSADI
Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires
September 26, 2029

Signed: _____
Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission expires: September 26, 2029

Project Site – Current Conditions	
In the Space Provided, Describe the Project Site's Current Conditions, including Building & Site Improvement Needs	(Attach additional sheets if necessary) The building exterior has old brick that makes the building looks very outdated. The landscaping needs a lot of attention. over growing trees and bad looking flower beds We want to improve as follow: Paint the exterior brick white with black trims Plant more flowers and trees and redo all the current flower bids

Attach Current, As-is Photographs of the Project Site

Project Scope of Work & Applicant Experience

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Estimated Total Exterior Project Costs	$ 20,000
In the Space Provided, Describe the Exterior Improvement Project's Scope of Work	(Attach additional sheets if necessary) Paint exterior building Redo land scaping
In the Space Provided, Describe the Applicant's Experience in Undertaking / Managing Similar Projects	we have another property located at 4588 Kenny RD. Columbus, Ohio its a very similar office building and we repainted the exterior and also re did some of the landscaping as well. please see attached before and after pictures another property located on 4920 Scioto Darby RD. Hilliard, Ohio 43026. we upgraded the Face of the building as you see in the before and after pictures.
Attach Renderings, Illustrations and/or Drawings for the Exterior Improvement Project	

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Project Work Bids	
Attach Three (3) Written Bids for All Exterior Improvement Work to be Performed under the Project	Applicant must supply at least three (3) written bids for the work to be performed. Applicants must ensure that all bids are based on the same work (example: if Bid 1 is for tuckpointing, window replacement, and flashing, Bids 2 and 3 must also be for same scope of services) **NOTE: Although FACE awards are calculated only per the lowest bid, Applicants are free to accept higher bids.**
Contractor Selected & Construction Schedule	
Contractor(s) Selected	**Name:** _____
Construction Schedule	Approximate date work to begin: 06/01/2026 Approximate date work to be completed: _07/01/2026 In all cases, FACE-assisted construction must be completed within 24 months of making application

Compliance with City Laws & Regulations

Please verify the following by providing a check mark next to the ones that are true.

__x__ Property taxes are up to date on this property.

___x_ Applicant is in full compliance with City income tax obligations.

___x_ Property is fully compliant with the City's building & zoning code; There are no known violations.

Applicant Signature

As an authorized representative of the Applicant, I hereby submit this Application. I understand that this Application, once submitted, in no way constitutes a commitment of funds by the City of Worthington.

I hereby represent and certify that I have reviewed the information contained in this Application, and the foregoing and attached information, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, complete and accurately describes the proposed project for which the City's FACE assistance is being sought.

I am aware that Ohio law sets forth criminal penalties for falsification on applications for economic development assistance (*see* Ohio Revised Code §2921.13(A)(4)).

Applicant Signature	Anas Abdul **Printed Name & Title**	5/15/2026 **Date**

Applications are to be submitted to the following:
City of Worthington, Economic Development
6550 North High Street
Worthington, Ohio 43085

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Façade Assistance & Corridor Enhancement (FACE)
Application Scoring Sheet

This sheet is used by the Worthington Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) to score each application for Façade Assistance & Corridor Enhancement (FACE) funding. A total score of 100 points is possible; to be considered for funding, an application must receive a minimum score of 65 points.

- Current Physical Condition / Exterior Appearance (**up to 30 points**)
- Scope of Work (**25 points**)
- Applicant's Project Viability & Demonstrated Ability to Repay (**15 points**)
- Economic Impact of Application (**30 points**)

One (1) scoring sheet is completed by the CIC for each application received, with each scoring session occurring during a regular or special meeting of the CIC. Items in this sheet have been weighted to best gauge the completeness and quality of each Applicant's responses.

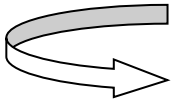
For each item addressed by the Applicant, to the degree indicated, provide a checkmark in the appropriate box. The total evaluation score assigned to each application then is determined by adding the values from all checked items.

City Staff Use Only		
Project located within the FACE Program Area?	✓ Yes	☐ No
Proposed improvements being made to a commercial building?	✓ Yes	☐ No
Applicant's City income tax obligations and real estate taxes on the building in full compliance?	✓ Yes	☐ No
Applicant provided bid(s) by contractors representing all exterior improvements contemplated under the Project?	✓ Yes	☐ No

Applicant Information	
Applicant Name	SKR Realty, LLC (Anas Abdul)
Applicant Type	✓ Owner ☐ Tenant, with Owner's approval
Project Site Address	37 E. Wilson Bridge Rd., Worthington, OH 43085
Applicant Address	4920 Scioto Darby Rd., Suite 120, Hilliard, OH 43026

Current Physical Condition / Exterior Appearance				
Using the items below, gauge the Project Site's current conditions, including building and site improvement needs, and the applicability of FACE assistance.				
	N/A	*Nominal*	*Preferred*	*Extra-ordinary*
Prominence and visibility of Project Site from commercial corridor(s).	☐	☐	✓	☐
Perceived age of Project Site facilities and lack of exterior upkeep.	☐	☐	✓	☐
Extent to which Project Site's current conditions are impacting surrounding properties.	☐	☐	✓	☐

Using the marks given to the application above as a guide…



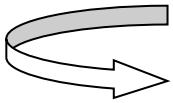
… score the application below:

Criterion	Point Value	Applicant Score
Need for exterior improvements to the Project Site – **choose ONLY ONE (1) of the following choices**:		
• Project Site does *not* have a demonstrated need for improvement	0	☐
• Project Site's need for improvements is *nominal*	+ 10	☐
• Project Site's need for improvements is *preferable*	+ 20	✓
• Project Site's need for improvements is *extraordinary*	+ 30	☐

Project Scope of Work

Using the items below, gauge the Applicant's Project Scope of Work (plan to make improvements), the reasons for making such improvements, and the timing in which they will occur.				
	N/A	*Nominal*	*Preferred*	*Extra-ordinary*
Scope of Work's described improvements will positively impact Project Site's appearance along the Corridor.	☐	☐	✓	☐
Scope of Work's improvements are in-line with design expectations and build quality typical for similar properties in Worthington.	☐	☐	✓	☐
Scope of Work will result in impactful, lasting aesthetic benefit to the property and does not simply entail deferred maintenance.	☐	☐	✓	☐
Extent to which the Applicant demonstrates pre-planning via its Scope of Work.	☐	☐	✓	☐
The project's estimated completion time.	☐	☐	☐	✓

Using the marks given to the application above as a guide…

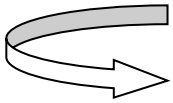


… score the application below:

Criterion	Point Value	Applicant Score
Quality and comprehensiveness of Applicant's Scope of Work– **choose ONLY ONE (1) of the following choices**:		
• Scope of Work does *not* adequately enhance the exterior of the project	0	☐
• Described Scope is *nominal*	+ 5	☐
• Described Scope is *preferable*	+ 15	✓
• Described Scope is *extraordinary*	+ 25	☐

Project Viability & Demonstrated Ability to Repay				
Using the items below, gauge how well the Applicant demonstrates that its project is viable, the Applicant has experience undertaking similar projects & Applicant's ability to repay the loan.				
	N/A	*Nominal*	*Preferred*	*Extra-ordinary*
Estimated total exterior project costs are reasonable and appropriate to the Project scope.	☐	☐	☐	✓
Provided contractor bids are in-line with trade customs and comparable projects in the area.	☐	☐	☐	✓
Applicant demonstrates its capabilities and available administrative capacity to successfully manage and complete the Project.	☐	☐	☐	✓
Project site not marked by obvious significant obstacles to renovation.	☐	☐	☐	✓
Bank's letter of credit or loan commitment, or personal financial statement, is indicative of Applicant is likely repayment of the loan portion within three (3) years.	☐	☐	✓	☐

Using the marks given to the application above as a guide…

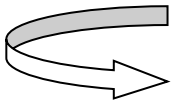


… score the application below:

Criterion	Point Value	Applicant Score
Project viability and loan repayment – **<u>choose ONLY ONE (1) of the following choices</u>**:		
• Applicant does *not* adequately demonstrate a viable project and/or its ability to repay the loan	0	☐
• Applicant demonstrates *nominal* project viability and loan repayment	+ 5	☐
• Applicant demonstrates *preferred* project viability and loan repayment	+ 10	☐
• Applicant demonstrates *extraordinary* project viability and loan repayment	+ 15	✓

Economic Impact of Application				
Using the items below, gauge the overall economic impact of the Applicant's submitted application, including the nature of the proposed project and the project's likely outcomes.				
	N/A	*Nominal*	*Preferred*	*Extra-ordinary*
Applicant is making an investment in the property that exceeds the 1:1 match requirement.	☐	☐	✓	☐
FACE funding is critical to the advancement of the project.	☐	✓	☐	☐
These improvements will help the applicant create jobs/payroll at the project site.	☐	☐	✓	☐
These improvements will help the applicant retain jobs/payroll at the project site.	☐	☐	✓	☐
The project, once completed, will assist in keeping commercial tenants and/or locating new tenants.	☐	☐	✓	☐
The nature of the exterior improvement project likely will result in an increase in the value of the Project Site and surrounding properties.	☐	☐	✓	☐
Applicant's described use of any FACE award provides optimal return-on-investment in improving exterior façade.	☐	☐	☐	✓

Using the marks given to the application above as a guide…



… score the application below:

Criterion	Point Value	Applicant Score
Economic Impact of Application – **choose ONLY ONE (1) of the following choices**:		
• Generally, the application describes a *subpar* economic impact	0	☐
• Generally, the application describes a *nominal* economic impact	+10	☐
• Generally, the application describes a *preferred* economic impact	+ 20	✓
• Generally, the application describes an *extraordinary* economic impact	+ 30	☐

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 1, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager
David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager

From: R. Lee Brown, Director of Planning & Building

Subject: Resolution for an Amendment to Development Plan with a Variance for a Property at 300 W. Wilson Bridge Rd. – ADP 01-2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Resolution is for an Amendment to Development Plan with Variances a sign that exceeds forty (40) sq. ft. in size.

RECOMMENDATION
Introduce and Approve as presented.

Staff is recommending ***approval*** of this application as the proposed sign is appropriately sized and designed for this building.

On June 11, 2026, the Municipal Planning Commission reviewed and recommended ***approval*** of an Amendment to Development Plan with a Variances to City Council.

To view the meeting, please go to the Video Archives for June 11, 2026, ARB & MPC Meeting.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
Zoning: C-3 Zoning District
Subdivision: Worthington Square
Property Dimensions:

- ~330’ frontage W. Wilson Bridge Rd.
- 50’ frontage W. Wilson Bridge Rd. being used as Corporate Hill Parkway
- ~900’ frontage Old Wilson Bridge Rd.
- ~6 acres in area

Building:

- 3-story brick office
- 131,185 sf in area
- Built in 1982

Request: New Wall Sign for OPOC.us

Project Details:

1. Location:
   a. Southeast building wall
   b. Mounted on top brick band that is 63" high
   c. Address is on brick band below
2. Sign:
   a. Individually mounted trimless channel letters and logo
      1) 3" deep aluminum returns
      2) Polycarb faces with applied vinyl
      3) Vinyl in 3 shades of blue
      4) Returns match face colors
   b. Dimensions
      1) 146 ½" wide
      2) 60" high
      3) 61 sf in area
   c. Lighting
      1) Face and halo lit
      2) LED
      3) Electric source behind brick
3. Variance:
   a. Proposed area 61 sf
   b. Allowable area 40 sf
   c. Variance 21 sf

Land Use Plans:

Development Plan Amendment Ordinance

When an applicant wishes to make modifications following approval of a Final Development Plan, and variances are included, the modification must be approved by the City Council.

Worthington Sign Code

1170.08 Permanent Signs.

(a) Non-Residential Properties.

(1) General. The following standards apply to all properties that are not residential in use, except for mixed-use buildings that must comply with this section.

A. Total sign area. The area of all permanent signs for any single business or other non-residential use shall be equivalent to one and one-half square feet of sign area for each lineal foot of width of the building or part of the building occupied by the business.

B. Wall signs. Each business and other non-residential use shall be permitted one wall sign which shall not exceed forty (40) square feet in area. Wall signs shall be designed appropriately for the building and shall not be constructed as cabinet box signs or have exposed raceways. Businesses occupying fifty percent (50%) or more of a building on a parcel abutting more than one right-of-way may have a wall sign facing each right-of-way.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution No. 51-2026 & Exhibit A
- Application & Materials

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2026

Authorizing an Amendment to the Final Development Plan for 300 W. Wilson Bridge Rd. and Authorizing Variances (Kessler Sign Co./OPOC.us).

WHEREAS, Kessler Sign Co. submitted a request for an amendment to the Final Development Plan with Variances for 300 W. Wilson Bridge Rd. on behalf of OPOC.us; and,

WHEREAS, Sections 1175.02(f) and 1107.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington provide that when an applicant wishes to change, adjust or rearrange buildings, parking areas, entrances, heights or yards, following approval of a Final Development Plan, and variances are included, the modification must be approved by the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal received a complete and thorough review by the Municipal Planning Commission on June 11, 2026, and approval has been recommended by the Commission to City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the amendment to the approved Final Development Plan at 300 W. Wilson Bridge Rd. as per Case No. ADP 01-2026, Drawings No. ADP 01-2026 dated May 21, 2026, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" be approved.

SECTION 2. That there be and hereby is granted a variance from Code Section 1170.08(a)(1)(B) to permit a sign that exceeds forty (40) sq. ft. in area.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted:

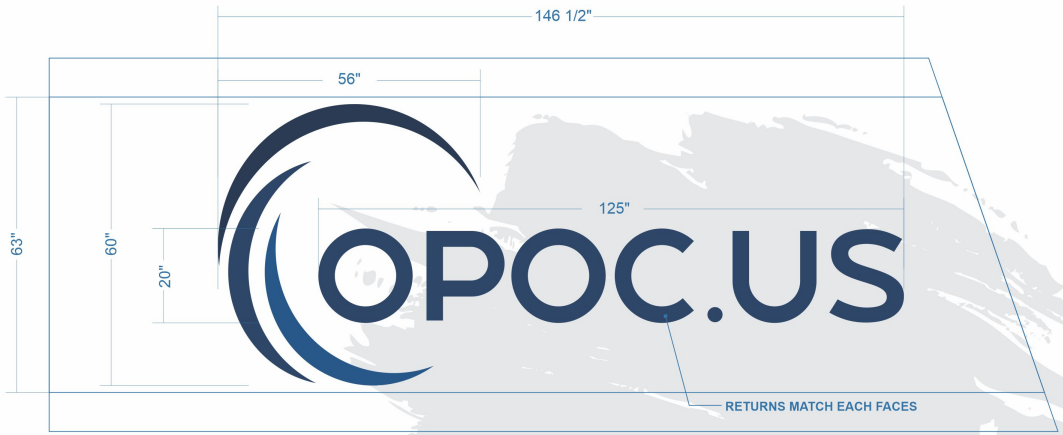
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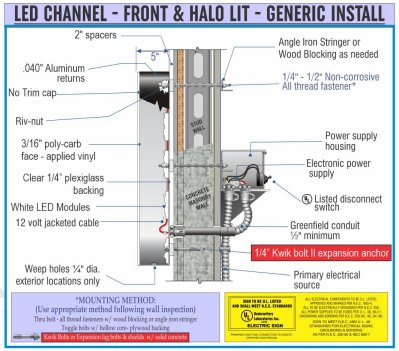
President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council









OPOC.US

CLIENT | **OPOC.US**

LOCATION | **Worthington, OH**

SAVED AS | **OPOC**

DATE | **4/10/26**

REVISIONS | **6/8/26**

SALESMAN | **Adam Kessler**

DESIGNER | **Jared Faber**

SALESMAN INITIAL OF APPROVAL |

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PER COSA
REGISTRATION # **SS08-108-24**

NEW S/F LED ILLUMINATED (FACE & HALO) TRIMLESS CHANNEL LETTERS ATTACHED TO BRICK BUILDING

SCALE:

PANTONE | PANTONE | PANTONE | WHITE

City Council approval needed

Approved
Municipal Planning Commission
City of Worthington
Date 06/11/2026
Lynda Bitar
Clerk

07.20.2026

CITY OF WORTHINGTON
DRAWING NO. ADP 01-2026
DATE 05/21/2026

MPC APPLICATION
ADP 01-2026
300 W. Wilson Bridge Rd.

Plan Type: Amendment to Development Plan
Project:
App Date: 05/21/2026

Work Class: Amendment to Development Plan
District: City of Worthington

Status: In Review

Valuation: $0.00

Description: The property in question needs this sign to show the branding and identification of what the building is. Without the variance we would have to get a smaller sign - making it hard for people to see what the building is, making this variance is substantial. The essential character of the neighborhood would not be altered nor would adjoining properties suffer in any way. The granting of this sign would not adversely affect delivery or governmental services. It would actual help them to locate. The property was not purchased knowing that they could not have a sign this size. The predicament can not be obviated through any other method besides a variance. The spirit behind the zoning requirement would be observe justice done by granting this sign. The actual square footage is 40.69 of the allowed 40. However when boxed (due to the logo) it makes it 64.09sf.

Parcel: 100-005592 Main	**Address:** 300 W Wilson Bridge Rd Main Worthington, OH 43085	**Zone:** C-3(Institutions and Offices)

Applicant
April Koenig
2669 National Road
Zanesville OH 43701, OH 43701
Business: (740) 453-0668

Owner
WWB Holdings I LLC
6640 Riverside Dr. Suite 500
Dublin, OH 43017

Invoice No.	Fee	Fee Amount	Amount Paid
INV-00009054	Amendment to Development Plan	$50.00	$50.00
	Total for Invoice INV-00009054	**$50.00**	**$50.00**
	Grand Total for Plan	**$50.00**	**$50.00**

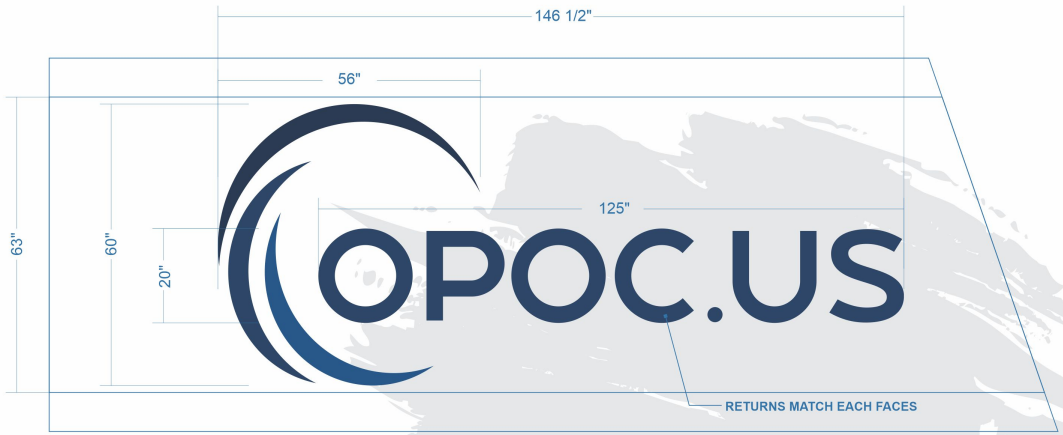
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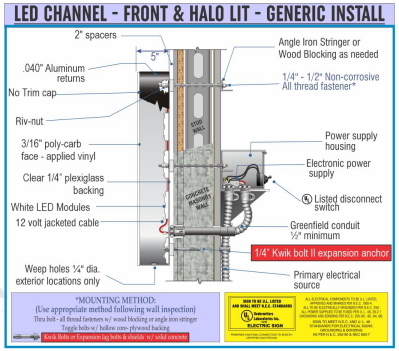
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City of Worthington
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SCALE:

City Council approval needed

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STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20th, 2026

Date: July 7th, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: Scott F. Bartter, Finance Director

Subject: General Fund Transfers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Resolution authorizes the transfer of previously appropriated funds to cover expenses as anticipated for the remainder of the year in appropriate accounts. Approval of this Resolution will not result in an increase of total appropriations.

RECOMMENDATION
Introduce and Approve as presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
Position vacancies due to retirement and long-term injuries have necessitated the increased use of overtime to meet minimum staffing requirements. The transfer below moves funds available in the police officer salary lines into the overtime line.

From:	101.2020.11021 – Police Community Service – Police Officer Salary	
To:	101.1160.540570 – Police Community Service - Overtime	$ 180,000.00

Additional funding is needed due to an increase in the number of plumbing inspections being performed.

From:	101.5010.511048 – P&B – Field Inspector Salary	
To:	101.5010.540572 – Plumbing Inspections	$ 15,000.00

ATTACHMENTS
Resolution No. 52-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2026

Adjusting the Annual Budget by Providing for a Transfer of Previously Appropriated Funds.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio, provides that City Council may at any time amend or revise the Budget by Legislation, providing that such amendment does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is made the following transfer of previously appropriated funds:

From Account No.	**To Account No.**	**Amount**
101.2020.511021	101.2020.511151	$ 180,000.00
101.5010.511048	101.5010.540572	15,000.00
	Total Transfers	**$ 195,000.00**

SECTION 2. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in full in the appropriate resolution book.

Adopted:

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President of Council

Attest:

_____

Clerk of Council

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 16, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: John Moorehead, Director of Service & Engineering

Subject: Ordinance No. 26-2026 – 2026 Active Transportation and Mobility Services Project Appropriation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Ordinance funds the City's 2026 Active Transportation and Mobility Services Project and authorizes the City Manager to enter in contract with the recommended consultant.

RECOMMENDATION
Introduce for Public Hearing on September 8, 2026.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
Worthington has been fortunate to receive funding for multiple active transportation projects through COTA's LinkUS initiative. Those projects, along with other work prioritized by Worthington's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board share a similar need for professional services. To streamline the delivery of those services, staff have bundled several projects into a single Active Transportation and Mobility Services Project. The bundled projects include:

- Worthington-Galena Road & Schrock Road Corridor Study
- E. Wilson Bridge Shared Use Path
- Citywide Sidewalk Gap Elimination Program
- SR 315 / SR 161 Interchange & Olentangy Trail Crossing Improvements
- On-Call Mobility and Transportation Services.

Staff have already requested proposals from interested parties for this project. Proposals are due on July 22. Review of those proposals and interviews with selected consultants will occur

over City Council's August recess. This ordinance is being introduced with blanks for the appropriation amount and consultant information. Those details will be provided with an amended ordinance for the public hearing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES (if applicable)
The 2026 CIP includes $180,000 for the East Wilson Bridge Shared Use Path, $100,000 for Sidewalk Gap Elimination, and $180,000 for the SR 315 /161 and Olentangy Trail interchange. These projects are funded through a LinkUS grant agreement which, in total, provides up to $460,000 for the 2026 phase of these projects. Future phases would be funded by appropriations and grant agreements in their respective budget years.

Funding for the Worthington-Galena Road Corridor Study would be provided from prior appropriations towards Bicycle and Pedestrian Board priorities.

ATTACHMENTS
Ordinance 26-2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2026

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2025 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of the 2026 Active Transportation and Mobility Services Project and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. ___-26)

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio, provides that City Council may at any time amend or revise the Budget by Ordinance, providing that such amendment does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Account No. 308.8160.533494 an amount not to exceed _____ ($_____) to pay the cost of the 2026 Active Transportation and Mobility Services Project (Project No. ___-26)

SECTION 2. That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the firm of _____ for the provision of the aforementioned services.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of Section 2.21 of the Charter of the City, this ordinance shall be considered an "Ordinance Determining to Proceed" with the Project, notwithstanding future actions of this Council, which may be necessary or appropriate in order to comply with other requirements of law.

SECTION 4. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed:

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President of Council

Attest:

Introduced:
Public Hearing:
Effective:

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Clerk of Council

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 7, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager
David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager

From: R. Lee Brown, Director of Planning and Building

Subject: Northeast Area Plan – Correction

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This agenda item seeks to correct a discrepancy found in the Northeast Area Plan.

RECOMMENDATION
Motion to correct a discrepancy found in the Northeast Area Plan.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
On June 25, 2006, the Municipal Planning Commission reviewed and recommended Option #2. To view the meeting, please go to the Video Archives for June 25, 2026 ARB & MPC Meeting.

The following information pulls excepts from the plan as they relate to this issue. A full copy of the Northeast Area Plan is available on the City's website.

In the adopted Northeast Area Plan, there are three references to residential as a Primary Use in the Boundless Mixed-Use Zone:

- Pages 12 & 50
  (online https://worthington.org/DocumentCenter/View/11501/Worthington-Northeast-Area-Plan_FINAL_ADOPTED-JULY-2024-Reducedpdf-?bidId=) and below (see next pages):
  - "Low density residential" is a Primary Use for the Andover frontage
  - "Residential" (with no additional descriptor) is a Primary Use for the area south of Rush Run Ravine



Eco Industrial Zone

Primary Uses

- Light manufacturing, advanced industries, renewable and clean energy industries
- Tech-flex spaces (high bay, divisible)
- Class-A office space
- Research & Development
- Green infrastructure (for renewable energy, electric vehicles, etc.)
- Private open space and plazas

Mixed Use Zone

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Secondary Uses

- Residential
- Retail & services
- Food & beverage
- Amenities in support of live-work environment

Boundless Mixed-Use Zone

Primary Uses – SR-161 Frontage

- Class-A office
- Amenities in support of live-work environment
- Private open space and plazas

Primary Uses – Andover Frontage

- Low density residential

Primary Uses – South of Rush Run Ravine

(No vehicular connector to Indianola Avenue is planned as part of any development on this site.)

- Class-A office
- Residential
- Institutional

Eco-Industrial Zone
Mixed-Use Zone
Boundless Mixed-Use Zone

Eco Innovation District Land Use Recommendations Plan



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Eco Innovation District Land Use Recommendations Plan

- Page 63 (online https://worthington.org/DocumentCenter/View/11501/Worthington-Northeast-Area-Plan_FINAL_ADOPTED-JULY-2024-Reducedpdf-?bidId= and below:

  - "…residential (low density)…" is a recommendation for the Boundless Mixed-Use Area but the two sub-areas – "Andover Frontage" and "South of Rush Run Ravine" – are not delineated.

Route 161 Gateway Hub:
The Route 161 Gateway Hub is at the intersection of Huntley Road and Route 161. It is currently occupied by commercial uses including a well-established car dealership. With Route 161 being an important east-west roadway connecting across the region and having a direct interchange with Interstate 71, this area is clearly the primary gateway into the Eco Innovation District. As such, the Plan recommends that future redevelopment of this hub focus on a mix of uses that supports the businesses and employees, provides an attractive and welcoming environment, and promotes the brand and identity of the Eco Innovation District. The Route 161 frontage should be more regionally focused with office and commercial uses and the Huntley Road frontage should provide ground-level activation with retail, food and beverage, business services and workforce housing above.

Proprietors Road Mixed-Use Corridor:
The Proprietors Road Mixed-Use Corridor is unique onto itself and serves as a transition between the Northeast industrial area and railway on the east, to the residential single- family neighborhoods to the west. The corridor has traditionally been a blend of mixed residential on the west side of the street and commercial enterprises on the east. The Plan recommends that this area remain a mix of uses, including vertical mixed-use with workforce housing located over retail or commercial space at the ground level. The Ohio Railway Museum is a unique asset in this corridor and should be strengthened and improved as a local attraction. The Plan also recommends that new development be encouraged to front directly on Proprietors Road with active ground level uses, and parking located behind the building frontages. This is especially recommended along the railway, with parking and enhanced landscape used to provide a visual and sound buffer to the rail line.

Boundless Mixed-Use Area:
The Boundless Mixed-Use Area includes a 45-acre campus owned by Boundless Health, a not-for-profit health and wellness organization. Boundless Health plans to sell about 25 acres of their campus in this unique area of Worthington, along Route 161 and with Rush Run crossing it. This area abuts existing single-family neighborhoods to the south and west. As such, the Plan recommends that future land uses in this area focus on Class-A office space (likely along Route 161), residential (low density) and institutional (likely education oriented) in the same mixed-use live-work environment envisioned for the rest of the district. Rush Run should be preserved and enhanced as an open space amenity and natural riparian corridor as it bisects this area.

The primary access point to the Boundless campus aligns with the Route 161/Proprietors Road intersection. This access point will continue to serve this area and no other road connection is recommended. No vehicular connection to Andover Street or Indianola Avenue is recommended. The shared use path along Proprietor's Road can connect into Indianola Avenue, south of SR 161.

Per the discussions at the Northeast Area Plan Steering Committee meetings and the presentations to the Municipal Planning Commission and City Council, "Residential", without a designated number of units, was proposed for the Boundless Mixed-Use Area South of Rush Run Ravine.

During the public discussion the discrepancy was referenced at the City Council meeting on July 15, 2024, however when former Council Member Robinson made the motion for approval and Council Member Lloyd seconded the motion, the discrepancy was not referenced or corrected as part of the approval.

Either of the following changes could be made to the sentence below from Page 63 of the Northeast Area Plan to take care of the discrepancy:

1. "As such, the Plan recommends that future land uses in this area focus on Class-A office space (likely along Route 161), residential ~~(low density)~~ and institutional (likely education oriented) in the same mixed-use live-work environment envisioned for the rest of the district."

2. "As such, the Plan recommends that future land uses in this area focus on Class-A office space (likely along Route 161), residential (low density on Andover frontage) and institutional (likely education oriented) in the same mixed-use live-work environment envisioned for the rest of the district."

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: John Moorehead, Director of Service and Engineering

Subject: WEST WILSON BRIDGE WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 744-23-Permission to Bid

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Staff is seeking approval to obtain bids for the West Wilson Bridge Road Waterline Improvements, Project No. 744-23.

RECOMMENDATION
Motion granting permission to bid the West Wilson Bridge Road Waterline Improvements.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
In 2020 Strand Associates was engaged to prepare a comprehensive study of Worthington's water system. That study evaluated the condition of our public water main inventory by considering age, material, history of breaks, and relative importance to the community. The study identified and prioritized 49 separate water main replacement projects. This is the 4th of those projects the City will be undertaking.

The project involves replacing approximately 3,200 feet of aging waterlines along West Wilson Bridge Road and a short section of North High Street. The existing 8-inch waterline on West Wilson Bridge Road will be upsized to a 12-inch main to improve system capacity and resilience during periods of high demand. Water services for 10 commercial properties will be reconnected to the new mains following installation and testing.

To minimize traffic disruptions and maintain business access, a significant portion of construction activities are specified to occur during nighttime hours. Following installation of this waterline, West Wilson Bridge Road will be resurfaced through a separate arterial street maintenance project.

EMH&T was retained in 2024 to provide engineering design services for this project. Final engineering plans are complete and the project will be ready to advertise for bids within the next several weeks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES (if applicable)
The 2026 CIP budget included $2,500,000 for the West Wilson Bridge Road Waterline Improvements.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Proposed W. Wilson Bridge Rd. Waterline Project Exhibit



Worthington SERVICE & ENGINEERING

West Wilson Bridge Road Waterline Replacement

Waterline Replacement

300 Feet

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: John Moorehead, Director of Service and Engineering

Subject: Solid Waste Collection Contract-Permission to Bid

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Staff is seeking approval to obtain bids for Worthington's 2027-2031 Solid Waste Collection contract.

RECOMMENDATION
Motion granting permission to bid Worthington's 2027-2031 Solid Waste Collection contract.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
Worthington's current curbside waste collection contract with Local Waste Services will expire on December 31, 2026. The City will soon be soliciting bids for our 5-year collection contract.

The proposed collection contract would maintain the status-quo for curbside collection of trash, recycling, and yard waste. Those services would continue to be offered on Fridays and would be funded through direct payment by the City of Worthington.

On May 11, City Council discussed options to expand Worthington's waste diversion efforts through the offering of curbside food waste collection. As a result of that conversation, staff has worked with SWACO to develop two optional bid packages that would also be advertised with this contract. City Council would have the option to award one, or none of these optional bids to supplement the City's existing collection services.

Optional Bid #1 requests curbside food waste collection in accordance with SWACO's pilot program that was shared on May 11th. This option would provide curbside food

waste service to all residential households through a new city-funded program.

Optional Bid #2 requests that food waste collection haulers offer pricing to service interested customers within Worthington. Under this option, residential households who elect to take part in curbside food waste collection would subscribe directly with the chosen hauler. Food waste collection fees would be paid by each individual subscriber.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES (if applicable)
Worthington's operating budget funds the collection of refuse, recycling, and yard waste from residential properties in the City. Expenses for the collection services provided under this contract would become part of the City's future operating budgets.

If Worthington chooses to award municipal curbside food waste collection as part of this bid, SWACO would offer direct financial support in an amount not to exceed $100,000 to facilitate implementation of that service.

ATTACHMENT(S)
None

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 15, 2026

To: City Council

From: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

Subject: DISCUSSION: 2027 OPERATING BUDGET, 2027-31 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND GENERAL FUND BALANCE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This item provides time to discuss current financial trends and the upcoming Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program development. Additionally, there will be a discussion of the General Fund carryover balance.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION
City Council will consider the Proposed 2027 Operating Budget and Proposed 2027-2031 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) later this year, starting in October. Staff members, led by the City Manager, develop these proposed documents in August and September. This July discussion provides an opportunity for staff to share information about the City's financial position and the financial trends we're seeing and anticipating for the budget and CIP. It also provides time for Council members to share their thoughts about the budget and the CIP prior to the development of the proposed documents.

Additionally, the City's General Fund Carryover Balance Policy indicates that when the City's unencumbered balance exceeds 50% of prior year expenditures, the City Manager will schedule a discussion with City Council to review the financial landscape and revenue trends to consider whether the City should use a portion of the balance for one-time expenditures. This discussion will be incorporated into this agenda item.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Presentation Slides

City Council Discussion

2027 Budget, 2027-2031 CIP and General Fund – Fund Balance

July 20th, 2026

Purpose of Discussion

- Provide update on City finances
- Get input from City Council related to the 2027 Operating Budget & 2027-2031 Capital Improvements Program
- Discuss the schedule for City Council consideration of the Budget & CIP
- Meet requirements of the General Fund Carryover Balance Policy when unencumbered balance exceeds 50% of prior year expenditures.

Financial Reporting

2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Complete

2025 Audit Complete

- Unmodified with no comment
- Anticipate receiving Auditor of State Award with Distinction

2024 – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (anticipate for 2025)

May 2026 – S&P Global Ratings assigned a rating of AAA to the City of Worthington. One of approximately 20 municipalities in Ohio to receive the highest possible rating.

Financial Transparency

1. Monthly financial reports to Council.
2. Added financial discussions with Council in July (budget) to accompany six (6) City Council meetings dedicated to budget discussion.
3. Re-written the budget document.
    1. Received GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026.

Financial Transparency

4. Moved to an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, from basic financial reporting.

5. Moved to an annual audit, as opposed to bi-annual.

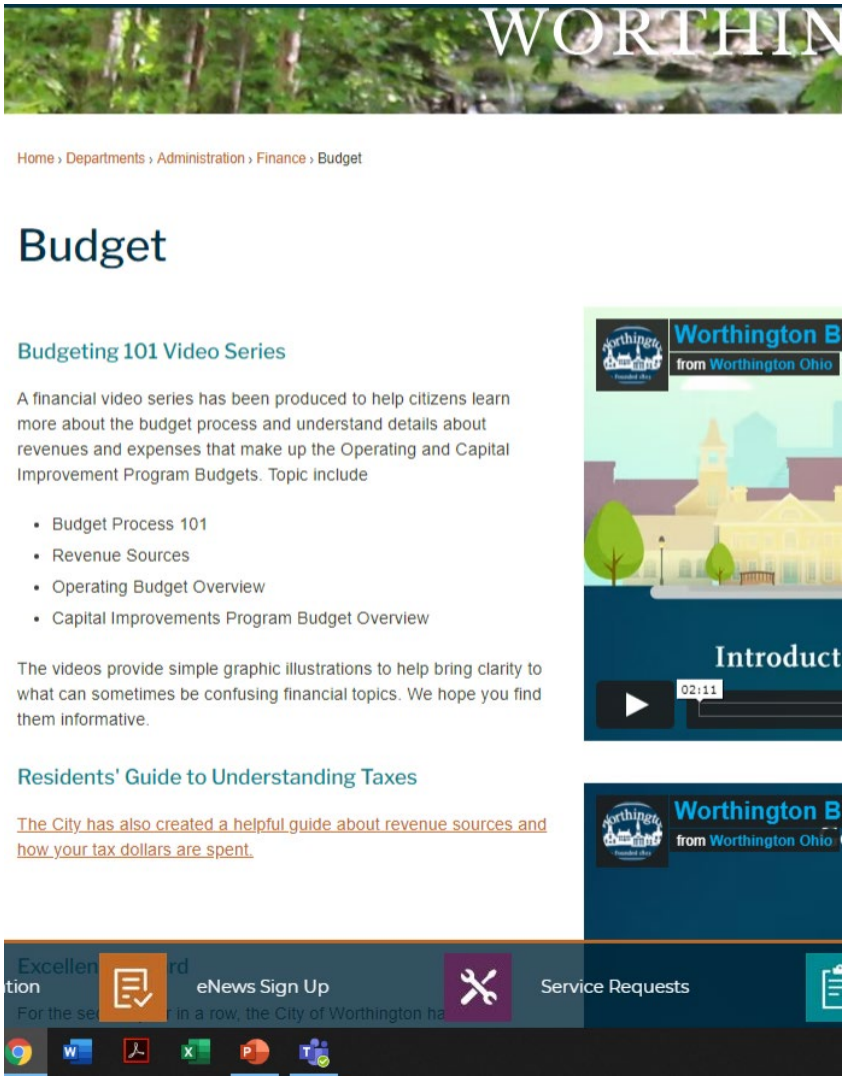
6. Received the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

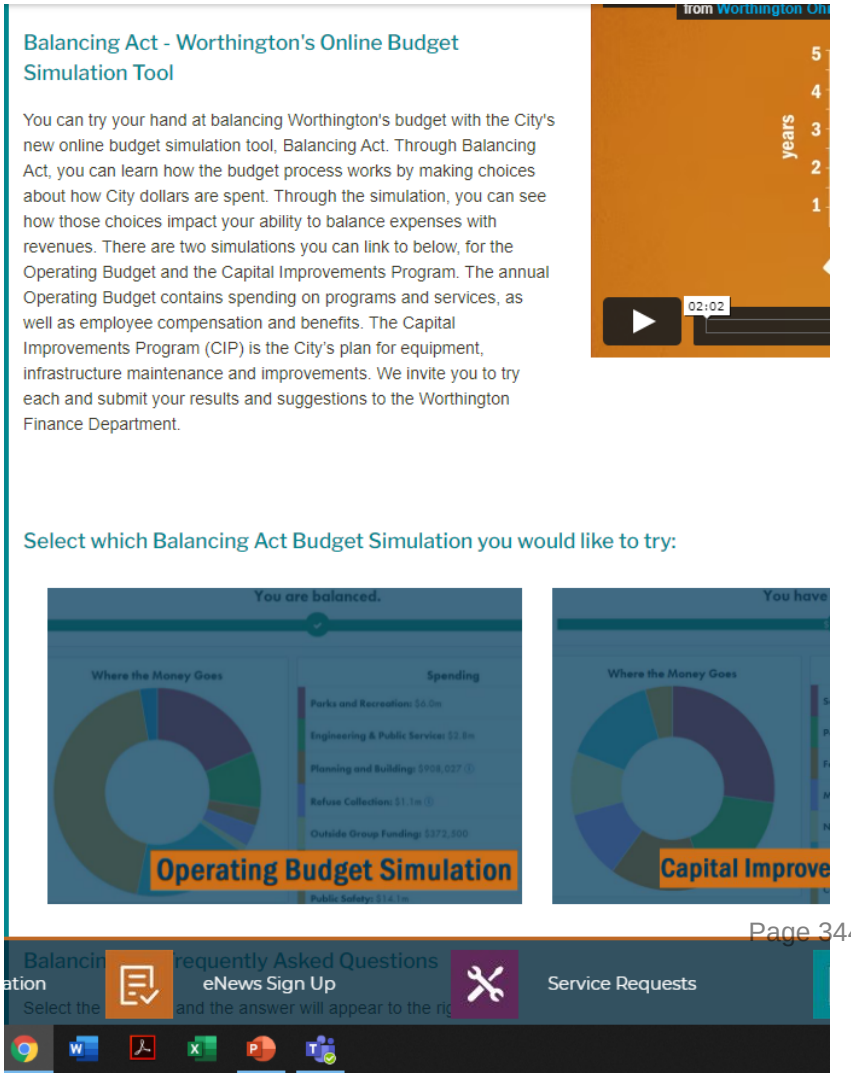
7. Developed multiple on-demand videos that explain city finances.

8. Implemented balancing act, an interactive budgeting tool as another way for the public to engage on the budget.

9. Annually, provide financial trend profiles report in the General Fund Comprehensive Financial report.

Financial Transparency





Process for Approval

Potential schedule

October 5: Distribute proposed Budget & CIP

October 12: Overview of Budget & Five-Year Forecast

October 19: Presentation of CIP

November 2 & 9: Department & community groups presentations

November 16: Follow-up with City Council and Introduce 2027 Budget Ordinance

December 7: Public Hearing on 2027 Budget Ordinance

General Fund Balance 12/31/2025

General Fund as of 12/31/2025:

- Cash: $33,595,626 (97% of prior year expenditures)
- Unencumbered (cash less commitments): $28,738,573 (83% of prior year expenditures)
- Resolution No. 70-2018 sets a target unencumbered fund balance of 35-50% of prior year expenditures.

General Fund Balance Policy

– If unencumbered balance exceeds 50% of prior year expenditures:

"The City Manager will schedule a discussion with City Council to review the current financial landscape, including revenue trends … This discussion will include consideration of whether the City should use a portion of the balance for one-time expenditures that would benefit the community."

Current Fund Balance 06/30/2026

General Fund as of 06/30/2026:

- Cash: $33,273,628 (84% of prior year expenditures)
- Unencumbered (cash less commitments): $25,563,256 (64% of prior year expenditures)
- $1.7M for the Capital Improvement Fund has already been transferred out
- All other transfers accounted for (Police Pension, Economic Development, 27th pay, Water & Sewer Fund)

Budget – Revenue – Income Tax

- Income tax revenue has increased significantly over the past 5 years. Collections in 2020 were $26.5M and increased to $35.2M in 2025– an increase of 33.1%.
- Cause of the increase hasn't been due to a tax rate change, annexation, or a significant new employer.
- Large increases in withholding and net-profit collections indicate a strong performance from existing businesses.
- Work from home arrangements have benefited the City of Worthington's income tax collections. However, work from home arrangements appear to be having less of an impact as many employers are requiring a return to the office.

Budget – Revenue – Income Tax

What did we do for 2026?

- Increased 2026 estimate over the 2025 estimate by 3%. Income Tax estimate for 2026 is $34,500,000.
- More conservative in the out years (2027-2029), showing a 2.0% year over year increase.
- Continue to bring estimate slowly in line with actual. As of June 30th we are tracking above estimates by 3.93%.

Budget – Revenue – Income Tax

What has happened so far in 2026?

- Income tax collections continue to increase (up 2.85% YTD over 2025).
- Worthington Steel now anticipates their move in the 1st quarter of 2027.

Budget – Revenue – Income Tax

How might we adjust for 2027-2031?

- As was shown when developing the 2026 budget we anticipate using an increase of approximately 2.3% from the 2026 estimate for 2027.
- Keep that 2.0% increase from 2028 -2030 and increase to 2.5% in 2031.

Budget – Revenue – Property Tax

How are we adjusting for 2027?

- Anticipate a 7-9% increase due to the triennial update.
- An 8% increase would be equal to approximately $380,000 additional dollars in the General Fund.

Budget – Revenue – P&R Revenue

- Finished 2025 with approximately $3.2M in fees and membership.
- Anticipate seeing an increase to the estimate for 2027. From $3M estimated in 2026 to $3.2M for 2027.

Budget – Revenue –Interest Income

- A higher rate environment and strong fund balances generated over $2M in interest income in 2023, 2024 and 2025. Compared to $168,000 in 2021.

Budget – Revenue – Interest Income

- STAR Ohio rate continues to hover around 3.5%-4%.
- Strong fund balances provide a significant amount to invest.
- $933,220 YTD in interest as of 06/30. On track to again be near $2M in revenue from interest.

Budget – Revenue – Interest Income

How are we adjusting for 2027?

- Anticipate no change from the 2026 estimate.

Budget - Expenditures

- Largest expenditure is personnel.
  - Contract in place with the FOP (through 2027)
  - Contract with the IAFF expires in 2026
  - SAFER Grant expires in August 2026
- Scheduled transfer from Operating to CIP. $500,000 in 2026-2030.
- Lots of plans: Housing, NE Area Plan, Comp Plan, Age Friendly Plan, Deer Management Plan.
- New refuse collection contract

Capital Improvements Program

Adopted CIP is always financially constrained

- Funded predominantly via 20% of income tax collections
- In 2026 we have transferred $500,000 from the General Fund to support Capital activities and an additional $1.2M for a Fire Engine. A $500,000 transfer has been programmed for each year from 2027-2030.
- Demands for investment continue to increase for maintaining aging infrastructure, specifically in water lines, roadways, trail maintenance and HVAC systems in City buildings
- The City has started issuing a significant amount of debt.

Process for Approval

Potential schedule

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STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026

Date: July 16, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager

From: Tom Lindsey, Law Director
Addison Spriggs, Assistant Law Director

Subject: Policy Discussion on E-Scooters, E-Bikes, and other E-Motorized Devices

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council information and questions to facilitate a policy discussion regarding possible regulations involving electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters (e-scooters), and other low-speed electric motorized devices.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

The use of e-bikes, e-scooters, and similar electric mobility devices, by both children and adults, has grown significantly in recent years due to their affordability, convenience, and environmental benefits. These devices are increasingly used for commuting, recreation, and short-distance travel.

At the April 13, 2026 meeting Council heard a presentation regarding e-bikes and e-scooters based on the efforts of the working group that had spent several months discussing gaps in state and local laws. A copy of the April staff memo is included with this memo. The working group consisted of John Moorehead, Director of Service and Engineering; Addison Spriggs, Assistant Law Director; Celia Thornton, Project Supervisor, Worthington Parks and Recreation Department; Sgt. Wayne O'Neal, Worthington Police Department; Officer Brian Smith, Worthington Police Department; and Jennifer Stanich, Member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.

During the July 13, 2026 meeting, Council expressed a desire to move forward with the consideration of legislation regulating e-bikes and e-scooters. Given the variety of approaches used by neighboring communities and the different viewpoints expressed during the April 13th and July 13th meetings, staff has prepared policy questions to facilitate Council discussion regarding potential regulations involving e-bikes and e-scooters. Staff has provided examples from state law, neighboring communities, and recommendations of

the working group to assist Council's discussion. If Council desires to see the actual ordinances from the neighboring communities, staff can make them available. Staff is seeking guidance from Council on the following policy questions to guide staff's drafting of an ordinance:

1. **Where should e-bikes and e-scooters be permitted?**

Sidewalks? Shared-use paths? Park paths? Mountain bike paths? Streets?

State law – Electric bicycle not permitted on sidewalk unless the motor is not engaged. Class 1 and 2 electric bicycles permitted on bicycle or shared-use paths, Class 3 electric bicycles not permitted on bicycle or shared-use paths unless authorized by the City. No electric bicycles permitted on paths intended for mountain biking, hiking, or horses.
Columbus – Bicycles and mobility devices not permitted on sidewalks. Bicycles and mobility devices permitted on shared-use paths and streets.
Bexley – Electric bicycles not permitted on sidewalks except along certain designated streets, Class 1 and 2 electric bicycles permitted on bicycle or shared-use paths.
Dublin – Class 1 and 2 electric bicycles not permitted on sidewalks unless motor is not engaged. Class 1 and 2 electric bicycles permitted on bicycle or shared-use paths, no electric bicycles permitted on paths intended for mountain biking, hiking, or horses.
Hilliard – Electric bicycles permitted on sidewalks and shared-use paths. No mopeds permitted on shared-use paths.
New Albany – Electric bikes or powered scooters not permitted on sidewalk unless motor is not engaged, also not permitted on sidewalks or shared-use paths when sign prohibiting is posted.
Upper Arlington – Bicycles and motorized bicycles permitted on sidewalks except in business district.
Westerville – Electric bikes and personal transportation devices may be operated on streets, bike lanes, and shared-use paths, not permitted on sidewalks except where permitted by signage, not permitted on park trails or paths or on paths or trails intended for mountain biking, hiking, or horses except where permitted by signage.
Working Group Recommendation – Permit devices on sidewalks but limit the speed. Authorize City Manager to erect signage prohibiting operation in public areas or during public events.

2. **Should helmets be required? If so, what age and what devices?**

State – All riders on Class 3 e-bikes. Riders under 18 on motorized bicycles.
Bexley – All riders of Class 1 or 2 or 3, Riders under 18 for MPMD.
Dublin – Riders under 16 must wear.
New Albany – Riders under 18 must wear.
Westerville – Riders under 18 must wear
Upper Arlington – Required for Class 3 e-bikes and Electric Motorcycles
Working Group Recommendation – Require helmet for riders under 18.

3. **Should there be a minimum age to ride? If so, what age and what devices?**

State law – Riders of Class 3 electric bicycle must be at least 16 years of age. Riders of mopeds must be at least 14 years of age.

Bexley – Riders of Class 1 electric bicycle or MPMD must be at least 12 years of age, riders of Class 2 electric bicycle must be at least 14 years of age, riders of Class 3 electric bicycle must be at least 16 years of age.
Hilliard – Riders of motorized bicycles or mopeds must be 14 years of age.

4. **What is the appropriate penalty for violations?**

State law – Same penalties as provided for applicable vehicle offenses. Generally minor misdemeanor for 1st offense, M4 for 2nd, offense, M3 for 3rd offense. Court may require rider education if violation had endangered lives. Additional fine of $100 if the rider was distracted and the distraction was a contributing factor for the violation.
Dublin – Minor misdemeanor for 1st offense, M4 for 2nd, offense, M3 for 3rd offense.
Hilliard – Minor misdemeanor for 1st offense, M4 for 2nd, offense, M3 for 3rd offense. Penalty may include required completion of rider education.
New Albany – Minor misdemeanor for first offense, M4 on 2nd, offense, M3 on 3rd offense. Penalty may also include 3-month prohibition and required completion of rider education.
New Albany – Helmet penalties – Warning on 1st offense, up to $25 fine on 2nd offense, up to $50 fine on 3rd offense.
Upper Arlington – Reckless operation of bicycle or motorized bicycle is M4.
Working Group Recommendation – Minor misdemeanor for violations.

5. **Should there be a speed limit? If so, what speed for sidewalks, paths, bike lanes, or streets?**

Bexley – 10 MPH on designated streets, 5 MPH if pedestrians or other cyclists present.
Hilliard – Speed that is safe for conditions then existing on the sidewalk or shared-use path.
New Albany – 10 MPH
Westerville – 8 MPH on sidewalks, 15 MPH on paths, 20 MPH on bike lanes, posted speed limit on roads.
Working Group Recommendation – Recommended having a speed limit on sidewalks.

6. **Should parents be criminally responsible? If so, what mens rea (knowledge or culpability)?**

New Albany – Parent prohibited from aiding or abetting or permitting child for failing to wear helmet.
Upper Arlington – Parent shall not authorize or recklessly permit child to violate any provisions.
Dublin
Westerville – Parent shall not knowingly permit a minor to violate helmet section.

7. **Should devices be subject to impoundment for violations?**

Bexley – Officer may impound device upon observation of violation. Device may be impounded for up to 30 days.
Upper Arlington – Bicycles may be impounded if operated in violation of bicycle requirements.

8. **Should there be a registration requirement? If so, what devices?**

Upper Arlington – Registration required for bicycles on streets and required notification to city of sale or transfer. Violators fined not more than $50.

9. **Should there be a limit on passengers? If so, how many and what age?**

State law – No more than the number for which the bicycle or electric bicycle is designed and equipped. No passengers on mopeds.
Dublin – No more than the number for which it is designed and equipped.
Working Group Recommendation – Prohibit minors from operating with passengers.

ATTACHMENT(S)
April 13, 2026 staff memo

STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – April 13, 2026

Date: April 9, 2026

To: Robyn Stewart, City Manager
Tom Lindsey, Law Director

From: Addison Spriggs, Assistant Law Director

Subject: Discussion on E-Scooters, E-Bikes, and other E-Motorized Devices

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an overview of relevant State of Ohio laws governing electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters (e-scooters), and other low-speed electric motorized devices; identify gaps and limitations within the current statutory framework; and provide areas of consideration for Council to address to close or eliminate gaps in statutory framework.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

The use of e-bikes, e-scooters, and similar electric mobility devices, by both children and adults, has grown significantly in recent years due to their affordability, convenience, and environmental benefits. These devices are increasingly used for commuting, recreation, and short-distance travel.

However, their rapid adoption has outpaced regulatory clarity at both the state and local levels. Municipalities are facing challenges related to pedestrian safety, roadway integration, enforcement, parking, and safety. The absence of a comprehensive and cohesive legal framework creates uncertainty for users, law enforcement, and policymakers.

The City has put together a small working group over the last few months to identify gaps in our local laws, and consider how to address these gaps from both a legal standpoint as well as community education and outreach. The working group has consisted of John Moorehead, Director of Service and Engineering; Addison Spriggs, Assistant Law Director; Celia Thornton, Project Supervisor, Worthington Parks and Recreation Department; Sgt. Wayne O'Neal, Worthington Police Department; Officer Brian Smith,

Worthington Police Department; and Jennifer Stanich, Member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT OHIO LAW

Ohio law addresses e-bikes, e-scooters, and related devices through a combination of statutory definitions and general traffic provisions:

- **Electric Bicycles (E-Bikes):**
  Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §4511.01 defines electric bicycles using a three-class system (Class 1, 2, and 3) based on speed and motor assistance. E-bikes are generally treated similarly to traditional bicycles, with certain operational requirements (e.g., age restrictions for Class 3, helmet requirements and recommendations).
- **Electric Scooters and Low-Speed Devices:**
  Ohio law defines "low-speed micromobility devices" (including e-scooters) and permits their use on roadways with speed limits typically under 35 mph, as well as on bicycle infrastructure, subject to local regulation.
- **Local Authority:**
  Municipalities retain limited authority to regulate the operation of these devices on sidewalks, shared-use paths, and local streets. However, state law restricts certain forms of regulation and may preempt local ordinances in specific areas.
- **Equipment and Safety Requirements:**
  State law establishes minimum equipment standards (e.g., lights, reflectors, braking capability), but enforcement is largely delegated to local jurisdictions.
- **Shared Commercial Mobility Systems:**
  Ohio law does not comprehensively regulate shared commercial e-scooter or e-bike programs, leaving municipalities to address permitting, fleet size, parking, and data-sharing requirements on an ad hoc basis.

IDENTIFIED GAPS IN STATE LAW

The Working Group has identified several key gaps and challenges:

1. **Inconsistent Definitions Across Device Types**
   While e-bikes are clearly classified, other devices (e.g., electric skateboards, one-wheels, and emerging technologies) lack precise statutory definitions, creating ambiguity in enforcement.
2. **Unclear Sidewalk and Trail Regulations**
   State law provides limited guidance on where devices may operate, leaving municipalities to interpret allowable uses on sidewalks, greenways, and multi-use paths.
3. **Limited Enforcement Authority**
   Local law enforcement faces challenges in regulating speed, improper operation, and unsafe behavior due to unclear or insufficient statutory authority.
4. **Lack of Uniform Standards for Commercial Mobility Providers**
   The absence of statewide standards for commercial e-scooter and e-bike programs results in inconsistent local regulations and operational practices.
5. **Parking and Right-of-Way Management Issues**
   State law does not adequately address the parking, staging, or obstruction of public rights-of-way by these devices.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Working Group has identified the below recommendations as ways to bridge the gap between current state law and local laws. These recommendations would focus on safety of users and consistent enforcement.

1. Create a new definition which will encompass all small electric or gas-powered devices. This will include e-bikes, e-scooters, mini dirt bikes, e-skateboards, hoverboards, one-wheels, etc.
2. Changes related to helmets- to include a definition of a helmet and require helmet use by all minors riding or operating these devices.
3. Allow these devices on sidewalks but limit the speed at which they can operate to protect pedestrians.
4. Allow the City Manager or their designee to erect signage in public areas prohibiting operation of these devices in public areas.
5. Prohibit minors from operating these devices with passengers.
6. Classify the new ordinances as minor misdemeanors to allow police authority to stop and warn or cite the offenses. Possible outcomes include fines and safety education courses.
7. Update Chapter 373 of the Worthington Codified Ordinances. This chapter currently focuses on bicycles, motorcycles, and e-bikes. This chapter will be updated to reflect this additional group of devices. For examples, changes will include:
    a. Individuals will not be permitted to ride upon the handlebars of these devices.
    b. Lights, reflectors, and brakes will be required on these devices.
    c. Additionally, operators of these devices will have to obey traffic laws, traffic control devices, and yield to pedestrians.
8. Conduct Community Outreach to educate the community and provide safety resources. Examples may include social media posts, safety reflector giveaways, a city website with information, postings in the Community Center and Griswold Center, and Stroll n'Roll.
9. Assist Police with training on new ordinances. Examples may include trainings provided by the law department, a flyer or handout police may provide to the community when doing enforcement, a police open house, and a registry for devices.

Department of Finance

June 2026 Financial Report

Quick Facts

All Funds

06/30/2026

Cash Balances

$84,253,429

(January 1, 2026 balance: $80,576,599)

06/30/2026

Unencumbered Balance

$45,329,092

General Fund

06/30/2026

Cash Balance

$33,273,628

(January 1, 2026 balance: $33,595,626

06/30/2026

Unencumbered Balance

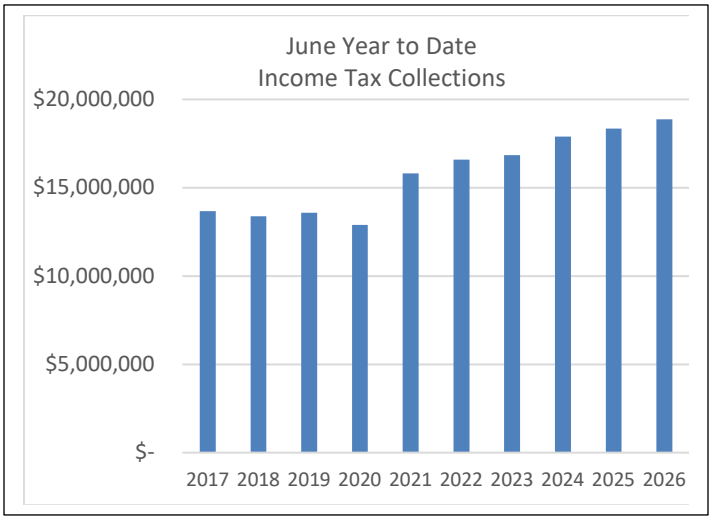
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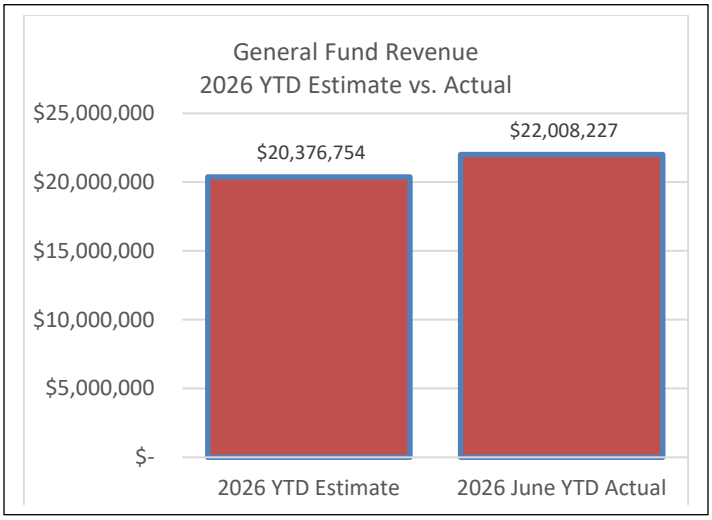
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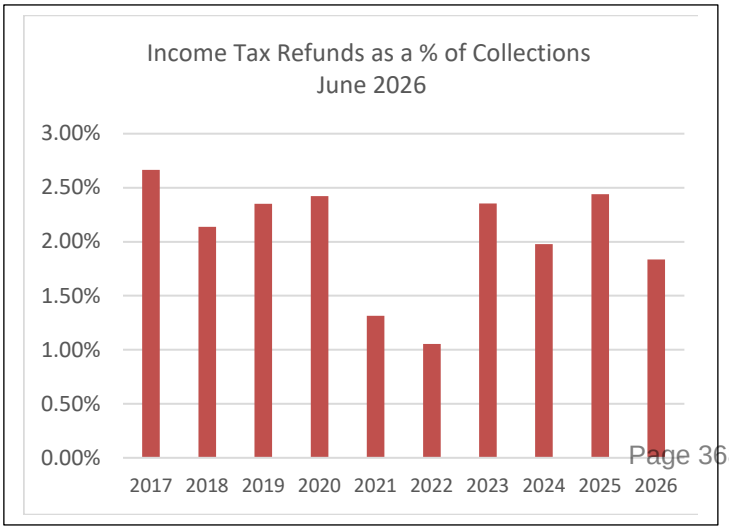
Highlights & Trends for June 2026

Income Tax Collections

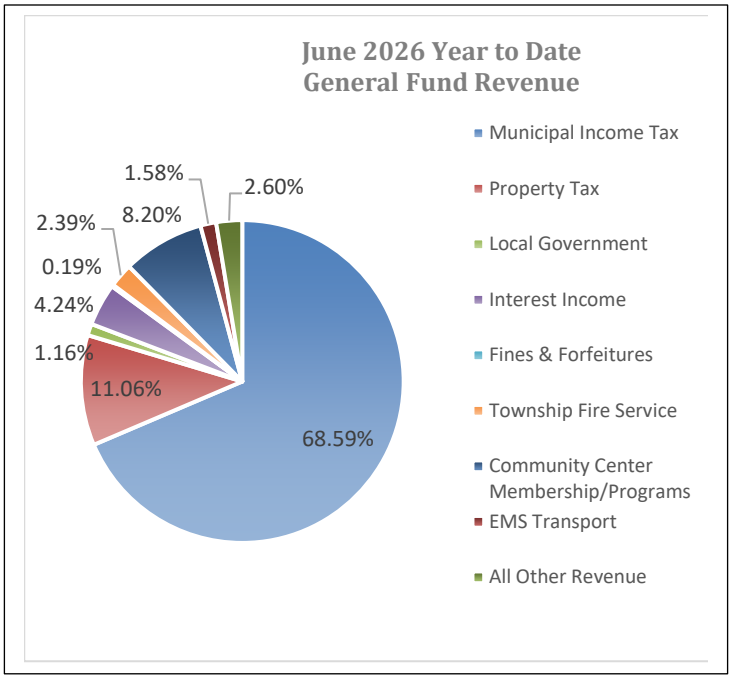
- Year to Date (YTD) income tax collections are above 2025 YTD income tax collections by $523,748 or 2.85%
- YTD Income tax collections are above estimates by $712,874 or 3.93%

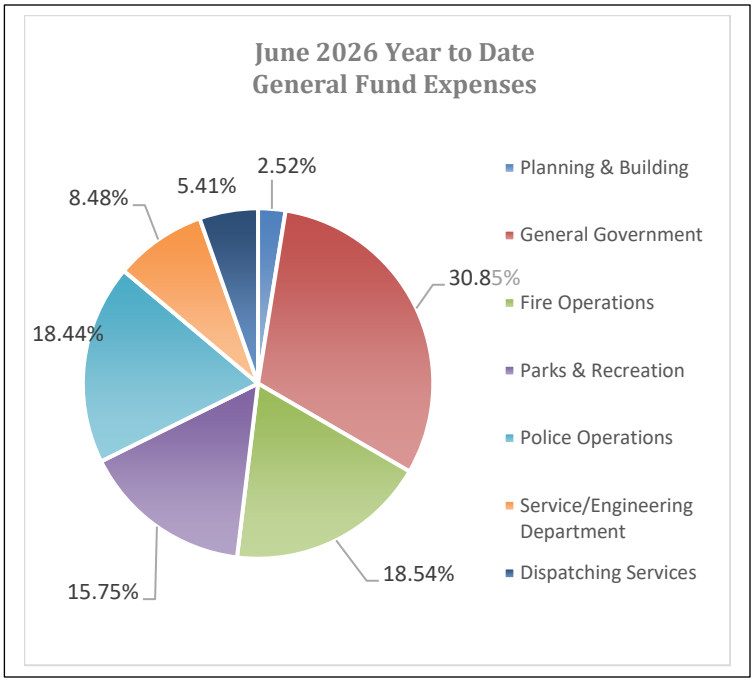






Highlights & Trends for June 2026 (continued)

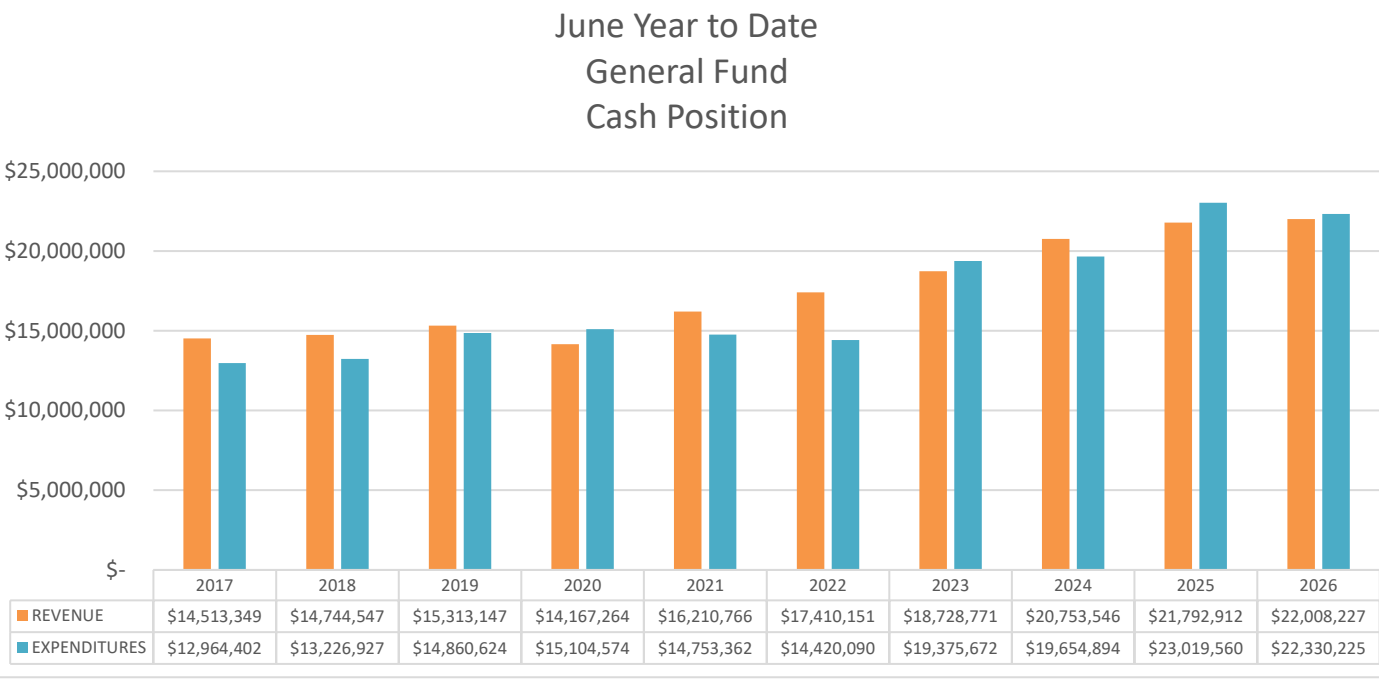




Notable Initiatives & Activities

- Transfer of $1,700,000 from General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund completed in February.
- Awarded GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
- Assigned S&P's AAA rating for the 2026 bond issuance.
- Awarded GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2026 Budget document.
- 1st ½ Property Tax Settlement received in May.

Financial Tracking



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
REVENUE	$14,513,349	$14,744,547	$15,313,147	$14,167,264	$16,210,766	$17,410,151	$18,728,771	$20,753,546	$21,792,912	$22,008,227
EXPENDITURES	$12,964,402	$13,226,927	$14,860,624	$15,104,574	$14,753,362	$14,420,090	$19,375,672	$19,654,894	$23,019,560	$22,330,225

June 2026
Cash Reconciliation

Total Fund Balances:		$84,253,428.94
Depository Balances:		
General Account:	$ 12,537,777.74	
Total Bank Balances:		$12,537,777.74
Investment Accounts:		
Huntington Investment:	$24,693,465.72	
Star Ohio/Star Plus	21,902,779.35	
Fifth Third MMKT/CDs	24,867,882.13	
FC Bank	249,999.00	
Total Investment Accounts:		$71,714,126.20
Petty Cash/Change Fund:		1,525
Total Treasury Balance as of June 30, 2026		$84,253,428.94
Total Interest Earnings as of June 30, 2026		$933,220

Debt Statement

Issuance	Purpose	Maturity	Rate	Principal Balance
2017	2017 Various Purpose Bonds	December 2032	2.21%	$ 1,780,000.00
2008	OPWC 0% Loan – ADA Ramps	December 2028	0%	$ 23,430.32
2015	OPWC 0% Loan – Kenyonbrook	December 2045	0%	$ 408,543.96
2021	2021 Various Purpose Bonds	December 2041	1.65%	$ 8,220,000.00
2023	2023 Various Purpose Bonds	December 2043	3.77%	$ 4,125,000.00
2025	2025 Outdoor Pool Bonds	December 2045	4.01%	$11,400,000.00
2026	2026 Various Purpose Bonds	December 2046	3.72%	$4,350,000.00
	Total Principal Debt Balance			$30,306,974.28

City of Worthington
Fund Summary Report
as of June 30, 2026

	FUND	1/1/2026 Beginning Balance	Year to Date Actual Revenue	Year to Date Actual Expenses	6/30/2026	Encumbrances	Unencumbered Balance
101	General Fund	$ 33,595,626	$ 22,008,227	$ 22,330,225	$ 33,273,628	$ 7,710,373	$ 25,563,256
202	Street M&R	510,560	466,929	520,460	457,029	116,964	$ 340,065
203	State Highway	89,212	67,859	28,833	128,238	992	$ 127,247
204	Water	130,974	196,800	30,514	297,260	7,469	$ 289,791
205	Sewer	89,196	55,162	30,203	114,154	28,274	$ 85,881
210	Convention & Visitor's Bureau F	2,625	69,686	69,220	3,091	1,087	$ 2,004
211	27th Pay Fund	200,000	50,000	-	250,000	-	$ 250,000
212	Police Pension	2,337,254	1,064,831	433,114	2,968,971	-	$ 2,968,971
214	Law Enforcement Trust	12,274	583	-	12,857	-	$ 12,857
215	Municipal MV License Tax	88,760	99,258	-	188,018	-	$ 188,018
216	Enforcement/Education	50,629	285	1,226	49,688	3,848	$ 45,840
217	Community Technology	-	-	-	-	-	$ -
218	Court Clerk Computer	136,908	3,866	8,404	132,370	1,191	$ 131,179
219	Economic Development	983,015	303,021	130,829	1,155,207	219,128	$ 936,080
220	FEMA Grant	-	-	-	-	-	$ -
221	Law Enf CED	77,270	42,335	101,576	18,030	-	$ 18,030
222	Cornoavirus Relief Fund	-	-	-	-	-	$ -
223	Coronavirus ARPA Recovery Fu	-	-	-	-	-	$ -
224	Parks & Rec Revolving	-	-	-	-	-	$ -
225	Ohio Opioid Settlement Fund	143,435	5,793	-	149,228	-	$ 149,228
229	Special Parks	89,957	6,067	2,310	93,714	35,635	$ 58,079
230	Sharon Twp JEDD	35,146	98,727	71,893	61,980	-	$ 61,980
231	Orange Twp JEDD	45,480	127,108	134,003	38,585		
253	2003 Bicentennial	83,023	3,238	-	86,261	-	$ 86,261
306	Trunk Sewer	375,149	-	-	375,149	-	$ 375,149
308	Capital Improvements	33,819,609	10,264,726	8,923,926	35,160,408	27,390,995	$ 7,769,413
313	County Permissive Tax	-	-	-	-	-	$ -
409	General Bond Retirement	2,927,612	1,691,024	764,816	3,853,819	1,620,188	$ 2,233,631
410	Special Assessment Bond	278,448	-	-	278,448	-	$ 278,448
825	Accrued Acreage Benefit	8,075	18,265	21,309	5,031	3,713	$ 1,318
830	OBBS	1,846	2,679	1,965	2,559	470	$ 2,089
835	Unclaimed Funds	70,141	-	-	70,141	-	$ 70,141
838	Petty Cash	1,525	-	-	1,525	-	$ 1,525
910	Worthington Sta TIF	37,541	-	-	37,541	-	$ 37,541
920	Worthington Place (The Heights	1,961,796	166,046	94,279	2,033,564	1,553,459	$ 480,105
930	933 High St. MPI TIF Fund	262,888	30,945	11,242	282,591	19,107	$ 263,484
935	Downtown Worthington MPI TIF	867,462	460,503	57,655	1,270,311	166,447	$ 1,103,864
940	Worthington Square TIF	233,692	15,387	173	248,905	-	$ 248,905
945	W Dublin Granville Rd. MPI TIF	664,792	79,740	899	743,633	-	$ 743,633
950	350 W. Wilson Bridge	87,430	54,150	40,610	100,969	45,000	$ 55,969
955	800 Proprietors Road TIF	49,187	42,750	2,518	89,418	-	$ 89,418
960	Stafford Village MPIF TIF	47,999	25,347	286	73,061		
998	Payroll Clearing Fund	180,065	9,178,571	9,210,589	148,046	-	$ 148,046
999	PACE Fund	-	88,741	88,741	-	-	$ -
	Total All Funds	**$ 80,576,599**	**$ 46,788,648**	**$ 43,111,819**	**$ 84,253,429**	**$ 38,924,337**	**$ 45,329,092**

City of Worthington, Ohio
General Fund Overview
as of June 30, 2026

Revenues		2025 Year End Actual	2026 Original Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2026 Y-T-D Estimates	2026 June Y-T-D Actual	2026 Variance Over/(Under)	Variance as % of Budget
Municipal Income Tax	1	$ 28,215,198	$ 27,600,000	$ 27,600,000	$ 14,524,720	$ 15,095,019	$ 570,299	3.93%
Property Tax	2	4,449,771	4,450,627	$ 4,450,627	2,225,313	2,433,346	$ 208,032	9.35%
Local Government	*	498,758	400,000	$ 400,000	200,000	254,730	$ 54,730	27.36%
Interest Income	*	2,348,075	850,000	$ 850,000	425,000	933,220	$ 508,220	119.58%
Fines & Forfeitures	*	77,952	75,000	$ 75,000	37,500	41,879	$ 4,379	11.68%
Township Fire Service	2	1,021,822	1,100,000	$ 1,100,000	550,000	526,983	$ (23,017)	-4.18%
Community Center Membership/Progr	*	3,195,599	3,000,000	$ 3,000,000	1,500,000	1,804,861	$ 304,861	20.32%
EMS Transport	*	771,581	750,000	$ 750,000	375,000	346,987	$ (28,014)	-7.47%
All Other Revenue	*	1,167,198	1,109,242	$ 1,109,242	539,221	571,203	$ 31,982	5.93%
Total Revenues		$ 41,745,952	$ 39,334,869	$ 39,334,869	$ 20,376,754	$ 22,008,227	$ 1,631,473	8.01%
Expenditures								
Planning & Building		$ 908,589	$ 1,335,546	$ 1,335,546	$ 667,773	$ 525,080	$ (142,693)	78.63%
General Government		12,894,280	12,418,641	$ 12,418,641	$ 7,232,492	6,424,476	$ (808,016)	88.83%
Fire Operations		7,312,266	9,133,125	$ 9,133,125	$ 4,566,563	3,860,926	$ (705,637)	84.55%
Parks & Recreation		6,425,406	7,498,484	$ 7,498,484	$ 3,749,242	3,280,353	$ (468,889)	87.49%
Police Operations		6,819,225	8,308,819	$ 8,308,819	$ 4,154,410	3,840,388	$ (314,021)	92.44%
Service/Engineering Department		3,189,701	3,749,921	$ 3,749,921	$ 1,874,961	1,765,150	$ (109,810)	94.14%
Dispatching Services		960,060	1,175,000	$ 1,175,000	$ 1,175,000	1,126,680	$ (48,321)	95.89%
Total Expenditures		$ 38,509,527	$ 43,619,536	$ 43,619,536	$ 23,420,439	$ 20,823,052	$ (2,597,387)	88.91%
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		$ 3,236,425	$ (4,284,667)	$ (4,284,667)	$ (3,043,685)	$ 1,185,175		
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		$ 31,585,711	$ 33,595,626	$ 33,595,626		$ 33,595,626		
Unexpended Appropriations			1,508,734	1,508,734		-		
Expenditures versus Prior Year Enc		1,226,508	2,357,054	2,357,054		1,507,173		
General Fund Balance		$ 33,595,626	$ 28,462,638	$ 28,462,638		$ 33,273,627		

1 - Income Tax budget based on individual monthly projections.

2 - These revenue budgets are based on semi-annual payments.

* - All other revenue budgets are spread equally over each month.

All expenditure budgets are spread equally over each month.