

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 017

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2025 COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent, Ohio is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for a NOPEC 2025 Community Event Sponsorship Award in the amount of \$2,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like to use the funds for the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce – Festival of Lights held in December.

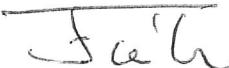
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the NOPEC 2025 Community Event Sponsorship Program Award in the amount of \$2,000.00.

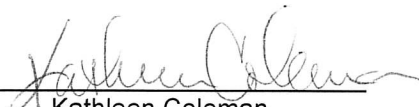
**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: March 19, 2025  
Date

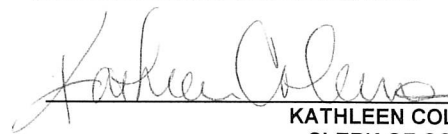
  
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Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: March 19, 2025  
Date

ATTEST:   
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Kathleen Coleman  
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2025-017, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON March 19, 2025.

(SEAL)

  
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KATHLEEN COLEMAN  
CLERK OF COUNCIL



# CITY OF KENT, OHIO

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

### MEMO

TO: Dave Ruller, City Manager  
Council

FROM: Melanie A. Baker, Service Director

DATE: 3 / 10 / 2025

SUBJECT: NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Grant 2025

The City of Kent is the recipient of the 2025 NOPEC Community Sponsorship Grant for \$2,000.00. This is an annual grant that is available for communities to use to sponsor an event that is free and open to all residents of the community and can provide an engagement opportunity for NOPEC to connect with community residents. This year's allocation will be committed to the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce for the Festival of Lights which will be held in December.

I respectfully request that the acceptance of this award be added as an unauthorized item for the March 19, 2025, Council meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Please find attached the email with the letter of award confirmation.

Greetings from NOPEC,

NOPEC is once again making funds available to member communities through our Community Event Sponsorship Program! This program is designed to provide financial support to deserving organizations within your community that host events for residents.

**Your community's sponsorship award and registration code are provided below.**

**Community Name:** Kent

**Community Registration Code:** 6034

**2025 Sponsorship Award:** \$2000

**Sponsorship Program Application:** <https://nopecsponsorships.org/>

Your sponsorship funds were determined by the average number of enrolled residential/business accounts. We calculate this average based on 2nd and 3rd quarter gas and/or electric enrollment.

**To complete your Sponsorship Request you will need to complete the following:**

- Register: Go to <https://www.nopecsponsorships.org/> and use your community registration code (above) to register as a new user. *Please note that an employee of the community must register on behalf of your community. This can range from the Mayor, City Manager, Fiscal Officer, Executive Assistant, etc.*
- Part 1: Submit a Community Profile - **Upload a completed Community Acknowledgment Form**
- Part 2: Submit a Sponsorship Request - **Upload a completed Organization Acknowledgment Form packet**

Both of these forms can be downloaded under documents at <https://nopecsponsorships.org/>.

We define the 'organization' as the party receiving the sponsorship funds. This can be a non-profit organization, a for-profit organization or a department or committee within your community. If you wish to designate a department or committee within your community, you need to list the designated department/committee clearly on the Organization Acknowledgment Form.

You must complete **Part 1**, your Community Profile, **Part 2**, your Sponsorship Request(s) and all completed forms, by April 30, 2025. We strongly recommend submitting your request as early as possible to avoid any issues. **No extensions will be given, and no exceptions will be made. And remember, sponsorship dollars do not roll over.** If you need any assistance, please reach out to the Community Outreach Team.

All sponsorship funds will be distributed via Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfers directly to the designated account. **No paper checks will be issued.** Funds will be disbursed no later than the end of the Second Quarter— June 30, 2025.

Thank you and we look forward to supporting your events next year!

Lauren Vladyka and Courtney Freyhauf

Community Outreach Team

[Sponsorships@nopec.org](mailto:Sponsorships@nopec.org)

440-772-0429



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