ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 94

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE RURAL EMS AND DISPATCH MODERNIZATION GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO, AND TO ACCEPT ANY GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS WHICH PROVIDES FUNDING TO PURCHASE DISPATCH SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT FOR PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Kent Fire Department would like to apply for the Rural EMS and Dispatch Modernization Grant through the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide funding to purchase dispatch software that helps improve the efficiency of call typing for EMS-Fire-Police calls at the dispatch consoles; and

WHEREAS, the grant will also provide funds to invest in equipment for our Paramedicine program such as iPads to support our documentation and a new Lifepak 35 Heart Monitor.

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

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council authorizes the Kent Fire Department to apply for the Rural EMS and Dispatch Modernization Grant through the State of Ohio.

SECTION 2. That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of any such grant, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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: October 21, 2026
Date

Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: October 21, 2026
Date

ATTEST: Kathleen Coleman
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.* 2026-94, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON October 21, 2026.

(SEAL)

Kathleen Coleman
KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL