ORDINANCE NO. 2026-101

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (OPBA), FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2029, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent, Ohio and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA), have agreed to the terms of a labor agreement to be effective from November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the employees and the City of Kent to adopt this ordinance as soon as possible.

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

SECTION 1. That the Administration is hereby authorized to enter into a collective bargaining agreement in the form and upon the terms set forth in the tentative agreement between the City and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA), for the period of November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2029, as is fully set forth in Exhibit "A", on file with the Clerk of Council.

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 immediate after passage.

PASSED: November 18, 2026
Date

Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: November 18, 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.* 2026-101, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON November 18, 2026.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL