

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-34**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW HOUSING ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROMOTE HOMEOWNERSHIP AND FACILITATE THE CONVERSION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RENTAL PROPERTIES INTO OWNER-OCCUPIED PROPERTIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent, Ohio has experienced an increase in the number of single-family properties being converted into rental properties in areas of the City that historically had been predominantly owner-occupied; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent desires to return some of these rental properties back into owner-occupied single family properties by implementing a new program that will offer \$10,000 in housing acquisition assistance as a deferred, forgivable loan to homebuyers who will be converting a licensed rental property into an owner-occupied property in compliance with all of the program requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the program is proposed to be funded at \$50,000 and will be administered through the Community Development Department on a first come first serve basis.

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

**SECTION 1.** That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the implementation of a new housing acquisition assistance program to promote homeownership and facilitate the conversion of single-family rental properties into owner-occupied properties.


**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: April 15, 2026  
Date


EFFECTIVE: April 15, 2026  
Date

ATTEST: Kathleen Coleman  
Kathleen Coleman  
Clerk of Council

  
Jack Armhein  
Mayor and President 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. 2026-34, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON April 15, 2026.

(SEAL)

  
KATHLEEN COLEMAN  
CLERK OF COUNCIL