

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 077**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND THE KENT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM, EXTENDING THIS AGREEMENT UNTIL JUNE 3, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, as of May 21, 2014, the City of Kent, Ohio and the Kent City Board of Education agreed to participate in a School Resource Officer program; and

**WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the parties which clarifies the roles of the parties and how the school resource officer will be utilized was executed by the parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kent City Council wants to grant the City Manager the authority to execute a written amendment to the MOU document, which extends the agreement until June 3, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, due to time deadlines in the school year process, time is of the essence in signing the MOU.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized to approve and execute a written amendment to the MOU with the City of Kent, Ohio and the Kent City Board of Education which adopted a School Resource Officer program, in order to extend the agreement until June 3, 2026, is fully set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**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: 8/20/25  
Date

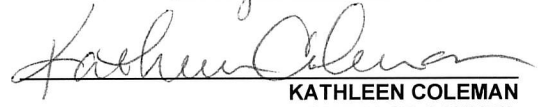
EFFECTIVE: 8/20/25  
Date

ATTEST: Kathleen Coleman  
Kathleen Coleman  
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala  
Jerry T. Fiala  
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 *RESOLUTION NO.* 2025-077, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON August 20, 2025.

(SEAL)

  
KATHLEEN COLEMAN  
CLERK OF COUNCIL



# Kent Police Department

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Dave Ruller, City Manager  
Kent City Council  
**From:** Chief Nicholas Shearer  
**Date:** July 30, 2025  
**Subject:** School Resource Officer Program Renewal

This memorandum is to serve as a request for a continued partnership with the Kent City Schools for the School Resource Officer Program. Police representatives have met with school representatives to discuss the 2025-2026 school year contract. The SRO salary will be the responsibility of the City of Kent when school is not in session.

The Kent Police Department and the Kent City Schools administration agree that Officer Dominic Poe will continue in his role as the resource officer.

### Items to Note:

- The period in which Officer Poe will work at KCSD is August 18, 2025-June 3, 2026
- KCS is billed quarterly for the Officer's (wages, benefits, insurance, etc)
- Average yearly costs to KCS reimbursed to the city of Kent is estimated at \$100,000