

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-82**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO REAPPOINT ERIC HELMSTEDTER TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DESTINATION KENT CONVENTION & VISITOR BUREAU (DKCVB) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent has maintained the authority to levy taxes on hotels and motels operating within the City (i.e. bed tax) since 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, in late 2024, early 2025 the organization's board structure was updated, new by-laws adopted and the DKCVB Board became active again after an extended period of inactivity; and

**WHEREAS**, the DKCVB Board structure includes a City of Kent representative to serve, without pay, and the City of Kent desires to appoint the City's Economic Development Director, Eric Helmstedter, as its representative on the DKCVB Board of Directors for a three (3) year term that will expire August 27, 2029.

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

**SECTION 1.** That Council does hereby authorize the City Manager or his designee to reappoint Eric Helmstedter to serve as the City's Representative on the Destination Kent Convention & Visitor Bureau (DKCVB).

**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: September 16, 2026  
Date

EFFECTIVE: September 16, 2026  
Date

ATTEST: Kathleen Coleman  
Kathleen Coleman  
Clerk of Council

Jack Amrhein  
Jack Amrhein  
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. 2026-82*, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON *September 16*, 20*26*.

(SEAL)

  
KATHLEEN COLEMAN  
CLERK OF COUNCIL