

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-44

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL 2026 RECOMMENDATION, TO CONTINUE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY AND THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS WITH KMPH REAL ESTATE (MAZDA) AND KLABEN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR TWO DIFFERENT PROJECTS PROVIDING FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, AS SPECIFIED IN THE SEPARATE AGREEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City executed an Enterprise Zone Agreement with The Davey Tree Expert Company, and separate Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement with KMPH Real Estate (Mazda) and two different Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreements with Klaben Property Management, LLC for a new dealership and a service center; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85 requires the Portage County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) to conduct an annual review of all Enterprise Zone agreements and post-1994 Community Reinvestment Area agreements to determine compliance with the requirements of each agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Portage County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) met on March 11, 2026 and voted unanimously to recommend to Council to continue the agreements as is; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85 requires the legislative authority to annually accept the Portage County Tax Incentive Review Council's 2026 recommendations for all active Enterprise Zone and Community Reinvestment Area agreements;

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Kent accepts the Portage County Tax Incentive Review Council's 2026 recommendation to continue the Enterprise Zone Agreement with Davey Tree Expert Company, and the separate Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreements with KMPH Real Estate (Mazda) and Klaben Property Management to allow for the continuation of real property tax exemptions provided through the separate agreements.

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: May 20, 2026
Date

Jack Amrhein
Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: May 20, 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. 2026-44, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON May 20, 2026.

(SEAL)

Kathleen Coleman
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CLERK OF COUNCIL