

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 88

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ALLOW THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF KENT IN A NEW MUNICIPAL POWER PURCHASE COLLECTIVE FOR POWER NEEDS AT CITY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") is developing and has created a new group purchasing program to allow municipalities and their diverse usage to create a greater group buying power collective. This group will consist of municipalities currently enrolled in NOPEC and it will give them more ability to competitively bid their diver energy usage.

WHEREAS, the City staff have met with NOPEC and discussed the proposed new buying collective to reduce rates for City power and save money, particularly at large power-consuming buildings like the sewer and water plants.

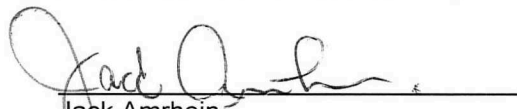
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to allow the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) to include the City of Kent in a new municipal power purchase collective for power needs.

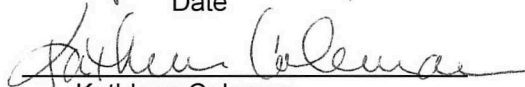
SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were 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


Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: September 16, 2026
Date

ATTEST: 
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. 2026-88, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON September 16, 2026.

(SEAL)


KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL