

**VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, OHIO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-26**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2026 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the present general and permanent ordinances of the municipality are inadequately arranged and classified and are insufficient in form and substance for the complete preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the municipality and for the proper conduct of its affairs.

**WHEREAS**, American Legal Publishing Corporation publishes a Code of Ordinances suitable for adoption by municipalities in Ohio.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of the municipality and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the municipality that this ordinance take effect at an early date.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Legislative Authority of the Village of Covington, State of Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1:** American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2026 Edition, as reviewed and approved by the Legislative Authority, is hereby adopted and enacted. Any prior version of the Ohio Basic Code which may have been previously adopted by the municipality is hereby repealed as obsolete and is hereby replaced in its entirety by this Ohio Basic Code, 2026 Edition.

**SECTION 2:** One copy of American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2026 Edition, certified as correct by the Mayor and Clerk of the Legislative Authority, as required by Ohio Revised Code § 731.23, shall be kept in its initial form on file in the office of the Clerk of the municipality and retained as a permanent ordinance record of the municipality. The Clerk of the municipality is authorized and directed to publish a summary of all new matters contained in the Code of Ordinances as required by Ohio Revised Code § 731.23. Such summary is attached hereto and marked as "Exhibit A".

**SECTION 3:** All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of the Ohio Basic Code, 2026 Edition, as adopted in Section 1 hereof, are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance, except as follows:

- (A) The enactment of the Ohio Basic Code, 2026 Edition, shall not be construed to affect a right or liability accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of such enactment, or an action or proceeding for the enforcement of such right or liability. Such enactment shall not be construed to relieve any person from punishment for an act committed in violation of any such legislative provision, nor to affect an indictment or prosecution therefor. For such purposes, any such legislative provision shall continue in full force

notwithstanding its repeal for the purpose of revision and codification.

(B) The repeal provided above shall not affect:

- (1) The grant of creation of a franchise, license, right, easement or privilege;
- (2) The purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property;
- (3) The appropriation or expenditure of money or promise or guarantee of payment;
- (4) The assumption of any contract or obligation;
- (5) The issuance and delivery of any bonds, obligations or other instruments of indebtedness;
- (6) The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges;
- (7) The establishment, naming, vacating or grade level of any street or public way;
- (8) The dedication of property or plat approval;
- (9) The annexation or detachment of territory;
- (10) Any legislation enacted subsequent to the adoption of this ordinance.
- (11)** Any legislation specifically superseding the provision of the Ohio Basic Code.

**SECTION 4:** Whenever reference is made in any documents, publications, or signs of the municipality, including but not limited to traffic tickets and traffic-control signs, to a section as it existed in a former edition of the Ohio Basic Code, the reference shall extend and apply to the section referred to as subsequently amended, revised, recodified, or renumbered.

**SECTIONS:** This ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the people of this municipality, and shall take effect at the earliest date provided by law.

ADOPTED: March 16, 2026:

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Mayor Lee Harmon

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President of the Council Martin Leistner

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Fiscal Officer Lisa Cavender