VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION 44 - 26

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM PURSUANT TO R.C. 9.64

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64, enacted through House Bill 96, the Village is required to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards public data, information technology, and information technology resources to ensure confidentiality, availability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the law mandates use of generally accepted cybersecurity best practices, including frameworks, such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework and the Center for Internet Security best practices; and

WHEREAS, Village Council, having reviewed wishes to adopt the NIST Cybersecurity Framework as its foundational cybersecurity controls framework; and

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

Section 1: That the Village hereby adopts a cybersecurity program consistent with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(C) and aligned with generally accepted best practices, such as the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.

Section 2: That the cybersecurity program shall implement the NIST Cybersecurity Framework to identify and mitigate risks, assess potential impacts, detect and respond to threats, restore affected systems, and maintain ongoing protection of Village assets and data. The program shall include annual cybersecurity training for all employees, align with state and federal best practices, and ensure third-party providers meet applicable security standards to achieve practical, measurable, and cost-effective improvements in defending against cyber threats such as ransomware and phishing.

Section 3: That the Village Administrator, as defined in the cybersecurity program, in coordination with the Fiscal Officer, shall oversee the implementation, documentation, and annual review of the cybersecurity program to ensure continued alignment with state requirements and best practices.

Section 4: That all records and documents related to the Village's cybersecurity program are exempt from public records disclosure, consistent with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(E).

Section 5: That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Approved: _____, 2026

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Lee Harmon, Mayor

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Martin Leistner, President of Council

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Lisa Cavender, Fiscal Officer