



NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4645 MONTGOMERY RD.
NORWOOD, OH 45212

August 12, 2025

7:30 PM

- A) CALL TO ORDER
- B) MOMENT OF REFLECTION
- C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- D) ROLL CALL
- E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA
- F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - July 8, 2025
- G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
- H) PUBLIC HEARINGS
- I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL
- J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL
- K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS
- L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS
 - 1) ORDINANCE AMENDING DESIGNATED LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD FOR THE POSTING OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, STATEMENTS, ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, NOTICES, AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW
- M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS
 - 1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
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 - 3) ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW SECTION 103.03 TO THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO BE ENTITLED "REPRODUCTION OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
 - 4) RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PURDUE PHARMA L.P. AND CERTAIN AFFILIATES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
 - 5) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
- O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- P) NEW BUSINESS
- Q) COMMUNICATIONS
 - 1) Mick Oakes, PLK Associate Developer - Address to Council
 - 2) Victor Schneider, Mayor - Tree Board Appointment Letter
 - 3) Victor Schneider, Mayor - June Mayor's Court Fines
 - 4) Mike Skelly, Community Development Director - Pending Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) Study
 - 5) Keith Moore, Law Director - Request for Executive Session
 - 6) Lori Zombek, Human Resources Director - Request for Executive Session

"Gem of the Highlands"

- R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS
- S) ADJOURNMENT

"Gem of the Highlands"



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

July 8, 2025 | 7:30pm

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in a regular session on the above date with Mr. Joseph Geers presiding. The meeting opened with a moment of reflection and the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) MOMENT OF REFLECTION

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members answered present: Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton and Mr. Breadon.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

There were changes made to the agenda with the removal of the June 24th Council meeting minutes. The removal of ordinance M2, which has been revised and will be reflected in Ordinance M4.

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, and seconded by Ms. Hoover, it moved to amend the agenda. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no minutes from the previous meeting.

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tax budget prepared by the Auditor of Hamilton County, Ohio for the next fiscal year ending in December 31, 2026. Mr. Geers opened the public hearing.

Sonny James addressed council and commended city leadership and finance staff for their dedication. Mr. James praised Mr. Mircale and his team for their transparency, competence, and leadership. Mr. James continued to express gratitude and support for the city's continued prosperity.

Mr. Geers closed the public hearing.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Susan Daniels **Re: Promoting school exhibit**

Ms. Daniels lives at 2063 Maple Avenue. Ms. Daniels address council in regards to the upcoming school exhibit on July 16 at 6:30pm at the Norwood Community Center in partnership with the Norwood Alumni Association. The exhibit will showcase memorabilia, archive materials, yearbooks, and a vintage football film. There are nine more public events planned for the year at various community locations. Ms. Daniles provided promotional materials to city council.

2) Bishop Sonny James **Re: Community**

Mr. James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue. Mr. James addressed council in regards to the recent events and community concerns with surrounding cities. Mr. James expressed sorrow for the Texas tragedies. Mr. James has praised Norwood for its growth and unity despite challenges. Mr. James reaffirmed his commitment to the safety and progress of Norwood.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Committee of the Whole – July 1, 2025

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mr. Girton to accept and file this report. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings of ordinances or resolutions.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances or resolutions.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, AUTHORIZING NON-UNION EMPLOYEE PAY RATES.

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to suspend the rules have all three readings due to the emergency need. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed. Mr. Girton noted the emergency clause present in the ordinance packet on page 6. Mr. Girton also stated the HR director stated this needed to pass to be able to hire for the city.

Ms. Hoover inquired about the administrative specialist position. Ms. Zombek, the city's Human Resources Director provided clarity that existing staff remain the same and the current ordinance reflects the updated structure, not eliminations.

On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Royse it was moved to pass the ordinance. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Girton voted, "Yes," Mr. Breadon voted, "No." The motion passed.

2) RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2026 TAX BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion carried.

Ms. Franzen referenced a recent committee meeting and commended the efforts of Mr. Miracle, Ms. Yeager, and the Auditor and Treasury Office staff.

Mr. Moore also commended the Auditor's office, and emphasized the transparency throughout the process.

Ms. Hoover echoed similar sentiments and applauded the collaboration and transparency show by the Auditor's office.

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

3) ORDINANCE AMENDING DESIGNATED LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD FOR THE POSTING OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, STATEMENTS, ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, NOTICES, AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW.

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Bowling. It was moved to have the first reading. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

Ms. Hoover asked for clarification to whether locations were removed. Mr. Moore, the Law Director, confirmed the ordinance modernizes posting practices by reducing outdated locations and consolidating to more accessible locations. Mr. Moore added the changes align with how residents currently receive information and reduce inefficiencies.

Mr. Breadon asked Mr. Moore, the Law Director to confirm no new postings were added, only outdated ones were removed. Mr. Moore confirmed.

Mr. Moore clarified this ordinance was a revised version of the former M2 with wording and typographical edits.

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider was absent, but his report was delivered by the Safety-Service Director, Noah Powers. Mr. Power's provided an update regarding the Elm Avenue Flood Elimination Project with a groundbreaking ceremony on July 11, at 10AM at 1912 Maple Avenue, a vacant lot. The attendees included engineers, contractors, project partners, and city/county officials. Mr. Breadon expressed full support for the Elm project.

Ken Miracle, the City Auditor, thanked council for the passing of the 2026 tax budget and acknowledged the Auditor's office. Mr. Miracle reiterated his commitment to ongoing collaboration with the finance committee. Mr. Mircale discussed plans for implementing a project management tool to help with increased transparency and accessibility for council. There is an upcoming audit on July 10, and the Auditor of the State will conduct a site audit. Multiple departments maybe involved throughout the day. The P-Card Manual is currently being reviewed by departments will a goal to present to Council in August.

Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director, did not have a report at this time.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover and Mr. Geers provided an update on the Community Survey. The survey remains open and available on the city website and in local parks. Mr. Geers organized QR code table toppers. Residents were able to complete the survey at the Off-Pike Market, gaining more responses. The church contact list has been updated, and flyers will go out before July 13. The survey goal is 2,000 responses.

Ms. Hoover provided a reminder for the cooling centers and their locations, Norwood Public Library, the Recreation centers in Evanston and Pleasant Ridge on Montgomery Road. Focus Cincinnati will be opening their cooling centers late in the summer.

Ms. Hoover provided an update regarding Recycling and Composting. Norwood is a partner with Hamilton County Resource, which will help to promote recycling. Ms. Hoover urged residents to complete the Hamilton County Resource survey to help guide strategy, and help identify the focus outreach and which services are of interest. Ms. Hoover shared information regarding community composting within like communities and their success.

Ms. Franzen provided an update for the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Schedule and the purpose of the meeting is for the updates on street and park projects.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover alerted residents about the State of Ohio's unclaimed funds. Ms. Hoover encouraged everyone to check for money owed to them or family/friends before it is redirected. Ms. Hoover thanked officers for attending the Off-Pike Market. The next Off-Pike Market will be on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025.

Ms. Bowling provided an update regarding the Norwood Barracudas hosting the Swim Championship Meet on July 14-15. The estimated attendance is 5,000-10,000 visitors, and there are volunteers needed.

Mr. Moore shared his appreciation for the Fourth of July Firework show.

Ms. Hoover provided an update on Gun Safety and Youth Violence within Norwood. Ms. Hoover stated per Norwood Police, there has not been an increase in youth violence in Norwood. Ms. Hoover highlighted an organization, Found Village, as a successful wraparound youth support program. Gun locks are available for free from the Norwood Police Department.

Mr. Geers provided an update for the 132nd Norwood Day Parade scheduled for July 18, 2025 from 7PM – 8:30PM. The new parade route begins on Floral Avenue near New City Presbyterian Church, turns left onto Smith Road, and continues to Wall Street and ends there. Mr. Geers is encouraging the public to plan accordingly.

Mr. Girton asked if council will be meeting in two weeks. Mr. Geers stated, the fourth Tuesday of July, per the rules adopted by Council in January, is designated as the Council’s Vacation break. This rule was adopted prior to the parade date change. If urgent business arises, a special meeting will be called.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Moore. It was moved to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

Joseph S. Geers
President of Council



Ordinance No. _____ 20 _____

**ORDINANCE AMENDING DESIGNATED LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY
OF NORWOOD FOR THE POSTING OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS,
STATEMENTS, ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, NOTICES, AND REPORTS
REQUIRED BY LAW**

WHEREAS, in limited circumstances, Ohio Revised Code Section 731.21 permits the publication of ordinances and resolutions by posting in public places within the City of Norwood; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the purpose of ORC Section 731.21, the Council to be codified Ordinance 51-2020 as Norwood Codified Ordinance Section 123.01; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of Ordinance 51-2020 and Norwood Codified Ordinance Section 123.01, the City of Norwood has been using two new online locations for the publication of documents by the City of Norwood; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norwood, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 731.21, the following places are hereby designated the locations for the posting of ordinances, resolutions, statements, orders, proclamations, notices and reports, as required by law:

- (1) Norwood City Hall 4645 Montgomery Road
- (2) City of Norwood Website-news page (<https://norwoodohio.gov/news>)
- (3) City of Norwood Facebook page: @NorwoodOhio.Gov
(<https://www.facebook.com/NorwoodOhio.Gov/>)

SECTION 2. This Council finds that a reasonable fee for a copy of the complete text of each document to be provided under ORC 731.21 and this Ordinance per City's public records is \$0.10 per page (ten cents per page) per Ord. 6-08.

PASSED _____
Date

Joseph S. Geers
President of Council

ATTEST:

Kelsi Goins, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2025, in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio. The foregoing ordinance was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio, for his signature on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

APPROVED _____
Date Victor Schneider
Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

Kelsi Goins, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was published in the

(Name of Newspaper) on _____ and _____
(date) (date)

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE READINGS

1st Reading _____
Date
2nd Reading _____
Date
3rd Reading _____
Date
All 3 Readings _____
Date
Tabled _____
Date
Vetoed _____
Date

**ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Council wishes to increase and/or decrease appropriation line items for 2025;
now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norwood, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The appropriations line items are increased and/or decreased as follows:

See Attached Exhibit “A”

SECTION 2. This ordinance is hereby declared an emergency ordinance and a measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall go into effect forthwith. The reason for said emergency is to increase and/or decrease certain appropriations line items.

PASSED _____
Date

Joseph S. Geers
President of Council

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Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

APPROVED _____
Date

Victor Schneider
Mayor

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_____ on _____ and
(Name of Newspaper) (date) (date)

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE READINGS

1st Reading _____
Date

2nd Reading _____
Date

3rd Reading _____
Date

All 3 Readings _____
Date

Tabled _____
Date

Vetoed _____
Date

8/12/2025

EXHIBIT A

Increase In Permanent Appropriations to the following funds:

1001-0852-57600	Capital Projects - Streets	330,500.00	
8088-0000-50000	Fire Agency Fund	67,126.67	Reverses 2/11 reduction

Decrease In Permanent Appropriations to the following funds:

1001-0815-57300	Materials & Supplies - Trans. Exp. Unassigned Vehicle	(50,000.00)	Transfer funding to Streets for Repair Work. Postponing other non-urgent projects.
1001-0890-57600	Capital Projects - Community Center	(100,500.00)	
1001-0911-57600	Capital Projects - Public Lands & Bldgs	(30,000.00)	
1001-0912-57600	Capital Projects - Parks & Playgrounds	(150,000.00)	
		(330,500.00)	



City of Norwood Request for Ordinance, Resolution, Amendment, or Repeal

Date of Request: 8/5/2025	Date Needed: 8/12/2025
Request(s) should be submitted by the Wednesday, at noon, before date needed for Council, earlier if possible.	
Requested By:	Noah Powers & Mary Yeager
Contact:	
Document Requested:	Ordinance
Executive Summary of document needed:	
If an amendment or repeal request, list existing Ordinance Number(s)/Section(s) of Ordinance to be amended or repealed, etc. (or attach documents and/or copies as appropriate)	
Requesting an ordinance to change the appropriations for the City of Norwood. 1. Reversing 2/11/25 appropriations reduction. Request is to add \$67,126.67 to #8088-0000-50000. 2. Reducing 4 funds to add \$330,500 to the streets capital project fund. See exhibit A. The transfer is for unexpected repair work. Non-urgent projects will be postponed to facilitate the transfer of funds.	
Action Requested:	Emergency - Three Readings at One Meeting with Immediate Effectivity
If Emergency clause or suspension of rules for all three readings is needed, explain:	
Emergency: to ensure appropriations are met to pay the invoices due.	
Special Notes/Instructions	

**ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE
REVIEW COUNCIL REGARDING NORWOOD TAX INCENTIVES UNDER VARIOUS
COMMERCIAL CRA AGREEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Norwood has the statutory authority to create various zones that provide economic development incentives, which include Community Reinvestment Areas (CRAs); and

WHEREAS, upon their creation of such zones, the City may consider entering into agreements with private sector entities engaged in economic development, which divert or abate tax revenues as an incentive to encourage particular economic projects to occur; and

WHEREAS, in the creation of these zones, Section 5709.85 of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides that, before September 1 of each year, a Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) shall review the CRA Agreements between the City and the private sector entities to ensure compliance to their terms, and to make recommendations as to their continuation, modification, or cancellation; and

WHEREAS, per Section 5709.85 of the ORC, the written recommendations of the TIRC were made on June 25, 2025, and were forwarded to City Administration and Mayor on June 27, 2025. City Council now has 60 days after receipt to hold a public meeting to formally vote on either accepting, rejecting, or modifying all or any portion of the recommendations and associated CRA Agreements; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Norwood, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Tax Incentive Review Council, which is required to review agreements as of December 31, 2024, has done so prior to September 1, 2025, and has forwarded its recommendations to Norwood City Council.

SECTION 2. Council accepts the recommendations of the TIRC's Status Reports for 2024 (attached as Exhibit "A"), acted upon their June 25, 2025, meeting, for twenty (20) CRA Tax Abatement Agreements, and Council hereby now approves the following specific actions:

- (a) The following agreements shall be continued in force according to their terms:
 - (i) Quatman Corner Properties;
 - (ii) Regent Realty;
 - (iii) Tri State Urological Services;
 - (iv) SJN Data Center, LLC;
 - (v) Playing Card Partners, LLC (Central Park, Existing Factory, Kenilworth 1A, Kenilworth 1B);
 - (vi) United Dairy Farmers Inc.;
 - (vii) Pure Beauty & Extension Bar, LLC;
 - (viii) DKRJ Holdings, LLC (Company has until 2026 to reach full employment goals);
 - (ix) 4631 Montgomery, LLC;
 - (x) 4633 Montgomery LLC; and
 - (xi) 4351 Pike Norwood LLC.

(b) The following agreements should be continued in force, but subject to future review, as they are still in the construction phase, but the construction plans may be in flux:

- (i) Quality Inn (Montgomery and Maple, LLC); and

(ii) Playing Card Partners, LLC (Mixed-Use 1B).

(c) The following agreements, following any required notice, should be modified in the manner described:

- (i) Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Cincinnati LLC (MedProperties) should be modified to reduce the abatement to 10 years, in light of the new employee numbers.
- (ii) Ventura Commons, LLC (Event Center) should be modified to include Scusi LLC as the real property owner; and
- (iii) Ventura Commons, LLC (4030 Forest Ave) should be modified to include Scusi LLC as the real property owner.

(d) The following agreement should be rescinded upon the request of the Company:

- (i) Ten27 Group, LLC.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall not be construed to effect a cancellation, revocation, or modification of any CRA Agreement, despite the acceptance of any recommendation to take such action. Instead, any cancellation or revocation shall be accomplished by way of a separate ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety or welfare of this City and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to ensure continuance of the City’s tax incentive program. WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Joesph S. Geers
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____
Date

Victor Schneider, Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

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(Name of Newspaper) (date) (date)

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE READINGS:

1st Reading _____
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2nd Reading _____
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3rd Reading _____
Date

All 3 Readings _____
Date

Tabled _____
Date

Vetoed _____
Date

CRA AGREEMENT

2024 Status Report

Company:	Quatman Corner Properties
DBA:	
Company Description:	Real Estate
Address:	2434 Quatman Ave Norwood, Ohio 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0004-0392, 651-0004-0393
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	11/26/2013
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	12/21/2017
Expiration Date per Agreement:	12/31/2026
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2015
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2026
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$765,000	\$1,500,000
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$810,000
New Jobs:	N/A	1 FT, 4 PT
Retained Jobs:	N/A	0
Total Jobs:	N/A	21 FT, 22 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	N/A	\$134,551
Total Payroll:	N/A	\$1,476,188

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement.
2024 Action:	Continue agreement
2023 Action:	Continue agreement
2025 Notes:	



CRA AGREEMENT 2024 Status Report

Company:	Quality Inn
DBA:	
Company Description:	Mixed Use
Address:	4747 Montgomery Rd Norwood, Ohio 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0013-0055-00
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	7/25/2023
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	3/31/2025
Expiration Date per Agreement:	3/31/2040
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	100%	15 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$32,300,000	\$-
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$-
New Jobs:	2 FT; 1 PT	0
Retained Jobs:	N/A	0
Total Jobs:	2 FT; 1 PT	0
Estimated New Payroll:	\$142,000	\$-
Total Payroll:	\$142,000	\$ 0

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement - Company is still in its construction period
2024 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2023 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2025 Notes:	

CRA AGREEMENT 2024 Status Report

Company:	Regent Realty
DBA:	School Outfitters
Company Description:	Distribution
Address:	3736 Regent Ave Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0039-0044
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	3/11/2014
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	6/21/2014
Expiration Date per Agreement:	6/21/2026
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2015
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2026
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$1,600,000	\$4,272,321
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$2,019,581
New Jobs:	32	14 FT, 3 PT
Retained Jobs:	110	110 FT
Total Jobs:	142	124 FT, 3 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$1,760,000	\$650,350
Total Payroll:	\$9,760,000	\$15,423,161

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement – Council would like to remind the company that their new jobs goal is 32 new positions, and new payroll goal is \$1,760,000.
2024 Action:	Continue agreement. Council would like to remind the company that their new jobs goal is 32 new positions, and retained jobs goal is 110 positions.
2023 Action:	Continue agreement. Council would like to remind the company that their new jobs goal is 32 new positions, and retained jobs goal is 110 positions.
2025 Notes:	Company is exceeding its total payroll goal by \$5,663,161 but is short on jobs. The agreement expires in 2026, and the company is just short of meeting 90% of its total jobs goal.

CRA AGREEMENT

2024 Status Report

Company:	Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Cincinnati, LLC
DBA:	MedProperties Realty Advisors
Company Description:	Medical Office
Address:	4953 Section Ave Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0044-0002-00
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	1/27/2015
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	1/5/2016
Expiration Date per Agreement:	11/18/2030
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2016
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2030
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	15 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$16,000,000	\$16,649,895
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$4,750,276
New Jobs:	50 FT, 50 PT	46 FT, 14 PT
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	50 FT, 50 PT	46 FT, 14 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	N/A	\$3,756,824
Total Payroll:	N/A	\$14,990,619

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Modify agreement - Company has been warned multiple years in a row of its job creation commitment. 69% of the total job goal was met. Reduce the term of the abatement to 10 years to reflect the progress the company has been able to achieve. The agreement will then be set to expire in 2026.
2024 Action:	Continue agreement. Council would like to remind the company that their new jobs goal is 50 FT and 50 PT positions
2023 Action:	Continue agreement. Council would like to remind the company that their new jobs goal is 50 FT and 50 PT positions
2025 Notes:	The FTE positions goal is 75 and the FTE positions achieved is 52. The company has struggled to meet job goals because there have not been enough patients to justify an increase in staffing. There are no payroll goals outlined in the agreement. The company says it's likely it will increase its staffing due to the upcoming transfer of positions from another location.

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2024 Status Report

Company:	Tri State Urological Services
DBA:	The Urology Group
Company Description:	Medical Office
Address:	2000 Joseph E. Sanker Blvd Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0013-0067
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	7/1/2011
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	1/2/2013
Expiration Date per Agreement:	1/2/2026
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2012
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2026
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	100%	15 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$15,831,535	\$17,088,814
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$-
New Jobs:	5 FTP, 3 PTP	5 FT
Retained Jobs:	173 FTP, 40 PTP	173 FT, 40 PT
Total Jobs:	178 FT, 43 PT	178 FT, 40 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$202,800	\$482,508 (based on avg salary)
Total Payroll:	\$9,864,970	\$19,107,335

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement
2024 Action:	Continue agreement. Council would like to remind company that their new jobs goal is 5 FT and 3 PT positions, and retained jobs goal is 173 FT and 40 PT positions
2023 Action:	Continue agreement. Council would like to remind company that their new jobs goal is 5 FT and 3 PT positions, and retained jobs goal is 173 FT and 40 PT positions
2025 Notes:	

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2024 Status Report

Company:	Ventura Commons, LLC (Event Ctr)
DBA:	
Company Description:	Office
Address:	4557 Montgomery Road Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0026-0001-00
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	10/30/2019
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	2/1/2021
Expiration Date per Agreement:	1/31/2033
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2022
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2033
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$2,320,000	\$3,586,458
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$218,693
New Jobs:	70	72
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	70	72
Estimated New Payroll:	\$3,500,000	\$3,506,372
Total Payroll:	\$3,500,000	\$3,506,372

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Modify agreement - Amend agreement to include Scusi LLC as the real property owner of the project site. Ventura Commons LLC is still party to the agreement.
2024 Action:	Continue agreement with warning that company committed to 50 total jobs in 2023 and have only achieved 33 FT and 3 PT positions
2023 Action:	Continue agreement with warning that company committed to 25 jobs in 2022 and have only achieved 16 FT and 2 PT positions
2025 Notes:	Job Creation Goal: 2021-0, 2022-25, 2023-25, 2024-20 (construction completed 2024). Company has transferred ownership of the real property from Ventura Commons LLC to Scusi LLC. Both LLCs are owned by the same entity

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Company:	SJN Data Center, LLC
DBA:	Encore Technologies
Company Description:	Office
Address:	4620 Wesley Ave. Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0022-0227-00
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	3/16/2021
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	8/1/2021
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/31/2034
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2022
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2031
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$9,000,000	\$10,832,409
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$-
New Jobs:	70 FT, 6 PT	108 FT, 6 PT
Retained Jobs:	112 FT, 1 PT	112 FT, 1 PT
Total Jobs:	182 FT, 7 PT	220 FT, 7 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$6,300,000	
Total Payroll:	\$18,300,000	\$37,000,000

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement
2024 Action:	Continue agreement with warning that jobs and investment goals have not been achieved
2023 Action:	Continue agreement with warning that jobs and investment goals have not been achieved
2025 Notes:	

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2024 Status Report

Company:	Ventura Commons, LLC (4030 Forest Ave.)
DBA:	
Company Description:	Retail
Address:	4030 Forest Ave. Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0038-0019-00
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	10/12/2021
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	3/1/2022
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/31/2034
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2023
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2034
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$235,000	\$468,806
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$145,670
New Jobs:	9	3 FT, 28 PT
Retained Jobs:	0	1 PT
Total Jobs:	9	3 FT, 29 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$325,000	\$338,184
Total Payroll:	\$325,000	\$338,184

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Modify agreement. Amend agreement to include Scusi LLC as the real property owner of the project site. Ventura Commons LLC is still party to the agreement.
2024 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction due to delays
2023 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction due to delays
2025 Notes:	Company has transferred ownership of the real property from Ventura Commons LLC to Scusi LLC. Both LLCs are owned by the same entity.

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2024 Status Report

Company:	Playing Card Partners, LLC (Central Park)
DBA:	
Company Description:	Apartments
Address:	4590 Beech St. Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0019-0202, 651-0019-0206, 651-0019-0210, 651-0019-0215
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	5/18/2021
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	5/1/2023
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/1/2038
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2022
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2036
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	100%	15 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$26,700,000	\$88,391,548
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$3,180,286
New Jobs:	2	8 FT, 3 PT
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	2	8 FT, 3 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$92,000	\$407,068
Total Payroll:	\$92,000	\$407,068

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement
2024 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2023 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2025 Notes:	

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2024 Status Report

Company:	Playing Card Partners, LLC (Existing Factory)
DBA:	
Company Description:	Mixed Use
Address:	4590 Beech St. Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0019-0202, 651-0019-0206, 651-0019-0210, 651-0019-0215
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	5/18/2021
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	5/1/2023
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/1/2038
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2022
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2036
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	100%	15 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$19,400,000	\$88,391,548
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$3,180,286
New Jobs:	2	6 FT
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	2	8 FT, 3 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$37,500	\$407,068
Total Payroll:	\$37,500	\$407,068

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement
2024 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2023 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2025 Notes:	

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2024 Status Report

Company:	Playing Card Partners, LLC (Kenilworth 1A)
DBA:	
Company Description:	Apartments/garage
Address:	4590 Beech St. Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0019-0202, 651-0019-0206, 651-0019-0210, 651-0019-0215
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	5/18/2021
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	5/1/2023
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/1/2038
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2022
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2036
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	100%	15 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$19,200,000	\$88,391,548
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$3,180,286
New Jobs:	2	6 FT
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	2	8 FT, 3 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$85,000	\$407,068
Total Payroll:	\$85,000	\$407,068

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement
2024 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2023 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2025 Notes:	

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2024 Status Report

Company:	Playing Card Partners, LLC (Kenilworth 1B)
DBA:	
Company Description:	Apartments
Address:	4590 Beech St. Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0019-0202, 651-0019-0206, 651-0019-0210, 651-0019-0215
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	5/18/2021
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	5/1/2026
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/1/2041
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	100%	15 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$9,360,000	\$12,981,340
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$27,364
New Jobs:	2	0
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	2	0
Estimated New Payroll:	\$60,000	\$-
Total Payroll:	\$60,000	\$ 0

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2024 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2023 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2025 Notes:	Project begins May 1, 2025

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2024 Status Report

Company:	Playing Card Partners, LLC (Mixed Use 1B)
DBA:	
Company Description:	Mixed Use
Address:	4590 Beech St. Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0019-0202, 651-0019-0206, 651-0019-0210, 651-0019-0215
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	5/18/2021
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	5/1/2026
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/1/2041
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	100%	15 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$10,800,000	\$-
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$-
New Jobs:	2	0
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	2	0
Estimated New Payroll:	\$55,000	\$-
Total Payroll:	\$55,000	\$ 0

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2024 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2023 Action:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2025 Notes:	

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2024 Status Report

Company:	United Dairy Farmers, Inc
DBA:	
Company Description:	Manufacturing
Address:	1923 Williams Avenue Norwood, Ohio 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0055-0010; 651-0055-0021
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	6/18/2024
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	6/31/2028
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/31/2037
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$14,900,000	\$4,532,157
Personal Property Investment	\$9,500,000	\$8,139,671
New Jobs:	5	16
Retained Jobs:	98 FT, 2 PT	98 FT, 2 PT
Total Jobs:	103 FT, 2 PT	114 FT, 2 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$191,000	\$1,582,998
Total Payroll:	N/A	\$10,347,034

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2024 Action:	N/A
2023 Action:	N/A
2025 Notes:	Company is investigating inflated new payroll reporting, but is certain it is meeting its obligations.

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Company:	Pure Beauty Extension
DBA:	Skin by Brownlee
Company Description:	Retail
Address:	4318 Montgomery Road Norwood, Ohio 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0032-0067-00
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	2/6/2024
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	6/1/2025
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/31/2037
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$180,000	\$220,000
Personal Property Investment	\$40,000	\$80,000
New Jobs:	2 FT	0
Retained Jobs:	2	2 FT
Total Jobs:	2 FT	2 FT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$83,200	\$-
Total Payroll:	\$142,560	\$11,769

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2024 Action:	N/A
2023 Action:	N/A
2025 Notes:	

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2024 Status Report

Company:	DKRJ Holdings, LLC (Northwood Cider Co., LLC - tenant)
DBA:	
Company Description:	Retail
Address:	2075 Mills Ave. Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0026-0092-00
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	3/1/2022
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	9/30/2022
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/31/2036
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2023
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	2034
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$300,000	\$560,000
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$165,000
New Jobs:	12 FTP, 18 PTP	6 FT, 6 PT
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	12 FTP, 18 PTP	6 FT, 6 PT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$400,000	\$95,624
Total Payroll:	\$400,000	\$95,624

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement – Company is still in its construction period.
2024 Action:	Continue agreement
2023 Action:	Continue agreement
2025 Notes:	Company has until 2026 to reach full employment goals.

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2024 Status Report

Company:	Ten27 Group, LLC
DBA:	
Company Description:	Apartments
Address:	4539 Montgomery Rd. Norwood, OH 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0026-0007-00
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	3/1/2022
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	5/31/2022
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/31/2035
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$225,000	\$100,000
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$20,000
New Jobs:	0	0
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	0	0
Estimated New Payroll:	\$0	\$-
Total Payroll:	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Rescind agreement per company request
2024 Action:	N/A
2023 Action:	N/A
2025 Notes:	

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2024 Status Report

Company:	4631 Montgomery LLC
DBA:	
Company Description:	Retail
Address:	4631 Montgomery Road Norwood, Ohio 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0025-0113-00
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	2/27/2024
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	7/31/2027
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/31/2037
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$360,000	\$100,000
Personal Property Investment	\$0	\$0
New Jobs:	3	1 FT
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	3	1 FT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$240,000	\$80,000
Total Payroll:	\$240,000	\$80,000

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2024 Action:	N/A
2023 Action:	N/A
2025 Notes:	

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Company:	4633 Montgomery LLC
DBA:	
Company Description:	Retail
Address:	4633 Montgomery Road Norwood, Ohio 45212
Parcel(s):	651-0025-0112-00
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	2/27/2024
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	7/31/2027
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/31/2037
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$240,000	\$350,000
Personal Property Investment	\$120,000	\$0
New Jobs:	3	1 FT
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	3	1 FT
Estimated New Payroll:	\$240,000	\$80,000
Total Payroll:	\$240,000	\$80,000

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2024 Action:	N/A
2023 Action:	N/A
2025 Notes:	

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2024 Status Report

Company:	4351 Pike Norwood LLC
DBA:	
Company Description:	Office
Address:	4351 Montgomery Road Norwood, Ohio 45212
Parcel(s):	651-00323-0003
Community:	City of Norwood
School District:	Norwood City School District

Agreement Details

Agreement Date:	2/27/2024
Amendment Date:	None
Project Completion Date:	7/31/2027
Expiration Date per Agreement:	5/31/3027
First Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
Last Year of Abatement per Auditor:	N/A
*If the abatement per auditor has N/A, then it generally indicates tax abatement not active or not filed for. The TIRC reviews agreements through the last year a company receives abatement as determined by the auditor.	

Exemptions Granted per Agreement

Real Property:	49%	12 years
Tangible Personal Property:	N/A	N/A

Goals & Achieved Progress per Agreement

	Goals	Achieved Progress
Real Property Investment	\$765,000	\$-
Personal Property Investment	N/A	\$-
New Jobs:	2 FT, 5 PT	0
Retained Jobs:	0	0
Total Jobs:	2 FT, 5 PT	0
Estimated New Payroll:	\$175,000	\$-
Total Payroll:	\$175,000	\$ 0

Current Recommendation, Past Actions & Notes

2025 Recommendation:	Continue agreement. Company still in construction period.
2024 Action:	N/A
2023 Action:	N/A
2025 Notes:	



REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL, AND COUNCIL ACTION

Requests should ideally be submitted to City of Norwood Law Department 14-days before desired Council action, but in no case later than the Wednesday, at noon, before requested Council action / meeting date.

Date of this submission:	7/10/25	Deadline for Required Council Action:	8/12/25		
NAME OF PERSON / OFFICIAL TITLE, requesting documents and Council action:					
Mike Skelly, Norwood Dir. Community Development					
DOCUMENTS NEEDED:					
Ordinance: YES –	Resolution:	Amendment:	Repeal:	Council Action: YES	Public Hearing / Public Notification: TBD
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – For Amendments or Repeals – State all exiting sections / ordinances that need to be amended:					
M. Skelly requests that attached or other authorizing ordinance (including Exhibits -20, TIRC Status Reports) be prepared, formatted, collated for Council to take action on the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Committee regarding the annual compliance review of all executed Community Revitalization Area Agreements. Draft Ord. is attached if desired. City Clerk, may need to prepare public notification.					
DOES ACTION REQUIRE EMERGENCY CLAUSE?				N/A unless close to 60-day deadline.	
ARE ALL 3, READINGS OVER SEPARATE MEETING REQUIRED?				TBD	
OTHER SPECIAL NOTES / INSTRUCTIONS:					
1. Please ensure email confirmation to Mike Skelly – mskelly@norwoodohio.gov RE date to confirm Council meeting attendance, once scheduled.					
2. Please coordinate follow-through / processing with Clerk of Council.					
Thanks					

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ORDINANCE ADDING NEW SECTION 103.03 TO THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO BE ENTITLED “REPRODUCTION OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL,” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in 1946, the City of Norwood formally adopted its official seal by enacting Section 103.02, “Official Seal” of the Norwood Codified Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio authorized the City to use the Official Seal; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwood has become aware of persons not affiliated with the government of the City of Norwood who are using the Official Seal; and

WHEREAS, Council seeks to avoid the potential of confusion among the public as to whether the source of a communication is the City of Norwood or not; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that we live in a time of increasingly aggressive and creative scams and misinformation campaigns and wishes to protect the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati forbids the use of the Cincinnati seal without permission, and Council seeks to adopt the same protections for the citizens of Norwood; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norwood, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Section 103.03 of the Norwood Codified Ordinances, entitled “REPRODUCTION OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL,” is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Section 103.03 REPRODUCTION OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL.

(a) The design of the official seal of the City of Norwood shall not be reproduced, except as required by any provision of the Ohio Constitution, the Revised Code or the Norwood Codified Ordinances, unless permission to do so is first obtained from the safety/service director. The safety/service director may authorize reproduction of the design of the official seal when the purpose is to:

(1) Permit publication of a reproduction of the official seal of the City of Norwood;

(2) Aid educational or historical programs;

(3) Promote the economic or cultural development of the city in a manner deemed appropriate by the safety/service director.

(b) No person shall use or permit to be used any reproductions or facsimile of the official seal or a counterfeit or nonofficial version of the official seal for any purpose not authorized by the safety/service director.

(c) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of unlawful reproduction of the official seal, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

SECTION 2. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance and a measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall go into effect forthwith. The reason for said emergency is to prevent the deception of the members of the public regarding the source of official communications from the City of Norwood.

PASSED _____
Date Joseph S. Geers
President of Council

ATTEST:

Kelsi Goins, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2025, in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio, including but not limited to proper notice, public hearing, and publication. The foregoing ordinance was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio, for his signature on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

APPROVED _____
Date Victor Schneider
Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION:

Kelsi Goins, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was published in the _____ on _____ and _____.
(Name of Newspaper) (date) (date)

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE READINGS

1st Reading _____
Date

2nd Reading _____
Date

3rd Reading _____
Date

All 3 Readings _____
Date

Tabled _____
Date

Vetoed _____

Date



City of Norwood Request for Ordinance, Resolution, Amendment, or Repeal

Date of Request: 8/7/2025	Date Needed: 8/12/2025
Request(s) should be submitted by the Wednesday, at noon, before date needed for Council, earlier if possible.	
Requested By:	Keith D. Moore, Law Director
Contact:	X 5308
Document Requested:	Ordinance
Executive Summary of document needed:	
If an amendment or repeal request, list existing Ordinance Number(s)/Section(s) of Ordinance to be amended or repealed, etc. (or attach documents and/or copies as appropriate)	
Request for Ordinance adding New Section 103.03 to the Norwood Codified Ordinances to be entitled "Reproduction of the Official Seal."	
Action Requested:	Emergency - Three Readings at One Meeting with Immediate Effectivity
If Emergency clause or suspension of rules for all three readings is needed, explain:	
The reason for the emergency is to prevent the deception of the source of official communication from the City of Norwood.	
Special Notes/Instructions	

Sec. 104-2. - Reproduction of the Corporate Seal.

The design of the corporate seal of the city of Cincinnati shall not be reproduced, except as required by any provision of the Ohio Constitution, the Revised Code or the Cincinnati Municipal Code, unless permission to do so is first obtained from the city manager. The city manager may authorize reproduction of the design of the corporate seal when the purpose is to:

- (a) Permit publication of a reproduction of the corporate seal of the city of Cincinnati;
- (b) Aid educational or historical programs;
- (c) Promote the economic or cultural development of the city in a manner deemed appropriate by the city manager.

No person shall use or permit to be used any reproductions or facsimile of the corporate seal or a counterfeit or nonofficial version of the corporate seal for any purpose not authorized by the city manager.

Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of unlawful reproduction of the corporate seal, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

**RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID
LITIGATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PURDUE PHARMA
L.P. AND CERTAIN AFFILIATES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Norwood, Ohio (herein “Municipality”) is a municipal entity formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio and its Local Governments have drafted, and the City of Norwood has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the Council has previously authorized the Law Director of the City of Norwood to accept Proposed Settlements with various Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal is being presented to the various governmental entities and shareholders by Purdue Pharma L.P. and related parties, including the Sackler family, to resolve governmental entity claims throughout the country, which proposal was made available on July 25, 2025, which full terms are available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/purdue-sacklers-settlements/>; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to become a Participating Subdivision under the proposed agreement is September 30, 2025, and total share of settlement funds allocated to Ohio and its subdivisions, including Norwood, is projected to be in excess of \$130,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed Governmental Entity & Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement with Purdue Pharma L.P. and certain affiliates;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO.

SECTION 1. That the Law Director of the City of Norwood is authorized to execute the Subdivision Participation and Release Forms on behalf of the City of Norwood, in the form of “Exhibit A”, and any additional agreements necessary to effect the proposed settlement with Purdue.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the City of Norwood. The reason for the emergency is to ensure full inclusion in the Proposed Settlement and prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio.

PASSED_____

Date

Joseph S. Geers
President of Council

ATTEST:

Kelsi Goins, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the _____day of _____, 2025, in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio. The foregoing ordinance was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio for his signature on the _____day of _____, 2025.

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

APPROVED_____

Date

Victor Schneider
Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

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Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

1st Reading _____

Date

2nd Reading _____

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3rd Reading _____

Date

All 3 Readings _____

Date

Tabled _____

Date

Vetoed _____

Date

New National Opioids Settlement: Purdue
Opioids Implementation Administrator
opioidsparticipation@rubris.com

Norwood city, OH
Reference Number: CL-1736142

TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS DOCUMENTATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT. YOU MUST TAKE ACTION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Deadline: September 30, 2025

A new proposed national opioids settlement has been reached with Purdue (and certain of its affiliates) and the Sackler family. This *Participation Package* is a follow-up communication to the *Notice of New National Opioids Settlement* recently received electronically by your subdivision.

The proposed settlement is being implemented in connection with Purdue's bankruptcy proceedings, and consists of, among other things, a settlement of Purdue's claims against the Sacklers and certain other parties (referred to as the "Purdue Estate Settlement"), and settlements of direct claims against the Sacklers held by States, local governments and other creditors (collectively, the "Purdue Direct Settlement", and together with the Estate Settlement, the "Purdue Settlement"). The Purdue Direct Settlement for States and local governments is documented in the Governmental Entity and Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement.

You are receiving this *Participation Package* because all eligible States and territories, including Ohio, are participating in the Purdue Direct Settlement.

This electronic envelope contains:

- The *Participation Form* for the Purdue Direct Settlement, including a release of any claims

The *Participation Form* must be executed, without alteration, and submitted on or before September 30, 2025, in order for your subdivision to be considered for initial participation calculations and payment eligibility under the Purdue Direct Settlement.

Based upon subdivision participation forms received on or before September 30, 2025, the subdivision participation rate will be used to determine whether participation is sufficient for the Purdue Settlement to move forward and whether a state earns its maximum potential payment under the Purdue Direct Settlement. If the Purdue Settlement moves forward and goes effective, your release will become



effective. If the Purdue Settlement does not move forward, that release will not become effective.

Any subdivision that does not participate in the Purdue Direct Settlement cannot directly share in the Purdue Direct Settlement funds, even if other subdivisions in the state are participating and sharing in those Purdue Direct Settlement funds. Any subdivision that does not participate may also reduce the amount of money for programs to remediate the opioid crisis in its state. Please note, a subdivision will not necessarily directly receive Purdue Settlement funds by participating; decisions on how Purdue Settlement funds will be allocated within a state are subject to intrastate agreements or state statutes.

You are encouraged to discuss the terms and benefits of the Purdue Settlement with your counsel, your Attorney General's Office, and other contacts within your state. Many states are implementing and allocating funds for the Purdue Settlement the same as they did for the prior opioids settlements but states may choose to treat the Purdue Settlement differently.

Information and documents regarding the Purdue Settlement, including a complete copy of the Governmental Entity and Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement, and how it is being implemented in your state and how funds will be allocated within your state can be found on the national settlement website at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/purdue-sacklers-settlements/>. This website will be supplemented as additional documents are created.

How to return signed forms:

There are three methods for returning the executed *Participation Form* and any supporting documentation to the Implementation Administrator:

- (1) *Electronic Signature via DocuSign*: Executing the *Participation Form* electronically through DocuSign will return the signed form to the Implementation Administrator and associate your form with your subdivision's records. Electronic signature is the most efficient method for returning the *Participation Form*, allowing for more timely participation and the potential to meet higher settlement payment thresholds, and is therefore strongly encouraged.
- (2) *Manual Signature returned via DocuSign*: DocuSign allows forms to be downloaded, signed manually, then uploaded to DocuSign and returned automatically to the Implementation Administrator. Please be sure to complete all fields. As with electronic signature, returning a manually signed *Participation Form* via DocuSign will associate your signed forms with your subdivision's records.
- (3) *Manual Signature returned via electronic mail*: If your subdivision is unable to return an executed *Participation Form* using DocuSign, the signed *Participation Form* may be returned via electronic mail to opioidsparticipation@rubris.com.

Please include the name, state, and reference ID of your subdivision in the body of the email and use the subject line Settlement Participation Form – [Subdivision Name, Subdivision State] – [Reference ID].

Detailed instructions on how to sign and return the *Participation Form*, including changing the authorized signer, can be found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/purdue-sacklers-settlements/>. You may also contact opioidsparticipation@rubris.com.

YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE PURDUE DIRECT SETTLEMENT BY RETURNING YOUR PARTICIPATION FORM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF THE PURDUE SETTLEMENT.

Please note that this is NOT a solicitation or a request for subdivisions to submit votes on the Purdue bankruptcy plan. This settlement package only pertains to a decision to participate in the Purdue Direct Settlement. If you receive a package to vote on the plan you should follow the applicable instructions for voting. PLEASE NOTE THAT VOTING ON THE PLAN IS SEPARATE FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PURDUE DIRECT SETTLEMENT.

The sign-on period for subdivisions ends on September 30, 2025.

If you have any questions about executing the *Participation Form*, please contact your counsel, the Implementation Administrator at opioidsparticipation@rubris.com, or Jonathan.Blanton@OhioAGO.gov.

Thank you,

Implementation Administrator for the Purdue Direct Settlement

The Implementation Administrator is retained to provide the settlement notice required by the Purdue Direct Settlement to manage the collection of the participation forms for it.

EXHIBIT K

Subdivision Participation and Release Form

Governmental Entity: Norwood city	State: OH
Authorized Signatory:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above (“*Governmental Entity*”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to that certain Governmental Entity & Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement accompanying this participation form (the “*Agreement*”)¹, and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Agreement, grant the releases set forth below, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Agreement, and agrees that by executing this Participation and Release Form, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Agreement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall promptly after the Effective Date, and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Shareholder Released Claims and Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Shareholder Released Claims and Released Claims pending in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Agreement pertaining to Participating Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Agreement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning following the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Agreement solely for the purposes provided therein.
6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity’s state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court’s role as and to the extent provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the

¹ Capitalized terms used in this Exhibit K but not otherwise defined in this Exhibit K have the meanings given to them in the Agreement or, if not defined in the Agreement, the Master Settlement Agreement.



Agreement. The Governmental Entity likewise agrees to arbitrate before the National Arbitration Panel as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent otherwise provided in, the Agreement.

7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Agreement as provided therein.
8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Agreement, including without limitation all provisions of Article 10 (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in his or her official capacity whether elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Subdivision Releasor, to the maximum extent of its authority, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, the Shareholder Released Parties and Released Parties are, as of the Effective Date, hereby released and forever discharged by the Governmental Entity and its Subdivision Releasors from: any and all Causes of Action, including, without limitation, any Estate Cause of Action and any claims that the Governmental Entity or its Subdivision Releasors would have presently or in the future been legally entitled to assert in its own right (whether individually or collectively), notwithstanding section 1542 of the California Civil Code or any law of any jurisdiction that is similar, comparable or equivalent thereto (which shall conclusively be deemed waived), whether existing or hereinafter arising, in each case, (A) directly or indirectly based on, arising out of, or in any way relating to or concerning, in whole or in part, (i) the Debtors, as such Entities existed prior to or after the Petition Date, and their Affiliates, (ii) the Estates, (iii) the Chapter 11 Cases, or (iv) Covered Conduct and (B) as to which any conduct, omission or liability of any Debtor or any Estate is the legal cause or is otherwise a legally relevant factor (each such release, as it pertains to the Shareholder Released Parties, the "Shareholder Released Claims", and as it pertains to the Released Parties other than the Shareholder Released Parties, the "Released Claims"). For the avoidance of doubt and without limiting the foregoing: the Shareholder Released Claims and Released Claims include any Cause of Action that has been or may be asserted against any Shareholder Released Party or Released Party by the Governmental Entity or its Subdivision Releasors (whether or not such party has brought such action or proceeding) in any federal, state, or local action or proceeding (whether judicial, arbitral, or administrative) (A) directly or indirectly based on, arising out of, or in any way relating to or concerning, in whole or in part, (i) the Debtors, as such Entities existed prior to or after the Petition Date, and their Affiliates, (ii) the Estates, (iii) the Chapter 11 Cases, or (iv) Covered Conduct and (B) as to which any conduct, omission or liability of any Debtor or any Estate is the legal cause or is otherwise a legally relevant factor.
9. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Shareholder Released Claims or Released Claims against any Shareholder Released Party or Released Party in any forum whatsoever, subject in all respects to Section 9.02 of the Master Settlement Agreement. The releases provided for herein (including the term "Shareholder Released



Claims” and “Released Claims”) are intended by the Governmental Entity and its Subdivision Releasors to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Shareholder Released Parties and Released Parties the broadest possible release of any liability relating in any way to Shareholder Released Claims and Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Agreement shall be a complete bar to any Shareholder Released Claim and Released Claims.

10. To the maximum extent of the Governmental Entity’s power, the Shareholder Released Parties and the Released Parties are, as of the Effective Date, hereby released and discharged from any and all Shareholder Released Claims and Released Claims of the Subdivision Releasors.
11. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision as set forth in the Agreement.
12. In connection with the releases provided for in the Agreement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Shareholder Released Claims or such other Claims released pursuant to this release, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Shareholder Released Claims or such other Claims released pursuant to this release that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities’ decision to participate in the Agreement.

13. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Agreement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent any portion of this Participation and Release Form not relating to the release of, or bar against, liability is interpreted differently from the Agreement in any respect, the Agreement controls.
14. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Agreement, (x) nothing herein shall (A) release any Excluded Claims or (B) be construed to impair in any way the rights and obligations of any Person under the Agreement; and (y) the Releases set forth herein shall be subject to being deemed void to the extent set forth in Section 9.02 of the Master Settlement Agreement.



I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Participation and Release Form on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Norwood recognizes the importance of maintaining and enhancing a healthy and diverse urban forest as an essential component of environmental quality and public health; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Forestry Grant Program provides funding to support projects that restore tree canopy, reduce stormwater runoff, improve watershed health, and promote the long-term care and sustainability of community trees; and

WHEREAS, this grant program aims to contract with local governments and non-profit agencies for the purchase and planting of large-stature, diverse tree species that improve the public realm and enhance community quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwood seeks to mitigate urban heat islands, increase the resilience of our urban forest, and promote the many benefits of urban forestry, including clean air and water, increased property values, and reduced energy demands; and

WHEREAS, the Norwood Tree Board is preparing an application for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 under the Urban Forestry Grant Program to support these goals through tree purchase, planting, and long-term care initiatives;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norwood, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The City of Norwood hereby supports the application for funding under the Urban Forestry Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000 to advance local efforts in tree planting, species diversity, canopy restoration, and long-term urban forest health.

SECTION 2. The City of Norwood is hereby authorized and directed to execute any necessary agreements and documents in connection with said application and to act as the authorized representative of the City in carrying out the program.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare, and safety of the City of Norwood. The reason for the emergency is to ensure that a grant application may be filed before the grant deadline date of August 27, 2025, for the current round of funding.

PASSED _____
Date

Joseph S. Geers
President of Council

ATTEST:

Kelsi Goins, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2025, in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio. The foregoing ordinance was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio, for his signature on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

APPROVED _____
Date

Victor Schneider
Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

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(Name of Newspaper) (date) (date)

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

1st Reading _____
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Narrative Summary for Grant Application – Norwood, Ohio Tree Canopy Project

Applicant: City of Norwood, Ohio

Federal Grant ID: 11094200-363

Prepared by: Norwood Tree Board

Project Area: Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio

Background and Community Need

Norwood, Ohio, a historically industrial city just north of Cincinnati, was once home to thriving manufacturing sectors including General Motors and the U.S. Playing Card Company. While the southern portions of Norwood have seen some reinvestment and regrowth, the northern neighborhoods have experienced canopy loss and environmental stress due to decades of industrial development, infrastructure expansion, and limited green space investment.

Recent data from American Forests Tree Equity Score and the CJEST (Cincinnati's Joint Environmental Sustainability Taskforce) confirm that Norwood falls significantly below the regional average for tree canopy coverage, contributing to increased urban heat, reduced air quality, and limited access to the mental and physical health benefits that urban trees provide.

Project Goals and Scope of Work

This project aims to:

1. Complete Street Tree Inventory
 - Map all public right-of-way trees along Glenside, Hunter, Globe Avenues (± feeders), capturing species, DBH, health, and structural attributes using GIS/iTree protocols.
2. Conduct Risk Assessment
 - Assess trees using ANSI A300 and ISA standards to categorize risk levels and guide pruning or removal.
 - Perform recommended pruning or removals as identified in the risk assessment, utilizing a TRAQ-certified arborist contracted by the City of Norwood to ensure compliance with best management practices and public safety standards.
3. Strategic Planting Program
 - Plant ~150 diverse native and adaptive tree species along priority corridors to restore canopy, improve walkability, and strengthen ecological resilience.
 - Emphasize species diversity and site-appropriate selection, using trees that are well suited to the constraints of urban environments (e.g., salt

tolerance, compacted soil, limited rooting space) to reduce pest vulnerability and improve long-term success.

4. Maintenance & Watering Program

- Implement a two-season maintenance plan (April–October), ensuring watering, mulching, and health monitoring to sustain ≥80% survival rate.

Scope of Work

The Northern Norwood Tree Canopy Restoration project will address critical canopy gaps in a historically under-forested area. Activities will focus on public rights-of-way in the Glenside, Hunter, and Globe Avenue corridors and adjacent feeders. Work will be carried out in four phases:

1. Complete Street Tree Inventory

Using GIS and iTree Eco or iTree Streets protocols, a professional inventory will be conducted to document all existing street trees and potential planting sites along the project corridors.

- Coverage Area: Public rights-of-way on Glenside Avenue, Hunter Avenue, Globe Avenue, and adjacent feeders.
- Data Collected: Tree species, diameter at breast height (DBH), health condition, and structural attributes.
- Deliverable: GIS-compatible dataset and map layer to inform planting and management decisions.

2. Conduct Tree Risk Assessment

All inventoried trees will be evaluated following ANSI A300 (Part 9) and ISA Best Management Practices to identify potential hazards and maintenance needs.

- Risk Categories: Low, Moderate, High, and Extreme, with recommended actions for pruning or removal.
- Deliverable: Risk assessment report with mapped risk levels and prioritized maintenance guidance.
- Implementation: The City of Norwood will contract with a TRAQ-certified arborist to perform all recommended work identified through the assessment, including pruning, structural mitigation, and removals as needed, ensuring safety, quality, and alignment with professional standards.

3. Strategic Planting Program

A diverse selection of approximately 100 native and climate-resilient shade trees will be planted in areas identified through the inventory.

- Tree Selection Criteria: Native and adapted species chosen for urban resilience, biodiversity, and long-term canopy growth.
- Goals: Restore tree canopy, reduce heat islands, improve walkability, and strengthen ecological resilience in underserved neighborhoods.
- Planting Standards: All trees planted per ANSI A300 standards with initial mulching and staking where necessary.

4. Maintenance & Watering Program

The City of Norwood will implement a structured, two-season post-planting maintenance plan to promote tree establishment and survival.

- Duration: April–October in years one and two after planting.
- Services Provided: Regular watering, mulching, structural pruning, and monitoring for pests and stress indicators.
- Performance Target: Achieve and sustain at least 80% survival rate by the end of the second growing season.
- Responsibility: Managed by Norwood Public Works, with oversight by the Tree Board.

Estimated Budget

Assumptions:

- 100–150 trees planted
- Inventory and risk assessment done by certified arborist firms
- Maintenance for two years
- Community planting events led by partner org (Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship)
- Modest educational outreach materials

Category	Description	Estimated Cost
1. Tree Inventory	GIS/i-Tree Eco or Streets inventory of existing trees + empty sites in project area (Glenside, Hunter, Globe + feeders). Includes mapping, data entry, and reporting.	\$12,000
2. Tree Risk Assessment	ANSI A300 & ISA-standard risk assessment with mapped prioritization.	\$4,500
3. Corrective Pruning/Removal	TRAQ-certified arborist to perform safety pruning and necessary removals of high/extreme risk trees.	\$10,000

4. Tree Purchase	Purchase of 100–150 trees (2” caliper, native/adapted species). Average \$275/tree including delivery.	\$27,500–\$41,250
5. Tree Planting Labor	Professional labor or contracted crews for planting (if not fully volunteer-based). Avg. \$75/tree planted.	\$7,500–\$11,250
6. Maintenance & Watering (2 seasons)	City of Norwood Public Works (or contractor). Watering, mulching, pest monitoring, and structural pruning.	\$15,000
7. Community Engagement	Community planting events (tools, snacks, volunteer coordination, signage, flyers). Includes support from Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship.	\$4,000
8. Educational Materials	Tree tags, door hangers, flyers, and web content explaining tree benefits & care.	\$2,000
9. Project Management & Oversight	Coordination time by Tree Board, city staff liaison, and reporting/admin costs.	\$3,500
 Estimated Total \$86,000–\$103,000 		

You can adjust the total request depending on the finalized tree count and whether some labor (e.g., planting) is done by volunteers or in-kind from the city.

Community Engagement Plan

Overview

A central component of this project is public involvement. Northern Norwood residents will not only benefit from increased canopy but will be directly involved in shaping, planting, and caring for their neighborhood’s urban forest.

Partnership

- Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship (OVFF) will serve as the lead community engagement partner.
- OVFF will coordinate and facilitate 2–3 public tree planting events, provide tree care education, and help recruit volunteers.
- The events will be modeled after successful planting days in Covington, Kentucky, engaging residents of all ages.

Engagement Strategies

Action	Details
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM

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To: [Angela Hayes](#)
Subject: Robertson South PUD
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Hi Angela,

This is Mick Oakes with PLK Communities. I'm reaching out regarding the hearing date for the "Robertson South" PUD. We'd like to attend a council meeting prior to the hearing to give a brief presentation and address any questions from staff.

Thank you!
– Mick Oakes

PLK Communities Website



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August 1, 2025

Mr. Joe Geers, President of Council
and Members of Norwood City Council

Members of City Council,

I request Council approval for the appointments listed below to the Norwood Tree Board.

Please confirm appointment for the terms described of new members Cate Wetzel and Debbie Karle.

- Ms. Cate Wetzel - **appointment** effective immediately and ending 12/31/27
- Ms. Debbie Karle- **appointment** effective immediately and ending 12/31/27

Ms. Wetzel is a homeowner in the City of Norwood and will be a great addition to the Board. She is enthusiastic about trees, beautification, and green spaces. She participated in the Norwood Parks Project in 2020 and wants to collaborate with our community by accepting a position with our Tree Board.

Ms. Karle moved to Norwood in 1991, she graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in Construction Management, and managed commercial, medical, educational, and historic preservation projects. Many of her renovation projects included protecting the existing landscaping, including trees and over the course of her career has gained vast knowledge of trees and how they are important to our neighborhoods and parks. She has volunteered at multiple Norwood Garden projects and will be a great appointment to our Tree Board.

Sincerely,

Victor Schneider, Mayor
City of Norwood, Ohio

VS/ss

cc: Norwood City Council
Norwood Tree Board
Norwood Auditor's Office



July 9, 2025

Mr. Joseph S. Geers, President
Members of Norwood City Council

RE: Mayor's Court Fines

Dear Mr. President and Council Members:

Enclosed please find the report for Norwood Mayor's Court for the month of June, 2025.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Victor Schneider, Mayor
City of Norwood

VS/ss

Enclosure: City Council



MELISSA R BISHOP
Norwood Clerk of Courts

Norwood Clerk of
Courts Office
4701 Montgomery Rd.
Norwood, Ohio 45212

July 1, 2025

Mayor Schneider,

Below are the ticket totals heard in Norwood Mayor's Court for the month of June, 2025 and the total tickets processed by the Norwood Police Department and all other city departments that issue citations through mayor's court.

CASES HEARD IN MAYOR'S COURT:

TRAFFIC—37
MISDEMEANORS—3
STAYS—11
EXPUNGEMENTS—1
TRIALS—5
OVI--4
OTHERS--1
PARKERS--6

TICKETS PROCESSED:

TRAFFIC--89
MISDEMEANORS-1
OTHERS--1
PARKERS-129
OVI-0

Included in this report are all accounting of total receipts, funds collected from fines, court costs, copy fees and the Ohio BMV, with disbursements to various agencies, such as, the State of Ohio, Hamilton County, Capital Recovery Collections and the City of Norwood, for the month of June, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa R. Bishop
Clerk of Court
City of Norwood, Ohio

July 1, 2025

Dear Mayor Schneider:

The Clerk's office turned over \$97.00 dollars in copy fees for the month of June, 2025 to the Treasurer's Office.

AA-----\$97.00

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa R. Bishop". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Melissa R. Bishop

Clerk of Courts

To:

City of Norwood, City Council

Mayor's Court report for:

June-25

Receipts:	Account #		
Computer Fund	06	CITY	781.00
City Court Costs	8512	CITY	1619.00
State Costs	8512	STATE	2986.50
Jail Fund	79	CITY	87.00
Fines	8613	CITY	7724.00
Seat Belt Fines	8613	STATE	60.00
Car Seat Fines	8613	STATE	
City Expungement Fee	8512	CITY	20.00
Bad Check Fees	8793		
State Expungement Fee	8512	STATE	30.00
B.M.V.Release Fees	8793		
H.C.Court Fines	8613	CITY	
Immobilization Fees	8619	CITY	
Parking Tickets	8613	CITY	7280.00
Misc. Receipt Bond For	8624		
Bond Fees	8624		
Collection Fees	8793	COLLECTION	162.00
IDAT	8512	COUNTY	112.50
Jail Fund	8626	CITY	763.00
Overpayment	8624		
Gross Receipts:			21625.00
Bonds Forfeited	8624		
Bad Check Debits	8793		
Overpayment of Fines			
Total Money To Disburse:			21625.00
Disbursements:			
State Costs		STATE	2,986.50
Seat Belt Fines		STATE	(60.00)
Bond Forfeited			
Car seat fines			
State Expungement Fees		STATE	(30.00)
BMV Release Fee			
IDAT		COUNTY	(112.50)
Collection Fees			(162.00)
Credit Card Fees			
Bank Interest			
Total To State:	Check #	From Mayor's Court Acct	3076.50
ALCH TREAT FUND	Check #	From Mayor's Court Acct	
hamilton city auditor	Check # 139	IDAT	112.50
Total To Capital Recovery:	Check # 140	From Mayor's Court Acct	162.00
Total Disbursements To City:	Check # 141	From Mayor's Court Acct	18274.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Victor Schneider

FUND

AMOUNT

General Fund

Enforcement & Education

Mayor's Court Computer Fund

TOTAL

Daily Cash Control Report

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Report Date : 07/01/2025
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JD MAYOR'S COURT
Printed From 06/01/2025 To 06/30/2025 (Deposit Date)

Court Deposit Slip Activity		Bond Deposit Slip Activity	
Cash:	\$5,134.50	Cash:	\$0.00
Checks:	\$1,033.00	Checks:	\$0.00
Money Orders:	\$0.00	Money Orders:	\$0.00
Bond Assignments & Admin Fees:	\$0.00		
Court Deposit Slip Total:	\$6,167.50	Bond Deposit Slip Total:	\$0.00
Court Non-Deposit Slip Activity		Bond Non-Deposit Slip Activity	
Charges:	\$8,002.50	Charges:	\$0.00
ACH Deposits:	\$5,385.00		
On Line Payments:	\$2,070.00		
Non-Deposit Slip Total:	\$15,457.50	Non-Deposit Slip Total:	\$0.00
ul Mayor's Court Deposits	\$21,625.00	Total Bond Deposits	\$0.00
Other Court Activity		Other Bond Activity	
Refunds:	\$0.00	Bonds Cleared As Cash:	\$0.00
NSF Checks:	\$0.00	Bonds Cleared As Check:	\$0.00
Adjustments:	\$0.00	Bonds Cleared As Charge:	\$0.00
Other Misc. Receipts Activity:	\$0.00	Total Bonds Returned:	\$0.00
Other Court Activity Total:	\$0.00	Bonds Forfeited:	\$0.00
		* Other Bond Clearings:	\$0.00
		Bond Assignments to COURT:	\$0.00
		Bond Admin Fees to COURT:	\$0.00
		***Total Bonds to COURT:	\$0.00
Net Total:	\$21,625.00	Total Bond Amount Cleared:	\$0.00

Payments Made By
Collection Agency: \$67.50

Includes Bond Transfers, Recog, and Surety** Includes bank interest, bank charges, and all other activity using 'memo' as the payment type.
Money to be transferred from the bond account to the court account if they are separate accounts

END OF REPORT

City of Norwood

Parking Ticket Tracking System

END OF MONTH PAYMENT SUMMARY REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 06/30/2025

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Assessment Type	Amount Paid
STANDARD FINES	\$5,995.00
LATE FINES	\$1,285.00
DETER PROCESSING FEE	\$0.00
NSF FEE	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	\$0.00
Net Payments :	\$7,280.00

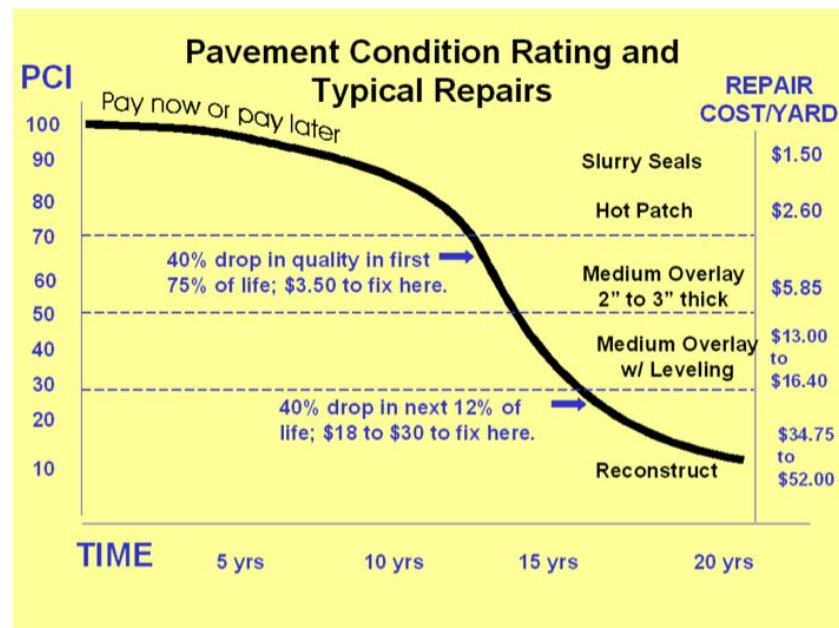
CITY OF NORWOOD INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

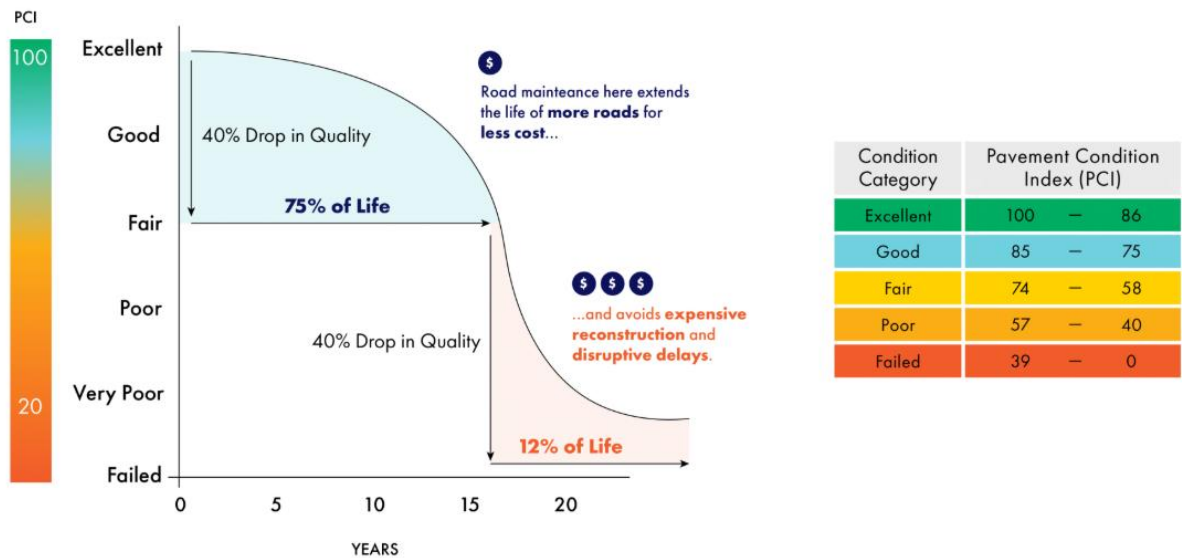
TO: Council Members, Mayor Schneider
FROM: M. Skelly, Community Development Director
DATE: 8/1/2025
RE: Pending Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) Study

This Memo is purely for informational purposes only. City Administration is about to enter into a contract with an Ohio based engineering firm that specializes in transportation and other infrastructure projects. As this is regarded as an engagement of a qualified / specialized professional service, it is exempt from the standard competitive bids. That said, the City staff still undertook an extensive RFP process, and interviewed - vetted preferred candidate consulting firms, before making a final decision.

A brief summary of a PCR analysis – it is a very data intensive study that carefully identifies a dozen+ types of road distresses (either manually or by laser cameras) and then ranks them by severity from 1-100. These techniques are based on decades of engineering science codified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, American Assoc. of State Highway and Transportation Officials, ASTM, and ODOT. This comprehensive analysis is then used to produce an asset management plan for multi-year road operations maintenance and capital improvement – restoration. *The adages of - “Good data will foster good decisions”, and “Pay me now, or Pay me later” are VERY applicable to a PCR Study and their use in preparing a long-term capital road improvement plan.* The below charts show the relationship between the lifecycle of a typical road (25 yrs), the PCR Index, and likely costs.

Figure 2. Oregon City pavement deterioration rating and repair costs.²⁶





While the PCR component represents the bulk of the information contained within the associated long-term capital road improvement plan, the Plan – more importantly, the financial implications and budgeting priorities *will still be done with extensive consultation between Council and Mayor*. Again, good data and the initial help by GPD Group in preparing the PCR will help guide these later important discussions.

GPD Group’s letter of intent / statement of qualification included a proposal to do both the PCR as well as a concrete curb analysis for \$34,840 and \$14,715, respectively. In addition to GPD Group’s Ohio municipal experience in routinely conducting PCRs, we were also interested by their familiarity with ODOT project funding strategies.

This project is similar to the one completed in 2021, and will follow the same methodology; however, it was the Mayor’s desire to have a more in-depth analysis undertaken to provide the needed insight and impetus in order for the City to strive towards a more robust capital improvement plan for improving our road network, and setting 5 – 10 – 20 year budgeting targets.

We expect the field work may begin by mid-September, and will likely be completed within 30-days. After this there will be extensive inputting, evaluation, and ultimately the preparation of a revised inventory and PCR priority list. Consistent with the Mayor’s intent to prepare a more robust capital road improvement plan, it is expected that this second component will be done with ample public feedback from Norwood businesses and residents to ensure proper understanding of all key issues and available solutions.



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July 30, 2025

Norwood City Council
4645 Montgomery Road
Norwood, OH 45212

RE: Executive Session Request for August 12, 2025

Dear President and Members of Council:

I am requesting that the Council go into Executive Session at your meeting on August 12, 2025, to discuss disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Please place this item at the end of the agenda.

Sincerely,

Keith D. Moore
Norwood Law Director

KDM:cfc

"Gem of The Highlands"



Office of Human Resources Department

August 8, 2025

Dear Council President and Members of City Council,

I respectfully request a closed executive session during your August 12, 2025, Council meeting to discuss a personnel related matter. If possible, please schedule this session at the conclusion of the meeting agenda.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lori Zombek, MPA, SHRM-CP
Human Resources Director