

Ordinance No: 26-05-028

Committee: Judiciary and Annexation

**AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE EXPEDITED TYPE 2 ANNEXATION OF 901.698+/- ACRES FROM HOAGLIN TOWNSHIP, PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, AND RIDGE TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF VAN WERT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, a petition for annexation, to the City of Van Wert, of certain real property consisting of 901.698+/- acres located within Hoaglin Township, Pleasant Township, and Ridge Township (the “Property”) and which is contiguous to the municipal boundary of the City was filed by Charles F. Koch, agent for petitioners, with the Board of Commissioners of Van Wert County, Ohio (the “BOC”) on March 9, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOC approved and granted the petition by the passage and approval of a resolution on March 10, 2026, and said resolution, the petition, and related documentation was delivered to the Van Wert City Auditor (the “Clerk”) on March 10, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2026, the annexation petition and related documentation have been laid before the Van Wert City Council (“City Council”), which such date is more than 60 days after the Auditor’s receipt of the annexation petition and related documentation, and the City Council has held a public hearing on the proposed annexation on this date; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the annexation of the Property to the City is in the best interests of the City and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, to be effective immediately upon passage, such emergency being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare, to wit: for the preservation and addition of employment opportunities in the City of Van Wert; to preserve and increase municipal real property and income tax revenues for the City; to protect the value of previously made public infrastructure investments by the City will serve the Property; in furtherance of the provisions of that certain Pre-Annexation Agreement dated November 14, 2014, by and among City Council, the Board of Trustees of Ridge Township, Van Wert County, Ohio, and the Board of County Commissioners of Van Wert County, Ohio (the “BOC”); in furtherance of that certain Pre-Annexation Agreement dated December 22, 2014 by and among the City Council, the Board of Trustees of Hoaglin Township, Van Wert County, Ohio, and the BOC; and in furtherance of that certain Pre-Annexation Agreement dated June 14, 2016, by and among City Council, the Board of Trustees of Pleasant Township, Van Wert County, Ohio, and the BOC.

Be it **ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio, to wit:

**Section 1.** The annexation of the Property, which is more particularly described in Exhibit A and is depicted in Exhibit B, is hereby accepted.

**Section 2.** The Clerk is herewith directed to deliver certified copies of this Ordinance and any other necessary or required documentation to the Offices of the Auditor and Recorder of Van Wert County, Ohio, and to the Ohio Secretary of State.

**Section 3.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of City Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of City Council, and that all deliberations of City Council and/or its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Section 121.11 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and as an emergency measure this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Eric Hurless – President Pro Tempore of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephanie R. Phillips, Clerk of Council

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Thad R. Eikenbary, Acting Mayor