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VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-29

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING, REPLACING, AND MAINTAINING SIDEWALKS, AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE WOOD COUNTY AUDITOR, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Village of North Baltimore recognizes the importance of safe, accessible sidewalks for the safety and convenience of all residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that a village-wide special assessment is the most equitable method to ensure all property owners contribute proportionally to the construction, repair, replacement, and maintenance of the Village's sidewalks, recognizing that the sidewalk network benefits all residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to establish a defined total assessment amount and a clear method of apportionment to ensure transparency, consistency, and compliance with Ohio law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected to Council concurring:

SECTION I: The total cost to be funded through this village-wide special assessment shall not exceed \$60,000 per year for sidewalk construction, repair, replacement, and maintenance, including administrative costs associated with managing the program.

SECTION II: The total annual assessment amount shall be apportioned equally among all taxable parcels within the Village, excluding tax-exempt properties. Each taxable parcel shall be assessed as an equal amount, regardless of size, frontage, or zoning classification.

SECTION III: Council declares this to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the Village and its residents and shall to into immediate effect upon the passage thereof.

Passed in Council this 8th day of September 2026.

VOTE ON FINAL ADOPTION

YEAS _____ NAYS _____

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 8th day of September 2026.

Dee Hefner, President of Council

Aaron Patterson, Mayor

Attest:

Mason Davis, Clerk of Council