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Effective Date:

VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 05

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO OHIO POWER COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WITHIN THE STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, OHIO

Whereas, Ohio Power Company has requested the renewal and continuation of its franchise to use the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places of the Village of North Baltimore for the transmission and distribution of electric energy; and

Whereas, the Council finds that the continued provision of reliable electric service to the Village and its inhabitants is necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare; and

Whereas, Council desires to grant a nonexclusive franchise subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein;

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Council of the Village of North Baltimore, Ohio:

Section 1. Ohio Power Company, its successors, and assigns (hereinafter called “Grantee”) are hereby granted the right, privilege, franchise, and authority to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate in, above, under, across, and along the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places (as the same now exist or may hereafter be laid out) of the Village of North Baltimore, Ohio, lines for the transmission and distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors, together with all necessary or desirable appurtenant equipment, to render public utility service in said Village and to the inhabitants thereof by supplying electric energy to said Village and the inhabitants thereof, and persons or corporations beyond the limits thereof for light, heat, power, or any other purposes or purpose for which electric energy is now or may hereafter be used, and the transmission and distribution of the same within, through, or across said Village of North Baltimore, Ohio.

Section 2. Said lines and appurtenant equipment shall be constructed in a manner that shall not unreasonably interfere with the traveling public in its use of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places.

Section 3. The rights, privileges, and franchise hereby granted shall be in force and effect for an initial term of twenty-five (25) years from the date of the passage of this Ordinance. Thereafter this franchise shall continue for successive one-year terms, unless either party hereto provides written notice of its intention not to renew at least one year prior to the term expiration. The rights, privileges, and franchise hereby granted shall not be construed to be exclusive and the Council of the Village of North Baltimore hereby reserves the power to grant similar rights, privileges, and franchises to any other person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations.

Section 4. Said Grantee shall save the Village harmless from any and all liability arising in any way from Grantee’s negligence in the erection, maintenance, or operation of said lines for the distribution and transmission of electric energy, except to the extent such liability arises out of the contributory negligence or willful misconduct of the Village.

Section 5. Whenever said Grantee shall begin the erection or installation of any lines or equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work to completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places where such work is done in as good condition of repair as before such work was commenced.

Section 6. Wherever in this Ordinance, reference is made to the Village or the Grantee, it shall be deemed to include the respective successors or assigns of either; and all rights,

privileges, franchises, and obligations herein contained by or on behalf of said Village, or by or on behalf of said Grantee, shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the respective successors or assigns of said Village, or of said Grantee, whether so expressed or not.

Section 7. The Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Village any franchise agreement, acceptance document, or other instruments necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Ordinance, consistent with the terms set forth herein.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be accepted by the Grantee within sixty (60) days from the date of the passage of same.

The motion to adopt the foregoing ordinance was moved by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____.

PASSED by the Council of the Village of North Baltimore, Ohio, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Dee Hefner, President of Council

Aaron Patterson, Mayor

Attest:

Mason Davis, Clerk of Council