

VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 18

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Village Council finds that public streets should be planned, designed, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated, resurfaced, maintained, and operated in a manner that reasonably considers the safety and mobility of motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, emergency responders, school children, senior citizens, and other lawful users while recognizing funding, engineering judgment, roadway function, and community needs; and

WHEREAS, Council further finds that adoption of a Complete Streets Policy will strengthen the Village's competitiveness for state and federal transportation funding opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of North Baltimore, Wood County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Village adopts a Complete Streets Policy and shall, where appropriate and practical, consider Complete Streets principles in the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, maintenance, and operation of Village-owned or Village-maintained transportation facilities.

SECTION 2. Complete Streets principles may include sidewalks, shared-use paths, bicycle accommodations, pedestrian crossings, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility improvements, traffic calming measures, street lighting, landscaping, stormwater management improvements, transit accommodations where applicable, and other appropriate transportation improvements. Nothing in this Ordinance requires every transportation project to include every Complete Streets feature.

SECTION 3. Routine maintenance activities, including pothole repair, crack sealing, pavement markings, snow removal, street sweeping, utility work, and similar routine activities, are exempt from this policy. Complete Streets accommodations may also be omitted when the Village Administrator, in consultation with the Village Engineer when appropriate, determines they are prohibited by law, impracticable because of physical or safety constraints, inconsistent with accepted engineering practices, or that the anticipated cost would be disproportionate to the expected benefit.

SECTION 4. Implementation of this policy is subject to available funding and appropriations by Village Council and does not create a private right of action or legal duty enforceable against the Village, its officers, employees, or agents.

SECTION 5. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting in compliance with applicable Ohio law.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Village and for the further reason that immediate adoption of this Complete Streets Policy is necessary prior to the Lake Erie West Regional Council of Governments Surface Transportation Block Grant scoring committee meeting scheduled for August 27, 2026, at which the Village's South Main Street Improvement Project application will be evaluated. Therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.

The motion to adopt the foregoing Ordinance was moved by Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_.

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| EMERGENCY CLAUSE VOTE            | VOTE ON FINAL ADOPTION           |
| YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSTAIN ____ | YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSTAIN ____ |

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026.

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| _____<br>Dee Hefner, President of Council | _____<br>Aaron Patterson, Mayor |
| Attest:                                   |                                 |
| _____<br>Mason Davis, Clerk of Council    |                                 |