

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY MAYORS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION AS A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 167 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167 authorizes counties, municipal corporations, townships, special districts, school districts, and other political subdivisions to enter into agreements with one another for the establishment of regional councils of governments; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Mayors and Managers Association has historically provided a forum for local governmental officials within Lake County to cooperate, exchange information, share best practices, and address matters of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lake County Mayors and Managers Association desire to formally organize the Association as a regional council of governments pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167; and

WHEREAS, participation in the regional council of governments will permit the City of Willowick to continue its participation in regional cooperation and professional collaboration with other governmental entities within Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that participation in the Lake County Mayors and Managers Association as a regional council of governments is in the best interests of the City of Willowick and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Willowick, to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the **Lake County Mayors and Managers Association** as a regional council of governments pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code, provided that the final form of the Agreement is approved by the Law Director.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the Lake County Mayors and Managers Association shall be to foster regional governmental cooperation, share best practices, facilitate professional development among local governmental leaders, and address matters of mutual concern among its members. The Association shall not engage in political campaign intervention.

SECTION 3. Funding for the City's participation in the Association shall be derived from annual membership dues lawfully appropriated from the City's general operating funds or such other lawful fund as may be determined by the Finance Director and Council. No paid staff shall be

hired by the Association, and its operations shall be managed collectively by its member officers in accordance with its governing agreement and bylaws.

SECTION 4. The Mayor is authorized to serve as the City's representative to the Lake County Mayors and Managers Association in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement, the Association's bylaws, and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167.

SECTION 5. The Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as are reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution and the City's membership in the Association.

SECTION 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and 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, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Willowick and for the further reason that the Lake County Mayors and Managers Association is currently undertaking the process of formally organizing as a regional council of governments and requires authorization from its member communities. Therefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

SUBMITTED to the Mayor for his
approval on _____, 2026

ATTEST:

Alyssa Moran, Clerk of Council

Monica Koudela, President of
Council

APPROVED by the Mayor on
_____, 2026

Michael J. Vanni, Mayor

