



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

ORDINANCE 2026-21

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Land Use & Development
Jacklin, Keener
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Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk
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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN APPLICATION TO ADD PROPERTY TO THE MOUNT VERNON NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 349; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio (the “City”), as owner of certain real property located in the territory of the City and thereby a “developer” with respect to said property within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 349.01(E), established the Mount Vernon New Community Authority by Ordinance 2023-31 for the purposes of encouraging and supporting well-balanced and diversified land use patterns within the territory of the City, including facilities for the conduct of industrial, commercial, residential, cultural, educational, and recreational activities, all as described in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 349; and

WHEREAS, Arista Villas Mount Vernon LLC has acquired certain real property which is located within the jurisdiction of the City, consisting of approximately 39.916 acres know as parcel number 66-07961.000 in the records of the Office of the Auditor of Knox County, Ohio (the “Property”) on which Arista Villas Mount Vernon LLC plans to construct approximately 100 single-family houses and appurtenances thereto; and

WHEREAS, in support of such efforts, City staff and legal counsel have prepared an Application to Add Property to the Mount Vernon New Community Authority District and to Amend the Petition for Establishment of the Mount Vernon New Community Authority as a New Community Authority Under Chapter 349 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Application”), a copy of which Application is on file with the City, and which Application proposes the addition of the Property to the Mount Vernon New Community Authority as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 349; and

WHEREAS, the District, as described in the Application, is located entirely within the municipal corporate boundaries of the City, a municipal corporation, and this Council, as the legislative authority of the City, is therefore the organizational board of commissioners for purposes of this Application; and

WHEREAS, this Council has reviewed the Application as prepared by City staff and legal counsel, and by this Ordinance desires to legislatively authorize the execution of the Application by the Mayor and the Director of Law and the delivery of the same to this Council in its capacity as “organizational board of commissioners” as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 349.01(F).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon that:

SECTION 1. Mayor to Represent Developer. This Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to serve as the representative of the City in its capacity as a “developer” for the purposes of filing the Application with this Council.

SECTION 2. Execution and Delivery of Application. This Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Director of Law to execute and deliver the Application to add the Property to the Mount Vernon New Community Authority under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 349. Upon such execution and delivery, the Mayor and the Director of Law, or such other City staff as they may determine, shall file the Application with this Council, in its capacity as “organizational board of commissioners” as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 349.01(F).

SECTION 3. Open Meetings. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

SECTION 4. Emergency. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason to aid the financing of infrastructure for new development without delay, and said Ordinance shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to this Council; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor