



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

ORDINANCE 2026-22

Meeting 6/22/2026 7:30 PM
Land Use & Development
Jacklin, Keener
Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City Clerk
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AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT AN APPLICATION TO ADD PROPERTY TO THE MOUNT VERNON NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT IS SUFFICIENT AND COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 349.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE IN FORM AND SUBSTANCE; SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING ON THE APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF SUCH HEARING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, in its capacity as a “developer” within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 349.01(E) (the “City”) 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, on June 3, 2026, the City, in its capacity as a developer, submitted to the Council of the City (“Council”), pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03, 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

WHEREAS, the District, as described in the Application, is located entirely within the municipal corporate boundaries of the City, a municipal corporation, and the original petition to establish the Mount Vernon New Community Authority was filed with this Council; therefore, this Council, as the legislative authority of the City, is the organizational board of commissioners for purposes of this Application; and

WHEREAS, this Council has reviewed the Application, and by this Ordinance desires to legislatively determine, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03, that the Application complies with the requirements of that section as to form and substance; pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03, to set the time and place of a hearing on the Application; and further pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03, authorize the notice by publication of the hearing on the Application.

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

SECTION 1. Organizational Board of Commissioners. This Council hereby acknowledges and determines that, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.01(F)(3), it is the “organizational board of commissioners” of the Mount Vernon New Community Authority for the proceedings associated with this Application and for all other purposes of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 349.

SECTION 2. Application’s Sufficiency and Compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03. This Council has examined the Application and finds and determines that the Application is sufficient and complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03 in form and substance.

SECTION 3. Time and Place of Hearing. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03, this Council hereby determines to hold a hearing on the Application on July 13, 2026, at the offices of the City, 40 Public Square, Suite 206, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, at 7:30 p.m., and this Council hereby authorizes the Clerk of Council to cause notice of the hearing to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks, or as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 7.16, in a newspaper of general circulation within Knox County, Ohio, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03(A).

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor