

ORDINANCE 2026-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1115.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW FOR GRAVEL PARKING IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission initiated a code text amendment to amend Section 1115.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Centerburg to allow for gravel parking in limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission made a recommendation to Village Council to adopt an amendment to Section 1115.03 to allow gravel parking in limited circumstances after completion of a public hearing held by the Planning Commission on June 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Village Council, set a time for a public hearing for August 3, 2026 for the purposes of considering the code text amendment to Section 1115.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Centerburg to allow for gravel parking in limited circumstances and provided notification of the hearing in accordance with Section 1103.06(c)(2); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Village to amend Section 1115.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for gravel parking in limited circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Centerburg, Knox County, Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 1115.03(e) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Centerburg be hereby adopted to provide as follows:

1115.03(e)(4) The Planning Commission upon application may at its discretion, grant exceptions to Chapter 1115.03 to permit gravel parking surfaces subject to the following:

- A. The parcel must be zoned either VC, P-I or RO and must be available for public use outside of normal business hours.
- B. Applicant shall submit a maintenance plan which provides that gravel shall be contained to prevent overflow onto adjacent streets and into the Village stormwater system as follows:
 - i. Entrances and egresses must contain a minimum 5' concrete or asphalt apron.
 - ii. Gravel area must be contained with a minimum 4" curb where the parking area abuts a public roadway, or
 - iii. Gravel must be contained within a minimum 5' landscaping buffer (minimum of grass) where the parking area abuts a public roadway, or;
 - iv. Any combination of ii. and iii.
- C. Failure to adhere to the maintenance plan shall be considered a violation of this Section.
- D. Wheel stops, such as parking blocks, shall be installed to indicate each parking space.

- E. Landscaping requirements may be reduced except as outlined in 1115.03(k)(1)C.
- F. Striping and marking requirements may be waived for gravel parking areas.
- G. Whenever a new zoning permit is issued in relation to a parcel with a gravel parking allowance, the grant of the surface material exception by the Planning Commission shall terminate, and a new application for an exception under this Section shall be submitted to the Planning Commission.

Section 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

Section 3. This Ordinance is determined to be an emergency, necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, such emergency arising out of the immediate need to address parking improvements in the Village.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

DATE PASSED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

AT _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

MAYOR

DATE APPROVED: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LEGAL COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the ordinance or a summary of the ordinance was published once a week for two consecutive weeks on _____, 2026 and _____, 2026 in conformance with the Ohio Revised Code 731.21(A).

FISCAL OFFICER