



CITY OF
PICKERINGTON

**PICKERINGTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
7:30 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION BY DEACON KYLE BAFIA OF MARANATHA COMMUNITY CHURCH, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, REGULAR MEETING
3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS
4. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA **(TWO CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS)** All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen requests it, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda as a part of the General Orders.
7. REPORTS
 - A. MAYOR
 - B. LAW DIRECTOR
 - C. CITY MANAGER

8. PROCEDURAL READINGS

- A. ORDINANCE 2026-19, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026 APPROPRIATION, ORDINANCE 2025-23," **First Reading**, Finance Committee.
- B. ORDINANCE 2026-20, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 636.26 OF THE CITY OF PICKERINGTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "OFFENSE AGAINST PERSONS" TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF ACCEPTING FORMS OF PAYMENT," **First Reading**, Finance Committee.
- C. ***ORDINANCE 2026-21, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-27 TO NOTE THE CORRECT OHIO REVISED CODE PROVISION," Consent Agenda.**
- D. ***RESOLUTION 2026-14R, "A RESOLUTION TO WORK WITH ODOT AS A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY ("LPA") ON THE SIGNAL EQUIPMENT UPGRADES ALONG SR 256 AND SR 204 CORRIDORS IN FRANKLIN AND FAIRFIELD COUNTIES," Consent Agenda.**

9. LEGISLATIVE READINGS

10. REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. MOTIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

Attachments

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:30 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION BY DEACON KYLE BAFIA OF MARANATHA COMMUNITY CHURCH, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mr. Derksen; Mrs. Hicks; Mr. Kemper; Mr. McCracken; Mrs. Rohaly; Mrs. Sanders; Mayor Gray

Absent: Mr. Wisniewski

Others Present: Greg Butcher, Phil Hartmann, Chief Cheney, Heather Moore, Kyle Bafia, and others

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mr. McCracken to approve, seconded by Mr. Kemper
Motion carried.

3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

4. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Kemper commended the Service Department and City staff for the cleanup efforts following the flooding. He noted that local youth had initially begun cleanup at the skate park, but city staff provided necessary equipment and support. He expressed appreciation for the City's efforts and the improved condition of the park.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mrs. Hicks to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly

Moved by Mrs. Hicks to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2026-13R, a resolution approving the solid waste district's updated solid waste management plan to the consent agenda as item 8B,

seconded by Mr. Kemper

Roll call on the motion to amend the agenda:

Yes: Mr. Derksen, Mr. McCracken, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Hicks

6 - 0 Passed

Roll call on the agenda as amended:

Yes: Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Kemper, Mr. Derksen, Mr. McCracken, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Rohaly

6 - 0 Passed

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Two items on the consent agenda were read into the record. Resolution 2026-12R, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Fairfield County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and Resolution 2026-13R, a resolution approving the solid waste district's updated solid waste management plan.

Moved by Mrs. Rohaly to approve, seconded by Mrs. Sanders

Yes: Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Derksen, Mr. McCracken, Mrs. Sanders Mr. Kemper

6 - 0 Passed

7. REPORTS

A. MAYOR

Mayor Gray stated he had no report.

B. LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Hartmann stated he had no report.

C. CITY MANAGER

Mr. Butcher stated he would answer any questions regarding his written report. In response to questions, he provided an overview of the recent One Columbus meeting, which included a panel discussion with CEOs from four major Central Ohio hospital systems addressing growth, expansion, rural hospitals, reimbursements, Medicare/Medicaid, and staffing challenges. He noted the City remains engaged with the healthcare market and that he found the meeting valuable.

Mr. Butcher also reported that the Zoning Code update is currently with the Law Director's Office and is expected to be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission within the next month or two.

8. PROCEDURAL READINGS

A. ***RESOLUTION 2026-12R, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR," Consent Agenda.**

Moved by Mrs. Rohaly to approve, seconded by Mrs. Sanders

**Yes: Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Derksen, Mr. McCracken, Mrs. Sanders, Mr. Kemper
6 - 0 Passed**

- B. ***RESOLUTION 2026-13R, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE DISTRICT'S UPDATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN," Consent Agenda.**

Moved by Mrs. Rohaly to approve, seconded by Mrs. Sanders

**Yes: Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Derksen, Mr. McCracken, Mrs. Sanders, Mr. Kemper
6 - 0 Passed**

9. LEGISLATIVE READINGS

There were no legislative readings.

10. REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

There were no referrals to committee.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

12. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Rohaly to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McCracken
Motion carried.

City Council adjourned at 7:37 P.M., September 1, 2026.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Heather Moore, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Lee A. Gray, Mayor

SUBJECT:

ORDINANCE 2026-19, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026 APPROPRIATION,
ORDINANCE 2025-23," **First Reading**, Finance Committee.

Attachments

Ordinance 2026-19

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2026-19 Passed 20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026
APPROPRIATION, ORDINANCE 2025-23

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF PICKERINGTON,
FAIRFIELD-FRANKLIN COUNTIES, OHIO:

Section 1: The following appropriation amendments are hereby
made to the 2026 Budget, Ordinance 2025-23:

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUND (419)

Increase capital by \$300,000 from \$1,107,360 to \$1,407,360.
(Reason: Lockville Road sidewalk construction in conjunction with
Safe Routes to School Grant.)

COVERED BRIDGE REHABILITATION FUND (432)

Increase capital by \$200,000 from \$835,000 to \$1,035,000.
(Reason: Capital Improvements to covered bridge with additional
\$200,000 grant funds received.)

Section 2: In accordance with Section 2.05(J) of the Pickerington
Charter, this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by Council and
approval by the Mayor.

APPROVED BY: _____
Lee A. Gray, Mayor

DATE OF APPROVAL: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

ATTEST:

Heather M. Moore, City Clerk

SPONSOR: FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY OF PURPOSE: _____
Philip K. Hartmann, Law Director

SUBJECT:

ORDINANCE 2026-20, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 636.26 OF THE CITY OF PICKERINGTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "OFFENSE AGAINST PERSONS" TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF ACCEPTING FORMS OF PAYMENT," **First Reading**, Finance Committee.

Attachments

Ordinance 2026-20

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2026-20 Passed 20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 636.26 OF THE CITY OF PICKERINGTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED “OFFENSE AGAINST PERSONS” TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF ACCEPTING FORMS OF PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Pickerington desires to provide equal housing opportunities for all citizens regardless of the source of their income; and

WHEREAS, any person, persons, or family who receives legal income or financial assistance for the payment of rent should have fair access to housing in the City of Pickerington; and

WHEREAS, to clarify the requirements of landlords to accept all forms of payment, the City desires to amend Chapter 636.26 to ensure all parties understand that any form of payment shall be accepted on behalf of a tenant; and

WHEREAS, the amendment of these existing protections shall not prohibit landlords within the City of Pickerington from applying appropriate screening criteria regarding tenant history, credit scores, and the right to charge security deposits as financial protection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICKERINGTON, FAIRFIELD-FRANKLIN COUNTIES, OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS CONCURRING:

Section 1. That the Codified Ordinances of the City of Pickerington shall be amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be effective on the earliest date provided by law.

APPROVED BY: Lee A. Gray, Mayor

DATE OF APPROVAL:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

ATTEST: Heather Moore, Municipal Clerk

SPONSOR: FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY OF PURPOSE: Philip K. Hartmann, Law Director

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Ordinance No. 2026-20 Passed 20

Exhibit A

636.26 SOURCE OF INCOME DISCRIMINATION

- (a) "Source of income" means a lawful financial resource or form of assistance which the recipient appropriately discloses, and which can be verified and substantiated as derived from wages, investments, trusts, child support, spousal support, grant or loan programs, or any federal, state, or local assistance payments, benefits, or subsidy programs including but not limited to vouchers for rent or housing, foster child assistance, public assistance, emergency rental assistance, veterans benefits, social security, supplemental security income, or other government programs, or any financial assistance programs administered by a nonprofit entity.
- (b) It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice for any person, based on the source of income of a prospective tenant or current tenant, to:
 - (1) Refuse to lease or rent any housing accommodations to a prospective tenant or current tenant;
 - (2) Make any distinction in the terms or conditions of the rental or leasing of a housing accommodation, including but not limited to charging an additional or increased amount of security deposit, additional or increased amount of rental rate or fees, or limiting restricting, or prohibiting a tenant's privileges, access to or use of common facilities or areas;
 - (3) Attempt to discourage the rental or lease of any housing accommodations;
 - (4) Discriminate against any person in furnishing facilities, services, or privileges in connection with the rental or lease of any housing accommodations.
 - (5) Assist, induce, incite, or coerce another person to commit an act or engage in a practice that violates this section;
 - (6) Print, publish, or circulate any statement or advertisement relating to the rental or lease of any housing accommodations which indicates any preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination based upon the source of income of any prospective tenant or current tenant of such housing accommodations;
 - (7) Coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person in the exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of their having exercised or enjoyed, or on account of their having aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of, any right granted or protected by this section;
 - (8) Represent to a person that a housing accommodation is not available for the inspections or rental when the housing accommodation in fact is available for inspection or rental;
 - (9) Otherwise make unavailable or deny a housing accommodation to a prospective tenant or current tenant that, but for the source of income of the person, would be eligible to rent the housing accommodation;
 - (10) Serve a notice of termination of tenancy or commence a forcible entry and detainer action on grounds not authorized by Ohio law; or
 - (11) Refuse to rent or lease a housing accommodation, or serve a notice of termination of tenancy, commence a forcible entry and detainer action on grounds not authorized by Ohio law, or otherwise deny to or withhold from any person or persons, the rental or leasing of a housing accommodation on the basis of the landlord's expected or actual increase in administrative obligations or additional expenses incurred by the landlord due to the tenant's source of income, which such increased obligations or expenses include by are not limit to inspection requirements of, or necessity to verify, participate in, or receive payment from, programs administered by any federal, state, or local

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Ordinance No. 2026-20 Passed 20

government, or a nonprofit entity. Notwithstanding this prohibition, a landlord may require a tenant or prospective to do the following:

- A. Complete background screening inquiries or lawful criteria established prior to tenant's application and requested of all prospective tenants, or
- B. Pass a review and verification of tenant's prior rental history, criminal background, credit report, and utility payment history.

(c) It shall be unlawful for a landlord to refuse to accept any form of payment from any person, entity, or charity attempting to pay a tenant's rent, except that landlords may require certified checks, money orders, or cash if the payment is coming from an individual person to be paid on behalf of the tenant.

(de) If a landlord requires a prospective tenant or current tenant to have a certain threshold level of income based on the ratio of income to rent in order to rent or lease a housing accommodation, then any source of income in the form of a rent voucher, subsidy, or any rental assistance, paid directly to the landlord must be subtracted from the total of the monthly rent prior to the landlord calculating if the threshold level of income has been met. The landlord must use the same ratio of income to rent for all tenants and the calculation must be based only on the tenant's share of the rent obligation.

(ed) Organizational criminal liability as provided for in Sections 606.09 and 606.10 of the City of Pickerington Codified Ordinances shall apply to an organization that violates 636.26 and shall result in that organization being guilty of an unclassified-minor misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$1,000+50.00 fine.

(fe) A person who violates Section 636.26 is guilty of a minorunclassified misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$1,000.00+50 fine.

SUBJECT:

***ORDINANCE 2026-21, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-27 TO NOTE THE CORRECT OHIO REVISED CODE PROVISION," Consent Agenda.**

Attachments

Ordinance 2026-21

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2026-21 Passed 20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-27 TO NOTE THE CORRECT OHIO REVISED CODE PROVISION

WHEREAS, the City of Pickerington adopted Ordinance 2025-27 on December 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has informed the City that the Revised Code provision cited as authority for the legislation was incorrect due to a scrivener’s error; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to amend Ordinance 2025-27 to state the correct Ohio Revised Code provision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICKERINGTON, FAIRFIELD-FRANKLIN COUNTIES, OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS CONCURRING:

Section 1. That Ordinance 2025-27 shall be amended to replace “Ohio R.C. 4505.173” in the title and Section 1 with “Ohio R.C. 4504.173” while all other substance of Ordinance 2025-27 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date provided by law.

APPROVED BY: Lee A. Gray, Mayor

DATE OF APPROVAL:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

ATTEST: Heather Moore, City Clerk

SPONSOR: CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY OF PURPOSE: Philip K. Hartmann, Law Director

SUBJECT:

***RESOLUTION 2026-14R, "A RESOLUTION TO WORK WITH ODOT AS A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY ("LPA") ON THE SIGNAL EQUIPMENT UPGRADES ALONG SR 256 AND SR 204 CORRIDORS IN FRANKLIN AND FAIRFIELD COUNTIES," Consent Agenda.**

Attachments

Resolution 2026-14R

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2026-14R Passed 20

A RESOLUTION TO WORK WITH ODOT AS A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (“LPA”) ON THE SIGNAL EQUIPMENT UPGRADES ALONG SR 256 AND SR 204 CORRIDORS IN FRANKLIN AND FAIRFIELD COUNTIES

The following Preliminary Resolution is enacted by the City of Pickerington, of Fairfield County, Ohio, herein referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA).

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has determined the need for the described project: Signal equipment upgrades along SR 256 and SR 204 corridors in Franklin and Fairfield counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICKERINGTON, FAIRFIELD-FRANKLIN COUNTIES, OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS CONCURRING:

Section 1. Consent Statement

Being in the public interest, the LPA gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the above-described project.

Section 2. Cooperation Statement

The LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the development and construction of the above-described project as follows:

- 1. The LPA gives consent for the above improvement, and
- 2. The LPA further agrees to pay 100% of the cost of those features requested by the LPA which are determined by the State and Federal Highway Administration to be unnecessary for the Project.

Section 3. Utilities and Right-of-Way Statement

If City owned utilities, within a corporation limit or in a private easement outside corporation limits, need to be relocated due to this ODOT project, the City will be reimbursed for any relocation work; ODOT will perform the coordination, relocation, and reimbursement which shall comply with the current provisions of 23 CFR 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

If other public and private utilities need to be relocated due to this ODOT project they will not be reimbursed for relocation; with the exceptions due to an easement, etc.

Section 4. Maintenance

Upon completion of the Project, and unless otherwise agreed, the LPA shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable State and Federal law, including, but not limited to, Title 23, U.S.C., Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the Project; (3) maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

Section 5. Authority to Sign

The City Manager is hereby empowered on behalf of the City of Pickerington to enter into agreements with the Director of Transportation which are necessary to complete the above-described project.

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	Resolution No. 2026-14R Passed 20	
	APPROVED BY: Lee A. Gray, Mayor DATE OF APPROVAL: EFFECTIVE DATE: ATTEST: Heather Moore, City Clerk SPONSOR: CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY OF PURPOSE: Philip K. Hartmann, Law Director	

**CERTIFICATE OF COPY
STATE OF OHIO**

Pickerington City Council of Fairfield County, Ohio
(LPA)

I, Heather Moore, as Clerk of the Pickerington City Council (LPA) of Fairfield County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution _____ adopted by the legislative authority of the said City of Pickerington (LPA). On the ____ day of _____, 2026, that the publication of such Resolution has been made and certified of record according to law; that no proceedings looking to a referendum upon such Resolution have been taken.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, if applicable, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Heather Moore, City Clerk

The foregoing is accepted as a basis for proceeding with the project herein described.
For the City of Pickerington of Fairfield County, Ohio

Attest: _____, Date _____
Greg Butcher, City Manager

For the State of Ohio

Attest: _____, Date _____
Director, Ohio Department of Transportation



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Mike DeWine, Governor Jack Marchbanks, Ph.D., Director

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August 31, 2026

City Administrator
City of Pickerington
100 Lockville Road
Pickerington, Ohio 43147

Re: Consent Legislation for FRA/FAI SR 256/SR 204 VAR, PID 124855

Dear City Administrator:

The Ohio Department of Transportation has determined that Consent Legislation is required for the following proposed actions:

Signal equipment upgrades along SR 256 and SR 204 corridors in Franklin and Fairfield counties.

Since the proposed action will be associated with the City of Pickerington, attached is one (1) Consent Legislation document. Please review this document, and if it meets your approval, please submit to the City of Pickerington for execution.

After the Consent Legislation has been executed, please return one original signed document to this office by 01/01/2027 for completion. If further information is required, please contact me at (740) 323-5113 or by email at Heather.Gilbert@dot.ohio.gov

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather A. Gilbert".

Heather Gilbert, P.E.
District 5 Planning Engineer

Attachment (1)

cc: File