

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 102-23

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. 101-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO JOIN THE COOPERTATIVE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE EQUALIS GROUP COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167 authorizes local governments, including municipal corporations, to join together as regional councils of government, another political subdivision, for the purpose of promoting cooperative purchasing agreements and contracts; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 9.48(B)(2) further authorizes political subdivisions to participate in cooperative purchasing programs operated by or through a national or state association of political subdivisions in which the purchasing political subdivision is eligible for membership; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Council of Governments ("CCOG") is an Ohio regional council of governments that provides publicly procured, competitively solicited cooperative purchasing contracts for supplies, services, equipment, and certain other materials through its partnership with Equalis Group; and

WHEREAS, by joining CCOG, the City will have access to all of the contracts and solicitations that Equalis Group maintains that leverage the nationwide, aggregate buying power of its members; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO,

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lancaster, Ohio, to join the Cooperative Council of Governments and participate in cooperative purchasing contracts that Equalis Group maintains for the purchase of supplies, services, equipment, and certain other materials pursuant to ORC Section 9.48(B)(2) by executing all agreements as necessary.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to agree in the name of the City of Lancaster, Ohio, to be bound by all contract terms and conditions as CCOG and Equalis Group prescribe. Membership is free and there is no obligation to purchase through these contracts as a member.

SECTION 3. That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to agree in the name of the City of Lancaster, Ohio, to directly pay suppliers as necessary, under each Equalis Group contract in which it participates for supplies, services, equipment, and certain other materials, and the Mayor and/or his designee does hereby agree to directly pay the vendor.

SECTION 4. That 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 City and for the further reason that this resolution needs to be enacted to schedule construction of the Parks and Recreation Department's pickleball courts before construction season ends; wherefore, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: 9/25/23 after 1st reading. Vote: Yeas 8 Nays 1

Date Approved: 9/25/23

Clerk: Jessica Speck

Offered by: Kurt M. Galt

Second by: Mary R. Turner

Requested by Law Committee

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Mayor