

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 3-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. 526

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

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

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 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; and

WHEREAS, membership is free and there is no obligation to purchase through these contracts as a member; 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 § 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.

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 shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: 2-9-2026 after 2 reading. Vote: Yeas 9 Nays 0

Date Approved: February 9, 2026

Clerk: [Signature]

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President of Council

Offered by: [Signature]

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Mayor

Second by: [Signature]

Requested by Administrative Services