

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 29-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO RECEIVE TECHNICAL DESIGN AND/OR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (“NRCS”) FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF A STREAM BANK STABILIZATION/RESTORATION PROJECT TO PROTECT SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE, TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS AS REQUIRED AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, NRCS provides technical design and/or funding assistance opportunities for local communities with infrastructure that is impacted by the erosion of stream banks during specific major storm events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster performed an assessment of Ewing and Fetters Run in the aftermath of the July 26-27, 2025, flood event and identified various locations where sanitary sewer infrastructure is exposed to the stream, presumably from damage sustained during that flood event; and

WHEREAS, NRCS has evaluated the various locations identified by the City and determined that four (4) of them are eligible for technical design and/or funding assistance to stabilize/restore the stream bank to protect the currently exposed sanitary sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, an agreement between the City of Lancaster and NRCS is necessary to utilize the technical design and/or funding assistance provided by NRCS for this project; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for the NRCS funding assistance described above.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor is further authorized to execute any contracts/agreement as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this assistance.

SECTION 3. 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 enable stream bank stabilization/restoration to proceed as quickly as possible to ensure the City’s access to this assistance – which currently expires in September 2026 – and cover the exposed infrastructure currently at risk of damage; wherefore, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water & Water Pollution Control Committee