

ORDINANCE NO. 206-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF UP TO \$50,000.00 TO FEEDING MEDINA COUNTY FOR CITY OF MEDINA RESIDENTS IN NEED OF FOOD ASSISTANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS: Although the interruption of federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”) benefits caused by the federal government shutdown in October and early November 2025 have been restored, nevertheless the interruption caused a significant delay in the benefits leading to a substantial strain on food pantries across the country and in Medina County, including the City of Medina; and

WHEREAS: 11.4% of Medina County residents experience food insecurity and/or hunger with children being at an even higher percentage, even with the restoration of SNAP benefits; and

WHEREAS: The nonprofit, IRS 501(c)(3) charitable corporation known as Feeding Medina County provides food pantries available to persons experiencing food insecurity and/or hunger, including a food pantry serving the City of Medina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO:

SEC. 1: That the expenditure of \$50,000.00 to Feeding Medina County is hereby authorized to assist City of Medina residents in need of food assistance.

SEC. 2: That City of Medina residents who will qualify for food assistance from Feeding Medina County shall be currently receiving SNAP benefits or have an equivalent measure of need.

SEC. 3: That in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D), at the time that the contract or order for the foregoing payment to Feeding Medina County is made and at the time of execution of the City Finance Director’s certificate of availability, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance.

SEC. 4: That within 180 days of receipt of the \$50,000 amount named herein, Feeding Medina County shall provide, in writing, a full accounting of the address of persons receiving assistance to the extent possible. Recipients shall received proportionately equal amounts of assistance.

SEC. 5: That the funds to cover this donation are available in Account No. 001-0707-52215.

SEC. 6: That it is 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SEC. 7: That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the residents of the City and for further reason that City residents continue to have food insecurity and hunger that cannot wait for assistance for assistance for the normal 30 day period for this Ordinance to go into effect; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED: November 24, 2025

SIGNED: John M. Coyne, III
President of Council

ATTEST: Kathy Patton
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: November 25, 2025

SIGNED: Dennis Hanwell
Mayor