

RITTMAN CITY COUNCIL – AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. September 14, 2026**
- 5. Citizens Forum**
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Ord. No. 8536 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, amending Chapter 1325 Sign Regulation of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. Third Reading.**
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Ord. No. 8544 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Extending a Moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for NICS 518-Data processing, hosting and related services (Data Centers) under the City's Planning and Zoning Code for an additional 180 days; and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.**
 - b. Ord. No. 8545 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8492, as amended according to the attached sheet(s) and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.**
 - c. Res. No. 8546 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, authorizing the Finance Director to make advances and/or transfers to or from appropriate accounts and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.**
 - d. Motion to Approve Arshan LLC, IGA of 220 N. Main Street, formerly Rittman IGA, for a Liquor License.**
- 8. City Manager's Remarks**

- 9. Finance Director's Remarks**
 - a. Approval of Financial Report for August, 2026**
- 10. Second Citizens Forum**
- 11. Council Remarks**
- 12. Adjournment**

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DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

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RITTMAN CITY COUNCIL Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 14, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Don Sweigert, Sonya Hayward, Amanda Nelson, Rich Schumacher, Missy Shows and Nick Huff
Members Absent: None
Presiding: Mayor Rudy Arnold

The invocation was given by Pastor Clark Genet followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- a. August 10, 2026. Council discussed corrections to the draft, including name spelling, the placement of a motion to table, and references to C&J, a fire department sign, and an educational lab. The minutes were approved as amended. Huff moved to approve, upon roll call Schumacher – Yes, Huff – Yes, Shows – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Sweigert – Yes, Hayward - Yes and **motion carried.**
- b. August 24, 2026 Special Meeting. Huff moved to approve, upon roll call Shows – Abstain, Huff – Yes, Sweigert – Abstain, Schumacher – Yes, Hayward – Yes, Nelson - Yes and **motion carried.**

Workshop

- a. Discussion of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The Finance Director presented the proposed five-year capital improvement plan and explained that it is a planning roadmap rather than an appropriation of funds or a guarantee that projects will occur in the listed time frames. The plan is intended to identify needs, support budgeting and grant planning, prioritize projects according to safety, urgency, impact, ongoing costs, and city goals, and remain subject to annual budget, purchasing, and Council approval requirements.

The Finance Director reported that 2027 requests total approximately \$2.6 million, with approximately \$405,000 in anticipated grant funding and \$138,000 in debt service. City Manager corrected this that the N. Main Street infrastructure is receiving an AMATS grant for \$1,033,000. Department directors were asked to identify the problem addressed by each request, timing, measurable benefits, alternatives, ongoing costs, and alignment with city goals. Council discussed the general capital threshold of \$5,000 and the consideration of a project’s total cost when determining whether it should be included in the capital plan.

For Administration, the City Manager reviewed the 2027 downtown revitalization grant, a possible future replacement of a 2018 administrative vehicle, and a \$100,000 grant for asbestos removal and demolition of City Hall. Council discussed deferring replacement of the administrative vehicle while it remains operational. The City Manager also noted that technology to assist with transcription of minutes may be considered in a future capital plan.

The cemetery foundation program was reviewed as an ongoing \$5,000 annual program funded through the cemetery endowment capital line. Cemetery receipts are divided equally between the General Fund and cemetery endowment fund. Staff reported that foundation costs and the number of orders vary by year, and that approximately ten foundation orders had been received during the preceding two months.

Under street maintenance, staff clarified that North Main Street resurfacing is planned for 2027 and is supported by an 85 percent grant. Council discussed the asphalt rehabilitation program, concrete micro-grinding, replacement of aging traffic signal equipment, and an Ohio

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Public Works Commission grant application for traffic lights at Main Street and Ohio Avenue and Main Street and Sunset Drive. The Service Director described a proposed street sweeper that could sweep streets and clean catch basins, as well as the availability and cost considerations of rented sweepers.

Council also discussed fleet replacement, leasing, vehicle reliability, maintenance capacity, and the proposed service garage. The Service Director reported that the existing garage experiences flooding, has continuing leaks and deteriorated siding, and lacks appropriate work and security conditions. A smaller new building behind the existing garage was discussed as a potential future facility, while retaining the existing structure for storage. No capital funding was appropriated during the workshop.

Fire and EMS capital needs included apparatus replacement planning, radio replacement, building maintenance, and repairs. The Fire/EMS Chief reported continuing mechanical issues with the ladder truck and stated that a future replacement would require a multiyear funding strategy. Council discussed coordinating radio purchases with the Police Department to pursue favorable pricing and grant opportunities. The Finance Director and Fire/EMS Chief discussed establishing future reserves for major apparatus replacement.

Parks and Recreation projects discussed included recreation equipment, First Street Park pavilion and restroom concepts, recreation center roof work, pool maintenance, and community garden irrigation. Staff reported that an outdoor pool was researched but was not included in the plan because estimated installation costs were approximately \$5 million, with annual maintenance costs exceeding \$100,000 before staffing. Council discussed continued maintenance of the indoor pool and recreation facilities.

Police fleet planning included discussion of damaged vehicles, insurance proceeds, the potential purchase of a Ford Explorer and a Silverado, replacement of older vehicles, K-9 equipment, and the use of available donation and K-9 association funds. The Police Chief reported that available insurance proceeds would cover damaged equipment for an Explorer replacement and that the proposed vehicle purchases would be considered separately through the appropriation process.

Utilities capital items included the sewer jet lease, lead-service-line replacement planning, well inspections, and a proposed waste dump station. Utilities staff reported that homeowner-side lead service line work may be eligible for grant funding when available and that the Ohio EPA expects lead to be removed from municipal systems by 2037. A waste dump station is planned for 2028 to support compliant disposal of material from utility and maintenance operations. Staff reported that the wastewater treatment plant project was approximately 85 percent complete and was expected to be completed in approximately two months.

b. Discussion of Sign Ordinance. Council reviewed proposed revisions to Chapter 1325, Sign Regulations, and their coordination with the Downtown Main Street Overlay District. Discussion included proposals concerning storefront window transparency, window signs and seasonal displays, storefront identification, vacant storefront notices, temporary and community-event signs, nonconforming signs, enforcement, and appeals.

Council discussed a proposed standard allowing window signs to occupy up to 25 percent of storefront area while maintaining at least 50 percent storefront transparency. The discussion distinguished signs from ordinary merchandise displays, artwork, flowers, and seasonal decorations. Council also discussed allowing city-authorized temporary displays associated with festivals, markets, civic or nonprofit activities, and other community events.

Further discussion addressed potential time limits and definitions for temporary signs, treatment of flags and political signs, existing church and bulletin-board signs, sign-size standards, illumination, and nonconforming-sign provisions. Council noted the need to

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coordinate the proposed sign regulations with the overlay district and to obtain further review from the Law Director before the next reading. No action was taken during the workshop.

Citizens Forum

Teresa McAvinew – 80 Bellevue Street - Ms. McAvinew thanked those who had offered condolences following her husband’s death. She reported a deep hole on Industrial Street near Bellevue Street and deterioration at the west-side bridge abutment near Industrial and Seneca Streets. The City stated that Chuck would inspect the reported locations.

Timothy Slavings – 130 Wright Street - Mr. Slavings reported concerns regarding a dead tree near a city building, potholes and limited width on his street, and a sunken drain at Salt Street and Wright Street.

Old Business

a. Ordinance No. 8531, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, to enact the Downtown Main Street Overlay District (“DMSOD”) which is to preserve and enhance the safety, visual character, economic vitality, pedestrian experience, and overall appearance of the traditional downtown commercial corridor of the City of Rittman and declaring an emergency. Third Reading. Res. No. 8531 was read on third reading. Nelson moved to adopt.

Nelson moved to remove Res. No. 8531 from the table, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Council discussed the overlay district’s property-maintenance, storefront, pedestrian-safety, vacancy, enforcement, hardship-extension, and appeal provisions. Discussion included the distinction between enforceable regulations and the voluntary design and beautification guide, coordination with the sign ordinance, and the responsibility of property owners for compliance.

Schumacher moved to amend the designation of Res. No. 8531 from a resolution to an ordinance. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Nelson then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 8531. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. Ord. No. 8536 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, amending Chapter 1325 Sign Regulation of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. Second Reading. Huff moved to remove Ordinance No. 8536 from the table, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Council discussed the proposed treatment of sign sizes, temporary signs, flags, and the need for further revisions before final consideration.

Huff moved to place on third, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Communications

The Mayor reported that a written communication matter was transmitted to Council and Clerk and referred to the Ohio Auditor State’s Office. The Mayor stated that underlying communications were available to Council members upon request and that any Council discussion of the personnel matter should occur at a properly noticed meeting in executive session.

New Business

a. Motion to Approve the 5-Year Capital Plan. Huff moved to approve the Five-Year Capital Plan, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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b. **Ord. No. 8540 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8492, as amended according to the attached sheet(s) and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8540 was read on first reading. Schumacher moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Huff moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

c. **Res. No. 8541 A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8541 was read on first reading. Sweigert moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Schumacher moved to adopt. Council discussed that the resolution concerns the annual tax levy allocation. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

d. **Res. No. 8542 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, authorizing the Municipal Manager to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8542 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Shows moved to adopt. Council was advised that the application deadline was Friday and that the application concerns replacement of traffic lights at Main Street and Ohio Avenue and Main Street and Sunset Drive. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

e. **Ord. No. 8543 An Ordinance of the Council of the city of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8492, as amended according to the attached sheet(s) and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8543 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Huff moved to adopt.

Council discussed proposed police fleet appropriation alternatives following cancellation of the prior vehicle agreement. The discussion included the potential purchase of a Ford Explorer and a Silverado, use of insurance proceeds, the status of a damaged Tahoe, and the availability of previously appropriated police capital funds.

Schumacher made the motion select Appropriation Amendment No. 9.3, adding \$15,358.14 to Capital/Police for a change in the fleet plan. Upon roll call Huff – Yes, Shows – No, Schumacher – Yes, Hayward – No, Nelson – Yes, Sweigert, No. Motion tied. Mayor Arnold – No and **motion fails**. The motion did not carry. No adoption of Ordinance No. 8543.

City Manager's Remarks

The City Manager welcomed newly sworn full-time Police Officer Parker Shilliday and reported that trick-or-treat in Rittman will be held Saturday, October 31, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Main Street Waterline: The South Main Street Waterline is underway. This project will impact S Main Street for the next 60-90 days, weather dependent. There will be lane closures, at times, but we do expect the road to remain open. We appreciate everyone's understanding as this important infrastructure improvement is made in the area.

Rate Study: As Council is aware, the city had a rate study conducted for sewer and water rates. The study is complete and Eric Pietras, of the Great Lakes Action Partnership (GLCAP) will present their findings to Council on Monday, October 12th.

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GLO (Get the Lead Out): We continue to work with GLO (Get the Lead Out), an initiative by the EPA which assists communities with service line inventories, public outreach plans, lead service line replacement plans and funding opportunities. GLO is also reviewing our rate study. GLO continues to attend events such as Sleepwalker and National Night Out to speak with our residents about informing the city of what their water lines are made of whether, galvanized, plastic, lead, etc. It has been a great partnership, and we look forward to the next event they attend which is the Ricky Horton Car Show on Sunday, September 20th.

Data Centers: I continue to gather information about the pros and cons of data centers in Rittman. Data Centers continue to be a growing hot commodity in Ohio and across the country. I am still against them in Rittman for a variety of reasons as I believe they will not benefit Rittman but will be a drain on our water usage, unless a loop system is used plus the amount of electricity usage has grown over the last several years. Also, there are very few jobs associated with data centers which will bring very little economic development to our area. One important point regarding data centers is that when a data center is no longer functional or needed, in about 15 years because something new will come along, now the city will have a very large empty building. I am not an expert but as I stated, I am listening to experts and asking questions plus reading up on them. Our moratorium legislation will expire in October, and I would advise that we extend it another six (6) months to give Council more time to digest additional information on data centers.

Hickin Street: Hickin Street resurfacing is to begin soon; however, I do not have an exact date. Typically, this work is completed in approximately two weeks, from start to finish, weather permitting. This is an OPWC (Ohio Public Works Project) of which the city received a substantial grant for this infrastructure project.

New Police Officer: Welcome to our newest full-time police officer, Parker Shilliday. Officer Shilliday was sworn in last week by Mayor Arnold here at City Hall. Officer Shilliday lives in Wayne County and has worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and most recently was full time with Crestline PD and part-time with Dalton.

Halloween: October 31st falls on the perfect day this year, so Trick or Treat will take place in Rittman on Saturday, October 31st from 5-7 pm.

Finance Director's Remarks

No remarks.

Second Citizens Forum

None.

Council Remarks

Huff – Thanked those remaining at the meeting.

Shows – Thanked attendees.

Sweigert – Requested that future special-meeting notices, when practicable, provide meeting times that accommodate members with daytime employment obligations. The member also requested that meeting materials be provided before meetings whenever possible and commended the Finance Director for the capital plan presentation.

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Hayward – Thanked attendees and the Finance Director for providing an amended copy of the capital plan. She asked about city participation in an upcoming Reading Under the Lights event and was advised that the City is involved.

Amanda Nelson – Requested that Council members submit specific sign-ordinance revisions to the administration before the next meeting. She reported that the Chamber plans a Trick-or-Treat Trail at the Nature Preserve on the Friday preceding Halloween, with craft and treat activities for children.

Schumacher – Reported that the Lions will hold a Boo at the School event at Heritage Hall on October 31 following trick-or-treat. The event is scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and is planned to include food trucks and haunted displays.

Mayor Arnold – Thanked attendees and noted the importance of civil discussion during government proceedings.

Executive Session

a. Motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with ORC 121.22 for Hiring, Firing and Discipline of a public employee and invite the Finance Director, the City Manager, Law Director and Michael Zhelesnik – 10:28 p.m. Schumacher so moved. Nelson seconded the motion. Council had discussions about whether the individual had been informed and if they had the right to be present if they were discussing that individual. Upon roll call Sweigert – Yes, Hayward – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Schumacher – Yes, Shows – Recuse, Huff - Yes and **motion carried.**

b. Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 11:22 pm Hayward so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: 11:22 p.m. Nelson moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE AND MEDINA COUNTIES AND STATE OF OHIO, AMENDING CHAPTER 1325 SIGN REGULATIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN.

WHEREAS, certain provisions of Chapter 1325 of the codified ordinances of the City of Rittman are outdated or unenforceable; and,

WHEREAS, rather an amending or omitting each individual item desired to be changed, the entire chapter 1325 shall be rewritten.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Rittman, Counties of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected and appointed thereto concurring:

SECTION ONE.

Section 1325 shall be amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

1325.01 SIGN CODE DEFINITIONS.

(a) For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

(b) DEFINITIONS:

- (1) A-FRAME SIGN: See SANDWICH BOARD SIGN
- (2) ABANDONED SIGN: A sign that is Deteriorated (as defined in herein), or is not adequately maintained, repaired, or removed within the specified time as ordered by this chapter.
- (3) ADDRESS SIGN: Any street location identifier.
- (4) ANIMATED SIGN: Any sign that uses movement or change of artificial or natural lighting, within the sign face area, or uses smell, or noise.
- (5) BANDIT SIGNS: A sign constructed, in whole or substantial part, of paper, cloth, canvas, plastic sheet, cardboard, wallboard, plywood, or other like materials that is not protected

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from exposure to the natural elements, but is made of weather-resistant materials that last for more than 7 days but less than 60 days without significant loss through exposure to the elements or wear and tear.

- (6) **BANNER: (FLAG)** A non-freestanding, nonrigid cloth, plastic, paper, or canvas with a design, picture, or writing on it, or a Streamer.
- (7) **BILLBOARD:** An outdoor sign where the Sign Face Area exceeds 60 square feet in area.
- (8) **BLADE SIGN.** See PROJECTING SIGN
- (9) **BUILDING MOUNTED SIGN: (ROOF SIGN, WALL SIGN)** Any sign attached to, mounted, engraved, or erected against the outside wall of a building or structure, with the exposed display surface of the sign in a plane parallel to the building facade. Wall signs include painted murals, messages, graphics and other designs painted along with any letters or numerals mounted directly on buildings and any extensions thereon.
- (10) **CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN (MANUAL):** A sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged by manual means without altering the face or surface of the sign.
- (11) **CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN (MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL):** A sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged by mechanical, or electronic means without altering the face or surface of the sign, but is not an Electronic Sign.
- (12) **COMMERCIAL SIGN:** Any sign or banner that contains text and/or graphics designed proposing or promoting a commercial transaction or directing attention to a business, commodity or service.
- (13) **DETERIORATED:** Showing signs of weathering, rust, corrosion, exposed wiring, chipped paint or faces, cracked, broken, torn, or missing faces, or loose materials, or other evidence of disrepair
- (14) **ELECTRONIC SIGN:** Any sign, or portion of a sign, that displays an electronic image or video, which may or may not include text. This definition includes television screens, plasma screens, digital screens, LED screens, video boards, holographic displays, and other similar media.
- (15) **FLAG:** see BANNER.
- (16) **FREE-STANDING SIGN: (GROUND SIGN, MONUMENT SIGN)** A sign supported by or suspended from posts, pillars, columns, or other structures which are not a building or portion thereof.
- (17) **FRONTAGE (LOT):** The liner measurement of the border of a Lot that directly abuts a public right of way.
- (18) **GAS-INFLATABLE SIGN/DEVICE:** Any device which is capable of being expanded by any gas and used on a permanent or temporary basis.

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This definition includes both hot and cold-air balloons tethered or otherwise anchored to the ground.

- (19) GROUND SIGN: See FREE-STANDING SIGN.
- (20) HEIGHT (SIGN STRUCTURE): The maximum vertical distance between the highest point of the sign structure and the finished grade directly below it. Sign height may not be artificially increased by the use of mounding.
- (21) HUMAN SIGN (OR HUMAN BILLBOARD): A sign that is held or worn by a person, including but not limited to a human directional, sign walkers/wavers/twirlers, and "sandwich persons." Human Sign does not include text or images that are displayed on a traditional article of clothing such as a jacket, shirt, pants, or hat.
- (22) ILLUMINATION, EXTERNAL: A constant (non-flashing) source of light directed towards signs so that the beam falls upon the exterior surface of the sign and so arranged that no direct rays of light project from such artificial source into residences or streets.
- (23) ILLUMINATION, INTERNAL: Means a source of illumination enclosed entirely within the sign and not directly visible from outside the sign.
- (24) LOT: (PARCEL) a platted parcel or other tract of land separately identified with a unique parcel identification in the County Auditor's Records.
- (25) MESSAGE AREA: (SIGN FACE AREA) Means the area within a continuous perimeter that surrounds, but is not limited to, each word, graphic, symbol, number, and illustration.
- (26) MONUMENT SIGN: See FREE-STANDING SIGN.
- (27) MOTION SIGN: Means any sign or portion of a sign which moves, other than a banner.
- (28) MURAL: Means a hand-painted, hand-tiled, or other similarly created or digitally printed image on the exterior wall of a building.
- (29) NONCONFORMING SIGN: A pre-existing legal sign which does not conform to the standards set forth in this chapter.
- (30) PARCEL: See LOT
- (31) PERMANENT SIGN: A sign for which a permit has been granted as a permanent sign, and is a sign constructed of materials to be protected from exposure to the natural elements for more than one year or is made of materials that are weather-resistant for multiple years without significant deterioration from exposure to the elements or wear and tear. 33. POLE SIGN: See GROUND SIGN.
- (32) PORTABLE SIGN: A sign constructed of metal, wood, nylon, or other weather-resistant materials designed to withstand exposure from the natural elements for more than 60 days without significant loss through exposure to the elements or wear and tear, and for which a permanent sign permit has not been obtained.
- (33) PROJECTED IMAGE: An image projected onto a building, structure, or sign, or on the ground.

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- (34) **PROJECTING SIGN: (BLADE SIGN)** A sign that is wholly or partly dependent upon a building for support or suspended from a pole attached to a building. Such signs must be perpendicular to the building face upon which they are attached. **OPTION:** A sign projecting from the face of the building that is oriented so the sign face is perpendicular to the building facade.
- (35) **REFACING:** Any alteration to the face of a sign involving the replacement of materials or pans. Refacing does not refer to replacing the entire sign structure or the removal of the sign.
- (36) **ROOF SIGN:** see **BUILDING MOUNTED SIGN**.
- (37) **SANDWICH BOARD SIGN (A-FRAME SIGN, SIDEWALK SIGN).** A sign with two hinged boards or faces which can be placed on the ground, or a rigid sign that is worn on the front and back of a person, that is used on a temporary basis.
- (38) **SIDEWALK SIGN:** See **SANDWICH BOARD SIGN**
- (39) **SIGN:** Text, illustrations, or shapes which are affixed to, portrayed, or depicted directly or indirectly upon any surface for outdoor public view. This definition includes all signs visible from any public right-of-way or adjacent property.
- (40) **SIGN FACE AREA:** See **MESSAGE AREA**
- (41) **SIGN STRUCTURE:** The supporting unit of a sign face, including but not limited to frames, braces and poles. If the Sign Structure has a communicative element to it, the Sign Structure is included in the Message Area.
- (42) **SNIPE SIGN:** A sign that, in whole or substantial part, is not made of weather-resistant material and not adequately protected from the natural elements.
- (43) **STREAMER:** means any lightweight plastic, fabric or other material, whether or not containing a message of any kind, usually suspended in series. A streamer may have pennants and/or banners attached.
- (44) **TEMPORARY SIGN:** A **SNIPE SIGN**, **BANDIT SIGN**, or **TEMPORARY SIGN**.
- (45) **TRAILER SIGN:** Any sign which is attached to, supported by, or part of a structure, where the structure's primary purpose is the display of such sign, and where the structure is designed to move on trailer wheels, skids, or other similar devices, or transported, pushed, or pulled by a motor vehicle, whether or not such trailer is parked or being towed.
- (46) **VARIANCE (SIGN):** a variance may be granted allowing deviations from regulations established by this chapter for: height and width of the sign area, height and width of the message area, setback, lighting, or time, place, and manner restrictions, where practical difficulties unique to the property in question prevent full compliance with such provisions.
- (47) **VEHICLE SIGN:** A sign placed in or attached to a motor vehicle, trailer, railroad car, or light rail car that covers more than 60% of the visible surface of the vehicle.
- (48) **WALL SIGN:** See **BUILDING MOUNTED SIGN**.

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- (49) **WIDTH (SIGN STRUCTURE):** The maximum horizontal or semi-horizontal distance between the two points of a sign structure.
- (50) **WINDOW SIGN:** Any signs, posters, symbols and other types of identification, directly attached to the window of a building or erected on the inside of the building and visible from any public right-of-way or adjacent property.
- (51) **ZONING OFFICIAL:** The individual appointed by the City Manager to perform any task related to zoning inspection or enforcement.

1325.02 PURPOSE.

(a) Signs obstruct views, distract motorists, displace alternative uses for land, and pose other problems that legitimately call for regulation. In addition to causing distractions and obstructions that may contribute to traffic and pedestrian accidents, signs are as much subject to control as noise, odors, debris and like characteristics of a use that, if not controlled and regulated, may become a nuisance to adjacent properties or the community in general.

(b) The purpose of this article is to regulate the size, color, illumination, movement, materials, location, height, and condition of all signs for exterior observation for the following reasons:

- (1) preserve the noncommercial character of residential neighborhoods, and to provide reasonable, yet appropriate, conditions for identifying businesses and services rendered in commercial districts;
- (2) reduce traffic and pedestrian hazards by restricting signs, including signs with lights and/or motion, which exceed the viewers' capacity to receive information or which increase the probability of accidents created by distracting attention or obstructing vision;
- (3) promote expeditious and safe navigation and wayfinding for pedestrian and vehicular traffic through legible and appropriate signs;
- (4) preserve order, attractiveness, and cleanliness, maintain open spaces, avoid the appearance of clutter, and prevent nuisances and invitations to vandalism;
- (5) require _____ signs _____ are constructed and maintained in a structurally sound and attractive condition;
- (6) maintain property values and ensure compatibility with surrounding landscape and architecture including, but not limited to, areas of historical significance;
- (7) encourage aesthetic quality in the design, location, and size of all signs;

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- (8) protect the public peace, general health, safety and welfare, convenience, and comfort, and to protect and encourage a more attractive economic, business, and overall physical appearance of the community.

(c) This article must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the First Amendment guarantee of free speech. If any provision of this article is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding must not affect the validity of other provisions of this article which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

1325.03 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

(a) Signs are prohibited in all districts unless constructed in compliance with the codified ordinances of the City of Rittman and any other applicable regulations, or a variance granted pursuant to Section 1151.08.

(b) Any sign requiring a permit in accordance with this Chapter and not having said permit shall be prohibited.

(c) Abandoned Signs are prohibited in all districts.

(d) Unattended signs on public property, including but not limited to parks and rights-of-way, shall be considered abandoned signs. These abandoned signs may be disposed of or destroyed without notice. Such disposal or destruction is not subject to appeal.

1325.04 AUTHORIZED SIGNS.

(a) The following signs are authorized in every district subject to the size and location restrictions contained in this chapter:

(1) Signs erected and maintained by the Federal government or the State of Ohio.

(2) Any sign required to be posted by the Federal government, the State of Ohio, or a court of competent jurisdiction.

(3) Signs erected and maintained by this municipality.

(4) Signs required to be posted by this municipality.

(5) Traffic control devices on private or public property erected and maintained to comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices adopted by the Federal Highway Administration.

(6) Address Signs

(7) Animated Signs

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- (8) Bandit Signs
- (9) Banner (Flag)
- ~~(10) Billboard~~
- (11) Changeable Copy Sign (Manual) / (Mechanical/Electrical)
- (12) Commercial Sign
- (13) Electronic Sign
- (14) Free-Standing Sign (Ground Sign/Monument Sign)
- (15) Gas Inflatable Sign/Device
- (16) Human Sign
- (17) Motion Sign
- (18) Mural
- (19) Portable Sign
- ~~(20) Projected Images~~
- ~~(21) Projecting Signs~~
- (22) Sandwich Board Sign (A-Frame Sign, Sidewalk Sign)
- ~~(23) Snipe Sign~~
- (24) Streamer
- ~~(25) Temporary Sign (collectively Snipe, Bandit and Portable signs) Trailer Sign~~
- (26) Vehicle Sign
- (27) Wall Sign
- (28) Window Sign

DRAFTER'S NOTE: If any of the above are not desired to be permitted, they should be either prohibited (See Section 1325.03 above), regulated within the districts (See Section 1325.06), or removed from the definitions (See Section 1325.02)

1325.05 CITY-WIDE CATEGORICAL RESTRICTIONS

(a) Measurement.

- (1) With regards to any existing or proposed sign, the Zoning Official or Property Maintenance Inspector shall be authorized to determine each of the following:
 - A. The type of sign (included type of Temporary Sign) within the definitions contained in Subsection 1325.01 above; or
 - B. whether a Sign Structure has a communicative element to it (and is therefore part of the Message Area); or

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- C. the Height, Width, or other measurable characteristics of a Sign or component thereof;
and
 - D. whether a sign is Abandoned or Deteriorated as defined herein.
- (2) For signs with Internal Illumination, the entire lighted surface shall be considered the Message Area.
- (3) For spherical Sign Structures or portion thereof, the sphere shall be dissected by an imaginary line through the center of the sphere and the surface area of the half sphere shall be counted as the sign face. For cubical Sign Structures or portion thereof, the area of all display faces (all faces that are not parallel to the ground) shall be included in determining the area of the sign. The Zoning Official or Property Maintenance Inspector shall have discretion to use a similar methods of calculation for Sign Structures that are not flat, but have non-cubical or non-spherical shapes.
- (4) Where a sign has two or more display faces, the area of all faces of the sign shall be included in determining the area of the sign unless two display faces join back to back, are parallel to each other and not more than 24 inches apart, or form a V-angle of less than 45 degrees.

1325.06 DISTRICT REGULATIONS

- (a) Residential Districts. Only the following signs are permitted in the R-E, R-1, R-2 and R-3 Districts:

- (1) One (1) name plate not exceeding one (1) square foot in area shall be permitted for each dwelling.
- (2) A church, school, community center or other public or institutional building or quasi-public building for its own use may erect one (1) announcement sign or bulletin board not over ten (10) square feet in area.
- (3) Signs incident to legal process and necessary to the public safety and welfare, as required by law or provided or approved by the City Manager or Designee.
- (4) One (1) identification sign indicating the name and address of multifamily apartment developments. Such signs shall not exceed ten (10) square feet in area and shall not be located closer than six (6) feet to the street right-of-way nor closer to any side lot line than ten (10) feet.

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(b) Commercial Districts. The following signs are permitted in C-1 and C-2 Districts provided no business sign shall be located closer than thirty-five (35) feet to any lot in any R District, and except as provided elsewhere in these regulations:

- (1) All signs as permitted in subsection (a) hereof.
- (2) One (1) exterior wall sign may be erected except that a building on a corner lot or at the end of a block of buildings may have one (1) sign for each of two (2) building sides. Such sign may be affixed flat against the wall of buildings with the face of the sign no more than one (1) foot from the surface of the wall. No wall sign shall extend beyond the surfaces of the building. No sign shall exceed fifty (50) square feet in area or fifteen (15) percent of the area of the front surface of the building on which the sign is located, whichever sign area is the lesser; or
- (3) One (1) pole sign provided such sign shall not have an area of more than twenty (20) square feet per side. A pole type business sign shall be set back no less than half the required setback, and shall be no more than twenty (20) feet in height or the height of the addressed building, whichever is the lesser.

(c) C-2 Districts. The following signs are permitted in C-2 Districts only:

- (1) All signs as permitted in subsection (a) hereof.
- (2) If designed as an integral part of the facade of the building, the one (1) exterior wall sign permitted may have an area devoted to signing or other types of identification of one hundred (100) square feet or fifteen (15) percent of the area of the surface of the building on which the sign is located, whichever sign area is the lesser.
- (3) If located no closer than twenty (20) feet to any street right-of-way line and fifty (50) feet to any other property line, the one (1) pole type business sign permitted may have an area of one hundred (100) square feet per side. Such signs shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height.

(d) Industrial Districts. The following signs are permitted in the M Districts provided no sign shall be located closer than thirty-five (35) feet to any lot located in any R District:

- (1) All signs as permitted in subsection (a) hereof.

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- (2) One (1) exterior wall sign may be erected. Such sign shall be affixed flat against the wall of the building. No sign shall extend beyond the face of the building to which it is attached. No sign shall exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area or fifteen (15) percent of the area of the front surface of the building on which the sign is located, whichever sign area is the lesser or one (1) pole sign which advertises an industrial activity conducted upon the premises and/or advertises products, merchandise or commodities produced on the premises may be permitted. Such sign shall not have an area of more than twenty (20) square feet per side. Such sign shall be set back no less than one-half the required yard depth and shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height or the height of the addressed building whichever is the lesser.

(e) Illumination:

- (1) External Illumination. External Illumination of a sign shall be permitted. Light fixtures shall be screened from view by site grading or evergreen shrubs. No exposed light sources are permitted.
- (2) Internal Illumination. Internal Illumination of a sign shall be permitted. No additional background lighting or illuminated borders or outlines shall be permitted.
- (3) The level of illumination emitted or reflected from a sign shall not be of intensity sufficient to constitute a demonstrable hazard to vehicular traffic on any right-of-way or parking lot from which the sign may be viewed.

~~(f) Time Limits for display of Temporary Signs~~

- ~~a. Snipe Signs shall be displayed for no more than 7 days.~~
- b. Bandit Signs shall be displayed for no more than 60 days.
- ~~c. Temporary Signs shall be displayed for no more than 90 days.~~

1325.07 VARIANCE.

(a) Standards for approval of a sign variance: The following factors shall be found by the Board of Zoning Appeals in determining practical difficulty or hardship:

- (1) That the variance will not impair any of the regulatory purposes provided within this chapter;
- (2) That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land or structure involved and which are not applicable generally to other lands or structures in the same zoning districts. Examples of such special conditions or circumstances are: exceptional irregularity,

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narrowness, shallowness, or steepness of the lot, or adjacency to nonconforming and inharmonious uses, structures, or conditions;

- (3) That the variance is the minimum necessary to resolve the practical difficulties prompting the variance request;
- (4) That the essential character of the neighborhood would not be substantially altered
- (5) That adjoining properties will not suffer substantial detriment as a result of the variance;
- (6) That the variance would not adversely affect the delivery of governmental services such as public safety services response, or water, sewer, or trash pickup; and
- (7) That the special conditions or circumstances on the property were not caused by the current owner who is requesting the variance.

(b) Variances shall not be granted where the special conditions and circumstances are the result of actions by the current owner of the property.

(c) Variance process: Authority to consider variance(s) from the terms of this title is granted to the Board of Zoning Appeals according to its procedures.

- (1) Temporary Sign while review pending: The applicant may erect a Temporary Sign while the sign variance application is pending before the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Temporary Sign must conform to all other provisions of this title.
- (2) No Modification. There shall be no modification of variances except by further consideration of the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- (3) Expiration of the variance: If for any reason construction of a sign has not commenced, the variance shall expire 2 months from the date on which it was granted. Extension of variances, without modification, may be applied for prior to the date of expiration. Extensions, up to an additional six (6) months, may be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals if it finds that the requested extension is consistent with the purpose, policies, and intent of this chapter. Requests for renewal of expired variances shall be considered to be new variance applications.

1325.08 PERMITTING PROCESS

(a) Application.

An application shall contain such information as the City Manager or their designee deems reasonably necessary for a determination of compliance, or noncompliance with the Sign Regulations, and to assist enforcement thereafter. The applicant shall sign the Application and each copy thereof, attesting to the truth and exactness of the information supplied.

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(b) Application/Procedure, Appeal.

Applications shall be filed in such form and in such manner as the regulations require. There shall be ~~\$25.00~~ 50.00 fee.

Any applicant may appeal the failure of the City Manager to grant a Sign Permit, or to recommend it to be granted upon terms and conditions acceptable to the applicant, to the Board of Zoning Appeals. In order to perfect such appeal, the applicant shall file, within twenty (20) days of the City Manager's determination, or recommendation, or within sixty (60) days of the filing of the Application, if the City Manager has taken no action, an appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall then review the matter after affording the applicant an opportunity to be heard either in person, or in writing, and render a final determination within thirty (30) days of the filing of the appeal, unless such period is waived by the applicant, or extended by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Except to the extent otherwise appealable by law, the Board of Zoning Appeals' decision shall be final.

1325.09 NONCONFORMING SIGNS

(a) For purposes of amortization, nonconforming signs may be continued from the effective date of this Code for a period not to exceed:

- (1) ten (10) years from the effective date of this Code; or
- (2) the amortization period provided under a previous regulation, whichever is less.

(b) Any sign that is altered, relocated, or replaced must be brought into compliance with all provisions of this Code within fifteen (15) days.

(c) The repainting of existing nonconforming signs shall not be considered an alteration within the meaning of this section. Refacing an existing nonconforming sign shall not be considered an alteration as long as the refacing constitutes an exact replica of the existing sign face. The design, color scheme, translucency, graphics, and text must exactly match those existing. If any portion of the replacement face(s) is not an exact replica of the original sign face, the replacement face(s) must be brought into compliance with this subchapter in so far as practicable.

(d) A nonconforming sign shall be brought into compliance if it is determined that 50% or more of the market value of the sign has been destroyed or taken down. Nonconforming signs that are damaged, but that are not required to be brought into compliance pursuant to this subsection, shall be repaired within 60 days.

1325.10 PROHIBITIONS/PENALTIES

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- (a) Repetition Prohibited. Where this chapter specifies that a sign may be displayed only for a limited time, the owner of a property is prohibited from displaying the same or substantially similar sign on the property for a period of 1 calendar year from the date the sign is required to be removed from the lot.
- (b) Notice and Removal of Signs on Private Property.
 - (1) Signs placed or maintained on private property in violation of this chapter are prohibited. The Zoning Official or Property Maintenance Inspector is responsible for enforcing the provisions of this chapter. In addition to criminal penalties provided herein, the Zoning Official or Property Maintenance Inspector may pursue civil and administrative remedies, including but not limited to injunctive action in a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - (2) When a sign has been placed or maintained on private property in violation of this section, the Zoning Official or Property Maintenance Inspector shall order that the prohibited sign be removed or brought into compliance with this chapter by sending a notice of violation to the owner of the property. A period of not more than ten (10) calendar days from service of the notice of violation shall be permitted to remove or bring the sign into compliance. The notice of violation shall be considered served upon placement in regular U.S. mail or posting on the front entry door of the property.
 - (3) The property owner may appeal the notice of violation to the Board of Zoning Appeals by filing a written notice of appeal with the city clerk stating the grounds for the appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed with clerk before expiration of the ten (10) calendar day period allowed for the property owner to remove or bring the sign into compliance. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall hear the appeal at its next regular meeting occurring not less than ten (10) calendar days from the clerk's receipt of the notice of appeal. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall either enter its findings and decision on the appeal during the hearing or may take the matter under advisement and issue a decision not more than thirty (30) calendar days following the hearing.
 - (4) The Zoning Official or Property Maintenance Inspector's decision to file a criminal or civil complaint with a court of competent jurisdiction shall not be subject to this administrative appeal process.
 - (5) Upon failure of the owner or agent of the owner to remove or bring the sign into compliance as directed in the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the City shall be authorized to enter the property in violation and remove the sign to abate the violation. The costs of abatement shall be charged to the property owner. Unpaid costs shall be collected pursuant to the procedures currently in place by the City of Rittman and Wayne or Medina County.

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- (c) Removal of Signs on Public Property. Unattended signs on public property, including but not limited to parks and rights-of-way, that have not been placed by the city, shall be considered abandoned signs. These abandoned signs may be disposed of or destroyed without notice or compensation. Such disposal or destruction is not subject to appeal.
- (d) Penalty. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association violating any provision of this chapter or failing to obey any lawful order or failing to obey any lawful order issued pursuant to its terms shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day during which such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- (e) Organizational Penalty. An organization may be convicted of a violation of a provision of this chapter under any of the following circumstances:
- (1) The offense is a minor misdemeanor committed by an officer, agent or employee of the organization acting in its behalf and within the scope of his office or employment, except that if the section defining the offense designates the officers, agents or employees for whose conduct the organization is accountable or the circumstances under which it is accountable, such provision shall apply.
 - (2) A purpose to impose organizational liability plainly appears in the section defining the offense, and the offense is committed by an officer, agent or employee of the organization acting in its behalf and within the scope of his office or employment, except that if the section defining the offense designates the officers, agents or employees for whose conduct the organization is accountable or the circumstances under which it is accountable, such provisions shall apply.
 - (3) The offense consists of an omission to discharge a specific duty imposed by law on the organization.
 - (4) If, acting with the kind of culpability otherwise required for the commission of the offense, its commission was authorized, requested, commanded, tolerated or performed by the board of directors, trustees, partners or by a high managerial officer, agent or employee acting on behalf of the organization and within the scope of his office or employment.
 - (5) Regardless of the penalties provided above, an organization convicted of a violation or a provision of this chapter shall be fined, which fine shall be fixed by the court as follows: \$100 per day the violation continues to exist.

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Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

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Ordinance No. 8544

Passed: _____, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 8544

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE AND MEDINA COUNTIES AND STATE OF OHIO, EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON THE RECEIPT, PROCESSING, ISSUANCE, AND APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A ZONING CERTIFICATE FOR NAICS 518-DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING, AND RELATED SERVICES (DATA CENTERS) UNDER THE CITY'S PLANNING AND ZONING CODE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 180 DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City has determined it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to adopt a resolution extending previously passed legislation enacting a 180-day moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for NAICS 518-data processing, hosting, and related services (Data Centers) for an additional period of 180 days; and

WHEREAS, due to concerns relating to data centers the City recognizes that the Planning and Zoning Code needs to be reviewed and updated to ensure proper development can occur within the City and that the City has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure in place to address such growth and demand for data centers; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Rittman, Counties of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected and appointed thereto concurring:

SECTION ONE

This Council believes it is in the best interest of the City to extend the current moratorium, for an additional period of 180-days, on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for NAICS 518-data processing, hosting, and related services (Data Centers). This

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moratorium is necessary to ensure such future developments align with the intent of the City and its residents, to ensure proper development can occur within the City and that the City has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure in place to address such growth and demand for data centers and that such interests are a legitimate public interest necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

SECTION TWO

The Council may rescind this moratorium at any time prior to its expiration.

SECTION THREE

This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the City due to the dangers and complications that NAICS 518-data processing, hosting and related services (Data Centers) pose to the City's residents and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval or otherwise take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2026

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

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Ordinance No. 8545

Passed: _____, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 8545

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE AND MEDINA COUNTIES AND STATE OF OHIO, AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 8492, AS AMENDED ACCORDING TO THE ATTACHED SHEET(S) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, certain appropriations are necessary for the continued operations of Municipal Services; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will provide for the efficient and lawful appropriations to fund Municipal Services; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the city of Rittman, Counties of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected and appointed thereto concurring:

SECTION ONE.

That the annual Appropriation Ordinance is amended pursuant to the attached Exhibit.

SECTION TWO.

That a certified copy of this Ordinance be delivered to the Wayne County Auditor.

SECTION THREE.

That because of the immediate need for the appropriation of said funds, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, health and safety and shall go into immediate force and effect upon its passage.

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2026 APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENT #10			
Fund	Department	Amount	Description
Returnable Bonds	Returnable Bonds	\$ 28,505.93	Contractual Services - Other
Fire	Fire	\$ 100,000.00	Personal Services - PT Salaries/Pension
General	Transfers Out	\$ 100,000.00	Transfer to Fire

2026 ESTIMATED RESOURCES AMENDMENT #2			
Fund	Department	Amount	Description
Fire	Fire	\$ 100,000.00	Transfer In

2026 Budget

		2026	2026	
		Budget	Budgeted	
		Revenues	Expenses	
FUND				
100 General Fund		3,439,814	3,853,413.65	
101 Budget Stabilization		0	0	
205 Safety Services		1,252,910	978,840	
210 Emergency Med. Serv.		669,268	770,958	
220 Street Maint. & Repair		410,548	409,452	
225 State Highway		33,484	30,000	
228 American Rescue Plan Act		0	2,026	
230 Permissive Tax		50,000	50,000	
235 Permissive Tax II		53,564	95,000	
240 Police Pension		46,700	45,821	
250 Law Enforcement & Educ.		200	0	
251 Law Enforcement		7,801	17,000	
252 OneOhio Opioid		500	0	
256 Cont Professional Training		5,845	0	
257 K-9		6,498	500	
270 Educ. & Recreation Assist.		0	0	
271 Baseball Field Maintenance		0	0	
280 SAFER Grant		0	0	
400 Capital Improvements		648,807	1,530,974	
410 Fire Dept. Capital Impr.		401,700	379,728	
500 Debt Retirement		157,852	167,861	
600 Water		1,512,000	1,530,783	
603 Water Bond Retirement		0	0	
650 Sewer		7,323,744	4,467,335	
655 Sewer Surplus		0	294,929	
656 Sewer Revenue Bond Ret.		0	0	
657 Sewer Revenue Bond Reserve		0	0	
680 Solid Waste		604,068	605,048	
681 Storm Sewer		184,508	203,964	
700 Cemetery		9,000	25,000	
710 Recreation Trust		5,750	0	
801 Returnable Bonds		0	42,725	
802 DARE		0	2,500	
803 Police Association		0	1,000	
		<u>\$16,824,581</u>	<u>\$15,604,856</u>	
		Personal	Other	
		Services	Expenses	Total
General Fund				
Safety Service	Police	1,029,608	202,249	1,231,858
Safety Service	St. Lighting	0	44,152	44,152
Public Health & Welfare	Cemetery	108,440	22,998	131,438
Public Health & Welfare	County Health	0	22,502	22,502
Public Health & Welfare	Public Health	3,465	0	3,465
Public Health & Welfare	Pest & Animal Control	300	13,146	13,446
Leisure Time	Parks	77,881	49,345	127,226
Leisure Time	Recreation Center	276,029	219,272	495,301
Leisure Time	Nature Preserve	72,623	20,100	92,723
Transportation	Street Maint. & Repair	174,187	11,789	185,976
Transportation	Veh. Maint.	0	0	0
General Govt	City Council & Mayor	45,258	0	45,258
General Govt	Administration	158,358	874,396	1,032,754
General Govt	Finance & Income Tax	185,342	107,911	293,253
General Govt	Lands & Buildings	0	12,392	12,392
General Govt	Law	42,456	45,217	87,673
General Govt	Other General	4,000	29,996	33,996
	Other Uses			0
Total General Fund		2,177,948	1,675,466	3,853,414
Other Funds				
101 Budget Stabilization		0	0	0
205 Safety Services		978,840	0	978,840
210 EMS		472,095	298,863	770,958
220 Street Maint. & Repair		329,495	79,957	409,452
225 State Highway		0	30,000	30,000
228 American Rescue Plan Act		0	2,026	2,026
230 Permissive Tax		0	50,000	50,000
235 Permissive Tax II		0	95,000	95,000
240 Police Pension		45,000	821	45,821
250 Law Enforcement & Educ.		0	0	0
251 Law Enforcement		17,000	0	17,000
252 OneOhio Opioid		0	0	0
255 Law Enforcement Assist. Grant		0	0	0
256 Cont Professional Training		0	0	0
257 K-9		0	500	500
270 Educ. & Recreation Assist.		0	0	0
271 Baseball Field Maintenance		0	0	0
280 SAFER Grant		0	0	0
400 Capital Improvements		0	1,530,974	1,530,974
410 Fire Dept. Capital Impr.		268,259	111,469	379,728
500 Debt Retirement		0	167,861	167,861
600 Water		541,309	989,474	1,530,783
650 Sewer		588,401	3,878,934	4,467,335
655 Sewer Surplus		0	294,929	294,929
680 Solid Waste		84,888	520,160	605,048
681 Storm Sewer		64,160	139,805	203,964
700 Cemetery		0	25,000	25,000
710 Recreation Trust		0	0	0

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Passed: _____, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 8546

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE AND MEDINA COUNTIES AND STATE OF OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE ADVANCES AND/OR TRANSFERS TO OR FROM APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, certain advances and/or transfers are necessary for the continued and efficient operation of Municipal Services; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will provide for the proper and lawful advances and/or transfers to and from the appropriate accounts in order to fund Municipal Services.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Rittman, Counties of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected and appointed thereto concurring:

SECTION ONE.

The Finance Director is authorized to make advances and/or transfers to or from the appropriate accounts pursuant to the attached Exhibit "A" which is incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO.

That because of the immediate need for the appropriation or advancement of said funds, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, health and safety and shall go into immediate force and effect upon its passage.

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Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

2026 TRANSFERS

FROM FUND	TO FUND	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
General	Fire	\$ 200,000.00	Operations
General	EMS	\$ 100,000.00	Operations



RITTMAN CITY COUNCIL
ATTN CLERK
30 N MAIN ST
RITTMAN OH 44270

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

TO

10012346-1 PERMIT NUMBER	TRFO TYPE	Arshan LLC Iga 220 N Main st Rittman OH 44270 Muni/Village/Twp: Rittman
ISSUE DATE:		
FILING DATE: 9/16/2026		
PERMIT CLASSES: C-1 C-2		
85121 TAX DISTRICT	FEB RECEIPT NO	

FROM **9/18/2026**

02919803-1 PERMIT NUMBER	TYPE	FRESHWAY INC RITTMAN IGA 220 N MAIN ST RITTMAN OH 44270 Muni/Village/Twp: Rittman
ISSUE DATE:		
FILING DATE:		
PERMIT CLASSES:		
85121 TAX DISTRICT	FEB RECEIPT NO	

MAILED 9/21/2026

RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 10/21/2026

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL WHETHER OR NOT
THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

REFER TO THIS NUMBER IN ALL INQUIRIES: FEB TRFO 10012346-1
(TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

(MUST MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

WE REQUEST A HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING THE PERMIT AND REQUEST THAT THE HEARING
BE HELD ☐ IN OUR COUNTY SEAT ☐ IN COLUMBUS

WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING ☐

DID YOU MARK A BOX? IF NOT, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A LATE RESPONSE.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX INDICATING YOUR TITLE:

(Signature)

(Title) - ☐ Clerk of City Council
☐ Township Fiscal Officer

(Date)

(Printed Name)

(Email Address)

(Telephone No.)