RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO:

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellefontaine is planning to make capital improvements, specifically the Township Road 179 Storm Replacement Project 27-1ST and related activities, and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bellefontaine, Logan County, Ohio, that:

SECTION I: The Mayor and/or Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

SECTION II: The Mayor and/or Service-Safety Director is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

SECTION III: That this Resolution shall be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:_____, 2026 _____
President of Council

Attest:_____ Approved:_____, 2026
Clerk of Council

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Mayor

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO ORDER THE LOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR TO REMOVE AN ADDITIONAL TAX LIEN ON CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TAXES AS STATED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellefontaine previously deemed it necessary to collect certain funds from individuals by securing the amount and having it added to the real estate tax bills for payment to the City of Bellefontaine for services rendered.

WHEREAS, the City has received payment for the services rendered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio:

SECTION I: That the City of Bellefontaine shall have the following amounts removed from the real estate tax bill of the property owner named herein:

Address	**Parcel No.:**	**Property Owner**	**Amount**
1329 S. Main St.	17-106-08-16-005-000	Lydia K. Snyder, *et al.* & Grabriel S. Roper	$675

SECTION II: That the City of Bellefontaine has received direct payment for all of the services rendered and therefore said costs should be removed from the real estate tax bill of the above-named individual.

SECTION III: That this resolution shall become effective at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:_____, 2026 _____
President of Council

Attest:_____ Approved:_____, 2026
Clerk of Council

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Mayor

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, CONVERSION OF OTHER STRUCTURES OR BUILDINGS INTO A DATA CENTER, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, USE OR CHANGE OF USE THAT WOULD ALLOW DATA CENTERS FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE CITY ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COUNCIL TIME TO REVIEW APPLICABLE FEDERAL CODES, OHIO STATUTES, CODES AND REGULATIONS ALONG WITH THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SUCH ACTIVITY.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the Ohio Revised Code, provide that municipalities have the power to enact laws that are for the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens which may include restricting areas used for certain businesses and trades, and;

WHEREAS, this Council finds it to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Bellefontaine to adopt a twelve (12) month moratorium on the establishment, construction, conversion of other structures for data centers or commencement of construction of data centers within the City, while it undertakes a review and/or study of the ordinances of the City of Bellefontaine, including zoning, building, and business regulation sections of the City of Bellefontaine Codified Ordinances to assure that such facilities are properly zoned, safe for the community, properly constructed or rehabilitated to mitigate the potential harmful impact such facilities can have on residential and commercial area, and;

WHEREAS, Council wishes to study the impact of data centers on the public health and safety of surrounding neighborhoods and consider and study the benefits that a data center may bring to the community. Council acknowledges citizens have raised concerns about property values, noise, safety, the power grid, the environment and water usage in areas surrounding these facilities, and;

WHEREAS, this Council will be able to enact reasonable regulations to protect the health, safety, welfare, peace, and comfort of the citizens of the City of Bellefontaine more effectively if a moratorium is in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO:

SECTION I: That the Council hereby imposes a twelve (12) month moratorium on the consideration, approval or authorization of any licenses, permits, permitted uses, special uses, accessory uses, site plans, conditional uses or variance that would enable the granting of any permits, allow establishment, construction, conversion of other structures into data centers, or commencement of construction of data centers within the City of Bellefontaine. Said moratorium extends to the submission, consideration or approval of all applications for licenses, permits, general development plans, final development plans, special or accessory use permits, occupancy permits, or building permits. Data centers are defined for this moratorium as AI data centers,

enterprise data centers, managed services data centers, colocation data centers, cloud data centers or edge data centers, crypto mining data centers, as well as physical facilities that organizations use to store their computing machines and related hardware. This moratorium includes construction of structures that house information technology (IT) systems, infrastructure like servers, data storage drives, and network equipment and construction of accompanying accessory uses such as utilities, external mechanical equipment, water towers, and security facilities that may be located on the same site of a data center. This moratorium does not apply to the repairing or replacement of existing data centers contained in existing businesses within the City of Bellefontaine.

SECTION II: That this moratorium shall become effective on the date that this ordinance passes and following its passage by Council, shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months unless extended upon a majority vote of Council. Council may also lift the moratorium prior to its expiration.

SECTION III: That the City Administration is hereby directed to begin or take part in a study to recommend what action, if any, the City of Bellefontaine should take to preserve the public health, safety and welfare through the provision of adequate planning, zoning, land-use, or other regulatory controls that are specifically applicable to data centers.

SECTION IV: If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION V: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION VI: That this resolution shall become effective at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:_____, 2026 _____
President of Council

Attest:_____ Approved:_____, 2026
Clerk of Council

RULES COMMITTEE: _____
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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 331.46 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO AUTHORIZING LOW-SPEED, UNDER-SPEED UTILITY VEHICLES AND MINI-TRUCKS WITHIN SAID CITY.

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee of the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio, has conducted multiple public meetings regarding the operation of low-speed, under-speed, utility vehicles and mini-trucks within the City of Bellefontaine and has recommended the creation of the regulations set forth herein.

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

SECTION I: That Section 331.46 Low-Speed, Under-Speed, Utility Vehicles and Mini-Trucks of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio, shall be established to read as follows:

"331.46 Low-Speed, Under-Speed, Utility Vehicles and Mini-Trucks.

(a) Except as otherwise expressly permitted herein, no person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, under-speed or utility vehicle or a mini-truck upon any street or highway having an established speed limit greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour, and only upon such streets or highways where the City of Bellefontaine, as determined by the Service-Safety Director, has granted permission for such operation in accordance with Section 4511.215 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(b) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, under-speed or utility vehicle or a mini-truck upon any portion of U.S. Route 68, State Route 47, or State Route 540 within the City of Bellefontaine, including the U.S. Route 68 bypass.

(c) No low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck shall be operated upon a collector street unless that collector street, or a specifically identified portion thereof, has been designated as an approved route by the Service-Safety Director. Whether a particular roadway is considered a "collector street" is determined by the Service-Safety Director, taking into consideration traffic volume, vehicle speeds, truck traffic, sight distance, intersection configuration, roadway width, crash history, and other relevant safety conditions. Collector streets, currently include, but are not limited to, Lake Avenue, Ludlow Road, and Eastern Avenue.

(d) Notwithstanding the forgoing, a political subdivision employee or volunteer operating a utility vehicle exclusively within the boundaries of political subdivision park facilities for the operation or maintenance of such park facilities or in the course of other official duties shall be permitted.

(e) The City of Bellefontaine may maintain and publish a map or list identifying streets and routes upon which operation of low-speed vehicle, under-speed or utility vehicle or a mini-truck is permitted or prohibited. Such map or list may be updated to reflect routes approved in accordance with this section.

(f) A person operating a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck may cross a street or highway upon which operation is otherwise prohibited under this section only when necessary to continue an otherwise lawful trip and only at an intersection. Crossing a prohibited street or highway under this provision does not authorize travel along that street or highway.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates division (a)-(d) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(h) Definitions.

(1) "Under-speed vehicle" is defined as a three- or four-wheeled vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds.

(2) "Low-speed vehicle" is defined as a three or four wheeled motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more than twenty five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds.

(3) "Utility vehicle" is defined as a self-propelled vehicle designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials handling, or similar activity.

(4) “Mini-truck” is defined as a vehicle that has four wheels, is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(5) "Operator" is defined as any person who operates or is in physical control of a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck.

(6) "Owner" is defined as any person or entity, other than a lien holder or dealer having title to a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck or legal rights to possession thereof.

(f) Equipment.

(1) Low-speed vehicles, under-speed vehicles, utility vehicles, or mini-trucks operated on the streets, highways, and public property within the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio, shall have a minimum of the following functional equipment thereon:

(i) At least one working rear red colored tail light (ORC 4509.071)

(ii) A license plate in the rear of the vehicle, bracketed to the vehicle (ORC 4503.21)

(iii) A light to illuminate the rear license plate and make the plate legible from a distance of 50 feet (ORC 4513.05)

(iv) At least one working brake light (ORC 4513.071)

(v) Two headlights, white or clear in color (ORC 4513.04)

(vi) A working horn (ORC 4513.21)

(vii) A rearview mirror (ORC 4513.23)

(viii) A windshield (ORC 4513.24- glass or safety glass)

(ix) Windshield wiper (ORC 4513.24)

(x) Turn signals (ORC 4513.261)

(xi) Brakes sufficient to stop within 40 feet (ORC 4513.20)

(xii) An emergency brake sufficient to hold the vehicle on any grade (ORC 4513.20)

(xiii) Working exhaust system if the unit has an internal combustion engine (ORC 4513.22)

(xiv) Occupant restraining devices (ORC 4513.263)

(xv) Child restraint system (ORC 4511.81)

(2) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(h) Licensing Requirements of Operator.

(1) The operator of a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck on public roadways or on public property within the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio shall have a valid driver's license.

(2) The operator of a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck on public roadways within the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio shall be not less than 16 years of age.

(3) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(i) Insurance Requirements of Owner and Operator.

(1) The owner of the low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck that is driven on roadways or on public property within the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio shall carry liability insurance thereon as required by ORC 4509.101 (A)(1).

(2) The owner of the low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck on public roadways or on public property shall have in his possession proof of insurance while operating the low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck.

(3) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(j) Inspection, Titling and Vehicle Registration Requirements.

(1) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck on public roadways or on public property within the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio without first obtaining an inspection by the Chief of Police (or his/her designee), the County Sheriff, or the law enforcement official of another jurisdiction within the State of Ohio to ensure compliance with State laws and this ordinance.

(2) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck on public roadways or on public property within the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio without a Certificate of Inspection in his/her possession.

(3) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck on public roadways or on public property without first obtaining a Certificate of Title from the clerk of Courts.

(4) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck on public roadways or on public property without first obtaining appropriate license plates from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Each license plate is to be bracketed to the rear of the vehicle.

(5) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(k) Prohibited Acts.

(1) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck on public roadways or on public property within the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio without first ensuring all occupants are securely seated in a fixed seat and that no person is riding on any portion of the vehicle not designed or intended for passenger use. All operators and passengers shall comply with applicable occupant-restraint and child-restraint requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

(2) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck on any public bicycle path, shared-use path, sidewalk, public park, recreational trail, or other public area not designated for motor-vehicle travel, except municipal employees or authorized agents of the City operating municipal or authorized vehicles in accordance with their official duties.

(3) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck on the public roadways or on public property within the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio, that has an attainable top speed in excess of 25 miles per hour on a public roadway or on public property.

(4) The operator of a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck shall operate as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, except when preparing to make a left turn, when avoiding an obstruction or unsafe condition, or when otherwise necessary for the safe and lawful operation of the vehicle.

(5) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck in a manner that unreasonably impedes or blocks the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or compliance with law.

(6) If a person under eighteen (18) years of age operates a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck in violation of this section, the vehicle may be impounded by a law enforcement officer in accordance with applicable law. A parent, guardian, or other person having legal custody of the juvenile who knowingly permits the juvenile to operate the vehicle in violation of this section may be cited for a violation of this division.

(7) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(l) Traffic Crash Reporting.

(1) The owner or operator of a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck involved in any traffic crash resulting in injury or death to any person shall immediately report the crash to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(2) The owner or operator of a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck involved in any crash resulting in damage to property of any person in excess of $100.00 shall report the crash within twenty-four hours to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(3) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a first degree misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of not more than $1,000, and imprisonment of not more than six months.

(m) Review of Ordinance.

Within twelve (12) months following the effective date of this Ordinance, the Rules Committee of City Council, in consultation with the Bellefontaine Police Department and other appropriate City officials, shall review the operation and enforcement of this Ordinance 331.46. The review should consider traffic crashes, citations, complaints, enforcement issues, route safety, traffic impacts, and any other relevant information. Following the review, the Rules

Committee may recommend amendments to this section, including changes to permitted or prohibited streets, operating requirements, or other safety provisions.

SECTION II: That any and all portions or parts of any other provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio, that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION III: That this Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowable by law.

Passed:_____, 2026 _____
President of Council

Attest:_____ Approved:_____, 2026
Clerk of Council

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Mayor

RULES COMMITTEE:

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 509.11 SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES AND LOUD NOISES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee of the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio, has conducted a public meeting and a review of certain provisions of the regulations for the City of Bellefontaine and has recommended the changes set forth herein.

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

SECTION I: That Section 509.11 Sound Amplifying Devices and Loud Noises of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio, shall be amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

"509.11 DISTURBING THE PEACE; UNREASONABLE NOISE.

(a) No person shall generate, cause, suffer, allow, continue, or permit unreasonable noise or loud sound that is likely to cause inconvenience, annoyance, discomfort, disturbance, or alarm to persons of ordinary sensibilities.

This section is intended to regulate unreasonable noise generated by activities, conduct, or temporary sound sources and is not intended to regulate the normal operation of lawfully established principal uses and essential public infrastructure.

For purposes of this section, "unreasonable noise" includes any sound that exceeds the customary and normal noise levels associated with a particular location, time, or activity and that disturbs the peace, quiet, comfort, or repose of others.

(b) No person, being the owner, occupant, tenant, person in possession of a premises, or person in control of a premises by reason of employment, agency, or otherwise, whether such ownership, possession, or control is exclusive or joint, shall permit a violation of this section to occur on such premises.

(c) The following acts are declared to be examples of unreasonable noise and are prohibited:

(1) Operating, playing, or permitting the operation of any radio, phonograph, television, tape player, compact disc player, loudspeaker, public address system, musical instrument, sound amplification system, or similar device in a manner that disturbs neighboring properties or persons.

(2) Conducting or permitting a party, gathering, event, or activity that generates unreasonable noise.

(3) Operating a sound amplification system from within a motor vehicle that can be heard outside the vehicle from a distance of fifty (50) feet or more while the vehicle is operated or parked upon a street, highway, public place, or private property open to the public.

(4) Operating, revving, accelerating, racing, or otherwise operating a motor vehicle in a manner that creates excessive noise from the engine, tires, exhaust system, or other mechanical components.

(5) Operating a motor vehicle with an exhaust system that has been modified, bypassed, removed, amplified, or otherwise altered from the manufacturer's original design in a manner that creates unreasonable noise.

(6) Using an engine compression braking device, commonly known as a "Jake Brake," except where necessary to avoid imminent danger or when operated by an emergency vehicle.

(7) Operating portable generators, compressors, power tools, lawn equipment, or similar portable equipment in a manner that creates unreasonable noise.

(d) In determining whether unreasonable noise exists, it shall not be necessary to obtain a sound level measurement. Consideration may be given to:

(1) The volume, intensity, and duration of the sound;

(2) The time of day or night;

(3) The proximity of the sound to residences, schools, hospitals, parks, churches, or other locations where quiet may reasonably be expected;

(4) Whether the sound is recurrent, intermittent, or continuous;

(5) Whether the sound was plainly audible beyond the property boundary from which it originated;

(6) Whether the sound would disturb a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities.

(e) Exceptions. The provisions of this section 509.11 shall not apply to:

(1) The use of sound or audible signals for the purpose of requesting emergency assistance, warning of hazardous conditions, or protecting public health, safety, or welfare.

(2) Emergency vehicles, public safety vehicles, and emergency operations conducted by law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency medical services, public utilities, or governmental agencies while engaged in official duties.

(3) Activities conducted pursuant to a valid permit, license, or authorization issued by the City, including but not limited to parades, festivals, concerts, athletic events, fireworks displays, and other approved community events.

(4) Emergency construction, maintenance, repair, utility work, or other activities necessary to protect life, health, safety, property, or the continued operation of essential public services.

(5) City-authorized construction, maintenance, repair, snow removal, utility work, public improvements, and governmental operations.

(6) Lawful agricultural activities protected by Ohio law.

(7) The normal operation of lawfully established principal uses and associated permanently installed infrastructure serving an essential public, institutional, or utility function.

(8) The operation of an emergency or standby generator during a utility outage or emergency, or for bona fide testing or maintenance, provided that routine testing or maintenance occurs only during daytime hours.

(9) Noise resulting from snow or ice removal from streets, sidewalks, parking areas, driveways, or other premises when weather conditions reasonably require such removal, regardless of the hour.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of generating unreasonable noise.

(1) A first offense shall be a minor misdemeanor.

(2) If the offender persists in generating or permitting unreasonable noise after a reasonable warning or request to desist, the offense shall be a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(3) Upon a second or subsequent conviction under this section, each subsequent offense shall be a misdemeanor of the third degree."

SECTION II: That any and all portions or parts of any other provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio, that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowable by law.

Passed:_____, 2026 _____
President of Council

Attest:_____ Approved:_____, 2026
Clerk of Council

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Mayor

RULES COMMITTEE:

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