ORDINANCE NO. 2026-78

CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO

ENACTING CHAPTER 151. – VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLYDE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 146 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 146 of the Ohio Revised Code establishes the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund, which provides benefits to the surviving spouses and dependent children of volunteer firefighters killed in the line of duty and to volunteer firefighters who are totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty;

WHEREAS Ohio R.C. 146.02(A) provides that each political subdivision having a fire department employing volunteer firefighters is a member of the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund and shall establish a Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board; and

WHEREAS Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its volunteer firefighters to codify the City's participation in the Fund and the establishment and operation of the Board in the Codified Ordinances so that these obligations are documented and carried out on an ongoing basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Clyde, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. Chapter 151. – Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund Board, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Clyde, is hereby created as shown in attached Exhibit "A."

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary to ensure that a board for this fund can be seated in time to carry out the provisions of this chapter without delay.

Adopted: 10-20-2026

Authorized: Dan McCauley

Attest: Janet R. Dickerman

Approved to form:

EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER 151. – VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD

Sec. 151.01. – Established.

The City, having a fire department that employs volunteer firefighters, is a member of the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund established by Ohio R.C. 146.07 (the "Fund"). There is hereby established the City's Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board (the "Board"). Terms used in this chapter have the meanings given in Ohio R.C. 146.01.

Sec. 151.02. – Membership and elections.

The Board shall consist of five members, chosen, serving terms, and elected as provided in Ohio R.C. 146.03 and 146.04. Council shall elect its two members by resolution each year within the time provided in Ohio R.C. 146.04(B).

Sec. 151.03. – Organization and duties.

The Board shall organize, keep its records, adopt rules for handling and processing claims, and make the certifications required of it as provided in Ohio R.C. 146.05. The Finance Director shall prepare the certificate of the City's current assessed valuation required by Ohio R.C. 146.05 and furnish it to the secretary of the Board. Benefits and claims shall be governed by Ohio R.C. 146.12 to 146.17.

Sec. 151.04. – Compensation; City support; legal advisor.

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation. The City shall provide the Board with the meeting place, stationery, postage, and supplies necessary for the efficient conduct of its business. The legal advisor for the Board is the City Solicitor.

Sec. 151.05. – Premiums and assessments.

The Finance Director shall pay, from available funds, the initial premium and any assessment due from the City under Ohio R.C. 146.07 to 146.10, and Council shall appropriate moneys as necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 151.06. – Construction.

This chapter implements Ohio R.C. Chapter 146 and shall be construed consistently with it. References to the Ohio Revised Code include those sections as amended from time to time. To the extent Ohio R.C. Chapter 146 applies to the City, it controls in the event of a conflict with this chapter.