

Ordinance No. : 2026- 28

Passed: May 11, 2026

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 9.64, enacted through Houses Bill 96, the Village is required to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards public data, information technology, and Information Technology (IT) resources to ensure confidentiality, availability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the law mandates use of generally accepted cybersecurity best practices, including frameworks, such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework and the Center for Internet Security (CIS) best practices; and

WHEREAS, Council, having reviewed the recommendation of the Village's IT Managed Service Provider, the Village hereby adopts the CIS Critical Security Controls as its foundational cybersecurity controls framework and doing so will be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Ordained by the Council of the Village of West Lafayette, State of Ohio as follows:

Section 1: The Village of West Lafayette, Ohio hereby adopts the CIS Critical Security Controls as its official cybersecurity framework, consistent with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(C).

Section 2: The Village's cybersecurity program shall implement the CIS Critical Security Controls, to identify and mitigate risks, assess potential impacts, detect and respond to threats, restore affected systems, and maintain ongoing protection of Village assets and data. The program shall include annual cybersecurity training for all employees, align with state and federal best practices and ensure third-party providers meet security standards. These measures represent the most effective first steps in reducing cyber risk, particularly against ransomware and phishing, and are designed for local governments of our size to achieve practical, affordable and measurable security improvements.

Section 3: The Village's IT Managed Service Provider, in coordination with the Village Mayor, Fiscal Officer and Village Administrator, shall oversee the implementation, documentation, and annual review of the cybersecurity program to ensure continued alignment with state requirements and best practices.

Section 4: All records and documents related to the Village's cybersecurity program are exempt from public records disclosure, consistent with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(E).

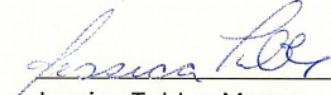
Section 5: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Section 6: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of West Lafayette, the immediate emergency being the necessity to adopt a cybersecurity program to be in compliance with ORC Section 9.64. Therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 11th day of May, 2026.


Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer