

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-44

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF A NO-COST FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AN ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH LEOPARDO EFFICIENCY AND PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS, AND VILLAGE STAFF TO ASSIST IN THE COORDINATION OF SITE VISITS AND DATA COLLECTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio (the “Village”) has an ongoing interest in reducing energy consumption, improving operational efficiency, and responsible stewardship of public resources; and,

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2026, Leopardo Efficiency was invited to present an overview of Energy Savings Performance Contracting (“ESPC”) to the Mayor and Council of the Village of Oakwood; and,

WHEREAS, during said presentation, Leopardo Efficiency explained the benefits of ESPC as a mechanism by which municipalities may undertake facility improvements and energy conservation measures with the costs of such improvements paid overtime through guaranteed energy and operational savings, at no upfront cost to the Village; and,

WHEREAS, Leopardo Efficiency further explained that the next step in the ESPC process is the completion of a no-cost Feasibility Study to identify potential project scope, energy conservation measures, and projected savings opportunities across Village facilities and operations, including the procurement of goods and services; and,

WHEREAS, the no-cost feasibility study will be conducted at no expense to the Village and will serve as the basis for determining whether a full Energy Savings Performance Contract is appropriate to pursue; and,

WHEREAS, the successful completion of the feasibility study requires coordination with the Mayor, Directors, and Village staff to facilitate site visits, provide utility and financial data, and support data collection efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Oakwood finds it to be in the best interest of the Village and its residents to engage Leopardo Efficiency for said no-cost feasibility study;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1: Authorization of No-Cost Feasibility Study.

The Village of Oakwood hereby authorizes the initiation of a no-cost Energy Savings Performance Contract feasibility study with Leopardo Efficiency. Said feasibility study shall be conducted at no cost or financial obligation to the Village and is intended to identify potential energy conservation measures, facility improvement opportunities, and projected savings across Village-owned facilities and operations.

SECTION 2: No Financial Obligation.

The authorization granted herein does not constitute a commitment by the Village to enter into a full Energy Savings Performance Contract. No financial obligation shall be incurred by the Village as a result of the feasibility study authorized herein. Any future Energy Savings Performance Contract resulting from the findings of the feasibility study shall require separate authorization by ordinance of Council.

SECTION 3: Staff Assistance and Cooperation.

The Council of the Village of Oakwood hereby requests and directs the appropriate Village staff to cooperate with and assist Leopardo Efficiency in the conduct of the no-cost feasibility study. Such assistance shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) Facilitating and scheduling access to Village-owned buildings and facilities for the purpose of conducting site visits and physical assessments;
- (b) Providing available utility billing records, energy consumption data, facility operations information, and financial data as reasonably requested by Leopardo Efficiency;
- (c) Coordinating with Leopardo Efficiency representatives to ensure timely and efficient data collection; and,
- (d) Designating an appropriate point of contact within Village staff to serve as the primary liaison with Leopardo Efficiency throughout the feasibility study process.

SECTION 4: Reporting.

Upon completion of the feasibility study, Leopardo Efficiency shall present its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Council of the Village of Oakwood. Such presentation shall include a summary of identified energy conservation measures, projected savings, and any recommended next steps.

SECTION 5: Effective Date.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Oakwood, in that the timely initiation of the no-cost feasibility study is in the immediate financial and operational interest of the Village, and therefore this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor provided it receives at least five affirmative votes of the members of Council; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: June 2, 2026

Eloise Hardin

Eloise Hardin, President of Council

Carol Jackson

Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor: June 3, 2026

Approved: _____

Erica L. Nikolic, Mayor

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2026 - 44 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 2nd day of June, 2026.

Carol Jackson

Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2026 -44 was duly posted on the 4th day of June, 2026, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers in the locations and manner provided in the Village Charter.

Carol Jackson

Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

VETO

Re: Veto Ordinance No 2026-44

From Carol Jackson <cjackson@oakwoodvillageoh.com>
Date Wed 5/27/2026 2:18 PM
To Erica Nikolic <enikolic@oakwoodvillageoh.com>
Cc Eloise Hardin <ehardin@oakwoodvillageoh.com>

Thank you Mayor Nikolic for clarifying your formal veto of Ordinance NO 2026-44.

Sincerely,
Carol

From: Erica Nikolic <enikolic@oakwoodvillageoh.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 12:24 PM
To: Carol Jackson <cjackson@oakwoodvillageoh.com>
Cc: Eloise Hardin <ehardin@oakwoodvillageoh.com>
Subject: Veto Ordinance No 2026-44

Hi Carol,

Please accept this as my formal veto of Ordinance No 2026-44.

Reason for Veto: Failure to conduct adequate due diligence; gross disregard for current state of administration operations

Council has not sufficiently researched alternative options to a fair comparison to ensure in-depth understanding of services. Furthermore, we are actively engaged with staffing major department heads and have no time to prioritize this initiative at the moment.

Administration would consider legislation on this matter after more thoughtful and thorough research of entities providing such services is conducted and properly presented to the administration. Further, we will have more time to dedicate to fulfilling the requirements of this type of study when we are fully staffed.

Sincerely,

Mayor Nikolic

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PASSED: May 26, 2026

Eloise Hardin
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

Carol Jackson
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor: MAY 27, 2026

Approved: _____

Erica L. Nikolic Mayor