

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH CYBERSECURITY REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE DEADLINES, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio passed HB 96 into law on June 30, 2025, which sets forth certain cybersecurity requirements for municipal corporations, which are now found in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64; and

WHEREAS, certain requirements related to incident reporting and ransomware payments contained within Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64 must be complied with prior to September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Antwerp, Ohio seeks to come into compliance with the immediate requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64, while directing key personnel to begin collaborating on the remaining requirements of the bill which must be completed by July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being deemed an emergency measure for the reason that, due to the deadlines contained in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64, Council could not pass this ordinance as an ordinary measure and comply with said deadlines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY A MINIMUM OF A THREE-FOURTHS VOTE by the Council of the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the rules requiring three readings of any ordinance or resolution prior to its passage by a minimum of the majority of the council are hereby suspended pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 705.15.

Section 2. That the term “Ransomware Incident” shall have the same meaning assigned to it by Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64.

Section 3. That no Village personnel is authorized to make a ransom payment using Village funds, due to a Ransomware Incident which has affected Village data, networks, devices or any other Village property or information without first obtaining legislative approval from the Village Council, via resolution or ordinance, to make said ransom payment and setting forth a justification for said payment.

Section 4. That the term “Cybersecurity Incident” shall have the same meaning assigned to it by Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64.

Section 5. That all Village employees are henceforth required to monitor for Cybersecurity Incidents and report said incidents to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, via the Ohio Cyber Integration Center, within seven (7) days of any Cybersecurity Incident. Additionally, all Cybersecurity Incidents must be reported to the Auditor of State within thirty (30) days of any such Cybersecurity Incident.


Section 6. That the Village Administrator, in conjunction with the Village Solicitor and the Village Information Technology (“IT”) provider, are hereby directed to coordinate to develop a comprehensive cybersecurity program for the Village, which is in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64, and which

shall be passed as legislation by the Village Council and come into effect no later than July 1, 2026, including implementing a cybersecurity training program which all Village employees and personnel will be required to participate in from time to time in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64 and any applicable guidance issued under said statute.

Section 7. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 8: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, more specifically, it is necessary that the Council implement the above policies within a period of time shorter than would be required for an ordinary ordinance, as per the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of this Council, the Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by this Council or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allow by law.

Date: 9/10/25


Jan Reeb, Mayor of the Village of Antwerp

ATTEST:


Kevin Hornish, Fiscal Officer