ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE COMPOST FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO VIA RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village Fiscal Office and Village Administrator have determined that certain cuts to revenue due to the Village of Antwerp, Ohio would be appropriate in light of total anticipated revenue for calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator has proposed suspending the compost fee established by the Council of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio via Resolution No. 2017-09 for calendar year 2026 as a means of cutting revenue and providing monetary relief to Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio agrees that revenue from the compost fee established by the Council of the Village of Antwerp via Resolution No. 2017-09 is not necessary to ensure the stability of the calendar year 2026 Village budget and thus agrees that such monetary relief for Village residents is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being deemed an emergency measure for the reason that, an ordinance regarding this fee suspension must be passed prior to December 31, 2025, to ensure the proposed suspension of the compost fee goes into effect January 1, 2026

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

<u>Section 1</u>. 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.

<u>Section 2.</u> That, effective January 1, 2026, the compost fee established by the Council of the Village of Antwerp via Resolution No. 2017-09 is hereby suspended for the entirety of calendar year 2026 for all Village residents.

Section 3. That, effective January 1, 2027, the compost fee established by the Council of the Village of Antwerp via Resolution No. 2017-09 will be reinstated unless further action from the Council suspends or eliminates this fee for calendar year 2027 and onwards.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the 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, and in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Village for the reason that it must be passed prior to December 31, 2025, in order to ensure the proposed compost fee suspension goes into effect January 1, 2026. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately after its passage and approval; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Date: 12/10/2015

Antwerp ATTEST:

Kevin Hornish, Fiscal Officer