

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 011-26

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE, ADOPT, AND ENACT THE JANUARY 2026 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BEDFORD, OHIO, HEREINAFTER "CODIFIED ORDINANCES", TO REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR DEEMED OBSOLETE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, this Council has authorized an annual updating of ordinances of the City of a general and permanent nature, and

WHEREAS, various ordinances of a general and permanent nature have been passed by Council since the last updating and revision of the Codified Ordinances in November 2024, and

WHEREAS, certain provisions within the Codified Ordinances should be amended to conform with current State law; and

WHEREAS, various ordinances of a general and permanent nature have been passed by Council which should be included in the Codified Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, such new matter, recompilation, revision, and recodification have now been completed to the satisfaction of this Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, County of Cuyahoga, and THE State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the ordinances of the City of Bedford, Ohio, of a general and permanent nature, as revised, recodified, rearranged, and consolidated into component codes, titles, chapters, and sections within the January 2026 Replacement Pages to the Codified Ordinances, are hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. That the following sections and chapters are hereby added, amended, or repealed as respectively indicated in order to comply with current State law.

Traffic Code

- 301.01 Meaning of words and phrases
- 301.02 Agricultural tractor; multi-wheel agricultural tractor; tractor engine.
- 301.03 Alley.
- 301.04 Arterial street or highway.
- 301.05 Autocycle.
- 301.06 Beacon.
- 301.07 Bicycle.
- 301.08 Bicycle box.

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301.09	Bicycle lane.
301.10	Bicycle signal face.
301.11	Bicycle signal sign.
301.12	Bikeway.
301.13	Bus.
301.14	Business district.
301.15	Busway.
301.16	Cab-enclosed motorcycle.
301.17	Chauffeured limousine.
301.18	Child care center or Type A family child care home.
301.19	Commercial tractor.
301.20	Controlled-access highway.
301.21	Crosswalk.
301.22	Driver or operator.
301.23	Driveway.
301.24	Electric bicycle.
301.25	Electronic.
301.26	Emergency vehicle.
301.27	Explosives.
301.28	Expressway.
301.29	Farm machinery.
301.30	Flammable liquid.
301.31	Freeway.
301.32	Funeral escort vehicle.
301.33	Gross weight.
301.34	Highway maintenance vehicle.
301.35	Highway traffic signal.
301.36	Hybrid beacon.
301.37	In-road warning light.
301.38	Intersection.
301.39	Lane-use control signal.
301.40	Laned highway.
301.41	Limited driving privileges.
301.42	Local authorities.
301.43	Low-speed micromobility device.
301.44	Median.
301.45	Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter.
301.46	Motor vehicle.

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301.47	Motorcycle.
301.48	Motorized bicycle or moped.
301.49	Motorized wheelchair.
301.50	Natural resources officer.
301.51	Operate.
301.52	Parking or parked.
301.53	Pedestrian.
301.54	Person.
301.55	Pole trailer.
301.56	Police officer.
301.57	Predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense.
301.58	Private road.
301.59	Public safety vehicle.
301.60	Railroad.
301.61	Railroad sign or signal.
301.62	Residence district.
301.63	Ridesharing arrangement.
301.64	Right-of-way.
301.65	Road service vehicle.
301.66	Roadway.
301.67	Roundabout.
301.68	Rural mail delivery vehicle.
301.69	Safety zone.
301.70	School bus.
301.71	Semitrailer.
301.72	Shared-use path.
301.73	Shoulder.
301.74	Sidewalk.
301.75	Site roadway open to public travel.
301.76	State.
301.77	State highway.
301.78	State route.
301.79	Stop.
301.80	Stop intersection.
301.81	Stopping or standing.
301.82	Street or highway.
301.83	Through highway.
301.84	Thruway.

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301.85	Traffic.
301.86	Traffic control device.
301.87	Traffic control signal.
301.88	Trailer.
301.89	Train.
301.90	Truck.
301.91	Two-stage bicycle turn box.
301.92	Urban district.
301.93	Vehicle.
301.94	Waste collection vehicle.
301.95	Wildlife officer.
313.02	Through streets; stop and yield right-of-way signs.
313.03	Traffic signal indications.
313.04	Lane-use control signal indications.
313.09	Driver's duties upon approaching ambiguous or non-working traffic signal.
313.10	Unlawful purchase, possession or sale.
313.12	Portable signal preemption devices prohibited.
313.13	Bicycle symbol signal indications.
331.33	Obstructing intersection, crosswalk or grade crossing.
331.35	Occupying travel trailer, fifth wheel vehicle, or manufactured or mobile home while in motion.
331.39	Driving across grade crossing.
331.40	Stopping at grade crossing.
333.01	Driving or physical control while under the influence; evidence.
333.03	Maximum speed limits; assured clear distance ahead.
333.09	Texting while driving prohibited.
335.04	Certain acts prohibited.
335.072	Driving under financial responsibility law suspension or cancellation; driving under a nonpayment of judgment suspension.
335.074	Driving under license forfeiture or child support suspension.
335.09	Display of license plates or validation stickers; registration.
337.24	Motor vehicle stop lights.
337.26	Child restraint system usage.
337.27	Use of suncreening, nontransparent and reflectorized materials.
341.01	Definitions related to commercial drivers.
351.03	Prohibited standing or parking places.
371.01	Right of way in crosswalk.
371.03	Crossing roadway outside crosswalk; diagonal crossings at intersections.
371.11	Persons operating motorized wheelchairs. (Repealed)

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- 371.12 Electric or gas personal assistive mobility devices.
- 375.01 Definitions related to snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles and all purpose vehicles.

General Offenses Code

- 501.06 Limitation on criminal prosecution.
- 513.01 Definitions related to drug abuse control.
- 513.03 Drug abuse; controlled substance possession or use.
- 513.04 Possessing drug abuse instruments.
- 513.05 Permitting drug abuse.
- 513.07 Possessing or using harmful intoxicants.
- 513.08 Illegally dispensing drug samples.
- 513.12 Drug paraphernalia
- 525.05 Failure to report a crime, injury or knowledge of death.
- 529.10 Illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternate nicotine products; transaction scans.
- 533.01 Definitions related to obscenity and sex offenses.
- 533.04 Sexual imposition.
- 533.21 Grooming.
- 537.02 Vehicular homicide and manslaughter.
- 537.14 Domestic violence.
- 537.20 Illegal use of a tracking device or application.
- 545.01 Definitions related to theft and fraud.
- 545.05 Petty theft.

Section 3. All provisions of the Codified Ordinances shall be in full force and effect on and after 12:01 A.M. on the date of passage hereof.

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the Codified Ordinances are hereby repealed on and after the date of passage hereof.

Section 5. The repeal provided for in the preceding section of this ordinance shall not affect the following:

- a. Any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any contract or right established or accruing before the date of passage hereof;
- b. Any ordinances or resolutions promising or guaranteeing the payment of money by or to the City, or authorizing the issuance of any bonds of the City, or any evidence of the City's indebtedness, or any contract or obligation assumed by the City;
- c. The administrative ordinances or resolutions of the City not in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of these Codes;
- d. Any right, license, privilege or franchise conferred by any ordinance or resolution of Council on any person or corporation;
- e. Any ordinance establishing, naming, relocating or vacating any street

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- or public way;
- f. Any ordinance levying or imposing taxes, assessments or charges;
- g. Any ordinance establishing or changing the boundaries of the City or establishing ward boundaries for the City;
- h. Any prosecution, suit or other proceeding pending, or any judgment rendered prior to the date of passage hereof.

Section 6. That a copy of the January 2026 Replacement Pages be attached to the original copy of this ordinance and deemed a part hereof shall be kept by the Clerk of Council and in connection therewith or attached thereto in written form, the Clerk of Council shall maintain for reference all subsequent ordinances of the Council amending or supplementing this Code bearing such code, title, chapter or section designations.

Section 7. The ordinances and material included in the Codified Ordinances have all heretofore been duly published as required by law, except the new material referred to in Section 1 hereof, of which notice of inclusion in the Codified Ordinances is hereby given as required by R.C. § 731.23 and accordingly, pursuant to Section 113.02 of the Codified Ordinances, the Clerk of Council shall cause this ordinance to be posted in the five (5) public places provided in such section, together with a notice specifying where copies of the Codified Ordinances may be inspected by the public.

Section 8. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the City of Bedford, and for the effective daily operation of the various offices and departments of the City.

WHEREFORE, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date permitted by law.

Stanley C. Koci, Mayor-President of Council

Tracy M. Simons, CMC, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal content by: _____
John J. Montello, Law Director

PASSED: _____

FAILED: _____