

BEREA CITY COUNCIL

City of Berea, Ohio

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-80

By: Councilman Chris McManis Sponsor: Mayor Cyril M. Kleem

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SET, ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT STANDARDS SAFEGUARDING AGAINST CYBERSECURITY THREATS AND RANSOMWARE ATTACKS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, local governments have increasingly become targets for cybercriminals, as they can be vulnerable to cyber-attack schemes because of limited cybersecurity budgets, outdated systems and a range of accessible electronic and digital services; and

WHEREAS, cyber-attacks such as ransomware, phishing, social engineering, and data breaches disrupt government services, expose personal and financial information, incur significant costs, and reduce public trust; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Auditor of State's Bulletin 2025-007 and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §9.64(C), political subdivisions are required to set and adopt standards safeguarding against cybersecurity threats and ransomware attacks; and

WHEREAS, local governments must implement a cybersecurity program aligned with industry best practices that protects the availability, confidentiality, and integrity of its systems and data; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to enact a Cybersecurity Program that is compliant with Ohio Revised Code Section (ORC) §9.64, enacted through House Bill 96 that safeguards the entity's data, information technology, and information technology resources to ensure availability, confidentiality, and integrity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to set, adopt, and implement standards safeguarding data, information technology (IT), and information technology (IT) resources against cybersecurity threats and ransomware attacks.

SECTION 2. That the cybersecurity program shall be consistent with generally accepted best practices for cybersecurity consistent with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §9.64(C).

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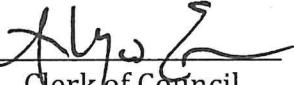
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SECTION 3. That all records and documents related to the City of Berea's cybersecurity program are exempt from public records disclosure, consistent with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §9.64(E).

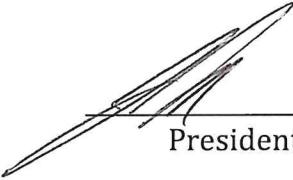
SECTION 4. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were approved in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Berea, Ohio, such emergency being the necessity to allow for the Cybersecurity Program to be enacted by the implementation deadline of January 1, 2026. Therefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

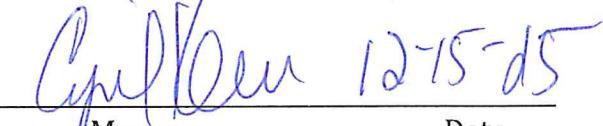
PASSED: *December 15, 2025*

ATTEST: 
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Director of Law
President of Council

APPROVED: *December 15, 2025*


Mayor

Date