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ORDINANCE NO. 86 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS, AFTER RECEIVING PUBLIC PROPOSALS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A CITY-OWNED 20 MW AC SOLAR ARRAY LOCATED AT THE HARDY ROAD LANDFILL; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF AKRON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, current legislation for renewable energy tax credits will expires soon; and

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WHEREAS, the Electric Department will be generating 20 MW AC of electricity via renewable solar power; and

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WHEREAS, the Electric Department will enter into a partnership with the City of Akron to lease the closed Hardy Road Landfill to house the solar array; and

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WHEREAS, the solar array will enable the Electric Department to stabilize the cost of power over the next 25 to 35 years by reducing the amount of energy the city has to purchase as well as peak shaving; and

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WHEREAS, the Electric Department has solicited and received public proposals for this work.

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

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Section 1. The Director of Public Service is hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, after receiving public proposals, for the purpose of constructing a Cityowned 20 MW AC solar array located at the Hardy Road Landfill.

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Section 2. The Director of Public Service is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the City of Akron for the lease of the Hardy Road Landfill for the purpose stated in Section 1.

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Section 3. The Mayor, Director of Public Service, Director of Finance, Director of Law, and other necessary City officials are authorized to provide such other information and to execute such other documents, and do all other actions as are necessary for and incidental to carrying out the requirements of this ordinance.

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Section 4. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to make payment for the same from the Electric Fund, line item Other Operations and Capital Outlay.

Section 5. Any other ordinances and resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

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Section 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including, to the extent applicable, Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

<u>Section 7.</u> This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof and for the further reason that the renewable energy tax credits will expire soon, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:	11-	24-	20	25
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President of Council

Clerk of Council

Approved: 11-24-2025

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