

AN ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing the City to retain membership in The Ohio Benefits Cooperative, Inc. (“OBC”) regional council of governments, to participate in its OBC Medical Purchasing Cooperative and authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, Director of Finance and Human Resources Director to do all things necessary for compliance with OBC By-Laws and the Jefferson Health Plan Agreement (“JHP”), all to provide medical and prescription drug coverage benefits for the City’s employees for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; authorizing expenditures necessary to fulfill the City’s obligations under the said By-Laws and JHP agreement; and finding a real and present emergency pursuant to Section 145.02 of the City’s Codified Ordinances.

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WHEREAS, the Ohio Benefits Cooperative, Inc. is an Ohio regional council of governments, is a member of the Jefferson Health Plan, also an Ohio regional council of governments, and can meet our needs to provide medical and prescription drug coverage benefits to employees, as well as stop loss coverage (i.e. reinsurance) for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to retain membership in the OBC and participate in the OBC Medical Purchasing Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by this Commission that the need to provide uninterrupted health care benefits, for City employees constitutes a real and present emergency requiring a waiver of the formal bidding requirements: NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio:

Section 1. That the City shall retain membership in the OBC and shall continue to abide by the By-Laws (on file with the City’s Finance Department), the Jefferson Health Plan Agreement (JHP) which will be the Administration Agreement for the OBC (on file with the City’s Finance Department), and other rules and regulations of the OBC as established by its governing body, collectively called the OBC/JHP arrangement.

Section 2. The City shall purchase through OBC Medical Purchasing Cooperative the OBC/JHP arrangement stop loss insurance, pooling, administration and other benefits services in order to provide medical and prescription drug coverage benefits for its employees in accordance with the rules and regulations of the OBC.

Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City any and all agreements, contracts, resolutions, instruments, certificates, forms and other documents, and take any and all actions required for the City to retain membership in the OBC, or otherwise effectuate this ordinance. Further, the City

Manager, Law Director, Director of Finance and Human Resources Director are authorized to do all things necessary for compliance with the said By-Laws and JHP agreement and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements.

Section 4. That the City Manager or his designee, is hereby appointed as the City's Member Representative to the OBC Board of Members. City Manager is further hereby authorized to vote on behalf of the City as an *ex officio* member of OBC Board of Members, in accordance with the governing documents of The Ohio Benefits Cooperative, Inc.

Section 5. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Commission, that all deliberations of this Commission and any committees that resulted in those formal sessions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, and the Commission has met all other statutory requirements for participation in a joint self-insurance program.

Section 6. That this City Commission hereby adopts the findings set forth in the above recitals, which are made a part of this ordinance, and further finds a real and present emergency exists pursuant to Section 145.02 of the City's Codified Ordinances requiring a waiver of the bidding requirements to obtain health care benefits.

Section 7. That the benefits provided and single/family coverage costs shall conform in all material respects to the Summary of Benefits effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025/2026 coverage year, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 8. That this Commission hereby authorizes the expenditure of City funds necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under the said By-Laws and JHP agreement and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements.

Section 9. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after fourteen (14) days from the date of its passage.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2025.

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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

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CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION