# Village of Bolivar, Ohio

Ordinance Number: O-24-2025

**TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND ADOPT THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR'S CYBERSECURITY GOVERNANCE & INCIDENT RESPONSE POLICY; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio H.B. 96, which takes effect on September 30, 2025, every local government must implement a cybersecurity program that ensures the availability, confidentiality, and integrity of its information systems; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Authority for the Village of Bolivar ("Bolivar") desires to enact this Ordinance to formalize and adopt a Cybersecurity Governance & Incident Response Policy to comply with the requirements of H.B. 96.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR, COUNTY OF TUSCARAWAS, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS ELECTED THERETO CONCURRING, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Authority for the Village of Bolivar hereby adopts a Cybersecurity Governance & Incident Response Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference as if fully rewritten.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance repeals all previous Ordinances, Resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict herewith.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and related 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 its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure in accordance with R.C. 731.30 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare for the reason that H.B. 96 mandates immediate adoption of a cybersecurity program by local governments; and, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED IN COUNCIL** this __4th__ day of __September,____ 2025.

Attest:

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Mayor Robert Lloyd Maria App, Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form by:

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Stephan P. Babik, Village Solicitor