

**COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-37

For the September 16, 2026
Council Meeting

Introduced by: Mayor Michael L. Booker
Supported by:

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2025-13 AND AUTHORIZING THE
PURCHASE OF AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF NOT TO EXCEED
\$655,000.00 TO PAY FOR THE COST OF ACQUIRING, EQUIPPING AND
OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW FIRE TRUCK, TOGETHER WITH ALL OTHER
NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, this Council previously approved Ordinance 2025-13 to authorize the sale of notes or bonds to finance the purchase of a new fire truck, but due to the delay is timely audits of the Village finances by the Ohio State Auditor, which delays are not the result of any actions on the part of the Village, the Village is unable to secure the ability to finance this purchase via the sale of bonds or notes, and

WHEREAS, the Village Finance Director has determined that the Village has sufficient funds on account to pay cash for the new fire truck, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to repeal Ordinance 2025-13 and to enact this ordinance to authorize the Finance Director to proceed to pay cash for the purchase of the new fire truck.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO:

Section 1: That Ordinance 2025-13 is hereby repealed.

Section 2: The Mayor and President of Council, when required, are hereby authorized to enter and execute contracts or related documents to facilitate the purchase of a new fire truck in an amount not to exceed \$655,000.00 from Johnson Fire Equipment.

Section 3: The Finance Director is hereby authorized to expend funds not to exceed \$655,000.00 for the purchase of the new fire truck from the Village General Fund.

Section 4: The Law Director shall review and approve any necessary documents or agreements for this purchase.

Section 5: Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an orderly meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Highland Hills, and for the reason it is necessary to immediately move forward with this project without delay in a timely manner, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-third (2/3) of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 16th day of September, 2026.

First Reading ✓ Second Reading _____ Third Reading _____

Vote: Pride ✓ yea ___ nay Greene ✓ yea ___ nay Mills ✓ yea ___ nay

McManus ✓ yea ___ nay Wright ✓ yea ___ nay

Cassandra Pride

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President of Council

9/16/26
Date

Attest: Margaret Sikon
Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council

9/16/26
Date

Filed with the Mayor: ✓

9/22/26
Date

Approved By: M. L. Booker
Michael L. Booker, Mayor

9/22/26
Date