

ORDINANCE 2026-8

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 9.64, enacted through House Bill 96, the village is required to adopt and maintain a cybersecurity program that safeguards its data, information technology systems, and resources to ensure confidentiality, availability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the law mandates use of generally accepted cybersecurity best practices, including frameworks such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the Center for Internet Security best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Jacksonville, having reviewed the recommendation of contracted IT experts, hereby adopts a cybersecurity program in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Jacksonville.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE, ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1: The Council of the Village of Jacksonville hereby adopts the procedures attached in "Exhibit A".

Section 2: It is hereby 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 any and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the law of the State of Ohio.

Section 3: This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure for the reason that the same is necessary for the protection of the public health, welfare, and safety of the residents of said Village, the Council of the Village of Jacksonville, having voted by a two-thirds or greater vote of all members of the Council to dispense with a dull and distinct reading of this Ordinance on three different dates; and having been so passed, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the signature of the Mayor and shall take effect at the earliest time allowable by law.

Passed: 3/25/26



Council President

Approved:



Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Heather Rockwell, Fiscal Officer for the Village of Jacksonville, Athens County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Jacksonville in open session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, and appears in the Village records as Ordinance No. 2026-8.

Publication of this Ordinance was made by posting a copy of the same in the following locations within the Village beginning on March 27, 2026 and concluding on April 13, 2026 (at least fifteen days later):

Jacksonville Post Office

Jacksonville Website: www.jacksonvilleoh.com

Jacksonville Municipal Building

ATTEST: DATE: 3/25/26

FISCAL OFFICER: Heather Rockwell