

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CYBERSECURITY GOVERNANCE PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIVERLEA

Introduced by Mussman

WHEREAS, the Village of Riverlea recognizes that information technology is essential to effectively and efficiently serve the needs of the community, and is committed to safeguarding the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the Village's information technology and data against the increasing and ever-changing cybersecurity threats; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Rev. Code § 9.64, enacted through House Bill 96 signed by Governor DeWine on June 30, 2025, ("ORC §9.64") requires political subdivisions to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards the entity's data, information technology, and information technology resources to ensure availability, confidentiality, 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 (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework and the Center for Internet Security (CIS) CIS Critical Security Controls® (CIS Controls®) best practices; and Riverlea has selected the NIST framework; and

WHEREAS, ORC §9.64 provides that "a political subdivision experiencing a ransomware incident shall not pay or otherwise comply with a ransom demand unless the political subdivision's legislative authority formally approves the payment or compliance with the ransom demand in a resolution or ordinance that specifically states why the payment or compliance with the ransom demand is in the best interest of the political subdivision"; and,

WHEREAS, ORC §9.64 provides that records, documents, or reports related to the cybersecurity program and framework, and reports of a cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident are **not** public records and that records identifying cybersecurity-related software, hardware, goods, and services, that are being considered for procurement, have been procured, or are being used by a political subdivision, including the vendor name, product name, project name, or project description, are considered security records and are not public records subject to disclosure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Riverlea, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Village Council adopts the cybersecurity program as represented by the Riverlea Cybersecurity Program document as prepared by the Mayor in consultation with the Clerk-Treasurer and Web manager, consistent with the requirements

of Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(C) and aligned with generally accepted best practices, such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) framework;

Section 2: The cybersecurity program shall implement the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to identify and mitigate risks, assess potential impacts, detect and respond to threats, restore affected systems, and maintain ongoing protection of Village assets and data. The program shall include annual cybersecurity training for employees, align with state and federal best practices, and ensure third-party providers meet applicable security standards to achieve practical, measurable, and cost-effective improvements in defending against cyber threats such as ransomware and phishing.

Section 3: The Mayor in consultation with the Clerk-Treasurer, Web Manager and Village Solicitor, shall oversee the implementation, documentation, and annual review of the cybersecurity program to ensure continued alignment with state requirements and best practices.

Section 4. That upon discovering a cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident has occurred involving the Village of Riverlea, the Mayor shall notify
a) Village Council and the Executive Director of Ohio Homeland Security within the Ohio Department of Public Safety as soon as reasonably possible but not later than seven days after discovering the incident and b) the Auditor of State as soon as reasonably possible but not later than thirty days after discovering the incident.

Section 5: All records and documents related to the City's cybersecurity program are exempt from public records disclosure, consistent with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(E).

Section 6. Open Meetings. That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with law.

Section 7. Effective Date. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest date permitted by law.

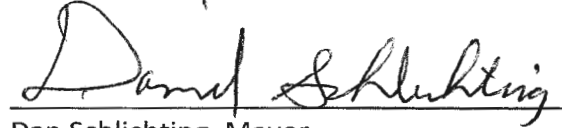
Section 8. Publication. That pursuant to Sections 731.25, Ohio Revised Code, the Council of the Village of Riverlea hereby determines that publication of this ordinance in a newspaper is unnecessary and does hereby determine that this ordinance shall be published by posting copies hereof in the four following places which are determined to be the five most public places in the Village of Riverlea, Ohio:

1. The Circle on West Riverglen Drive.
2. The Ravine Park on West Riverglen Drive.
3. Lot 194, 286 Beverly Place.
4. Lot 75 on West Riverglen Drive.

5. Lot 7 on West Southington Avenue.

Copies of this ~~Resolution~~^{ordinance} shall be posted continuously in the above-mentioned places for a period of fifteen (15) days and at the expiration thereof this ~~Resolution~~^{ordinance} shall become effective.

2026. **WHEREUPON**, this ~~Resolution~~^{ordinance} was adopted this 16 day of June,


Dan Schlichting, Mayor

ATTEST
Joshua C. Mehling, Clerk-Treasurer

