

COUNCIL CHAMBER

VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – O - 03

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DRONESENSE FOR THE OHIO DRONES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS PILOT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Drones for First Responders (DFR) Pilot Program was created under Ohio House Bill 96 to support the use of drones by law enforcement, fire departments and emergency medical services. The program aims to assess how drone technology can improve situational awareness, reduce emergency response time and enhance public and responder safety; and

WHEREAS, DFR programs utilize pre-positioned or immediately dispatchable drones to reach emergency scenes before ground units, providing real time situational awareness via live video feeds; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Kelleys Island has been selected to participate in the pilot program and after purchasing the equipment that meets the programs requirements, the Village can submit and invoice for payment by ODOT.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, COUNTY OF ERIE AND STATE OF OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Dronesense to provide products and services for use in the DFR program in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

SECTION 2. That the funds needed for this transaction are hereby appropriated or will be appropriated.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the Village of Kelleys Island concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of such body, and that all deliberations of the Council of the Village of Kelleys Island and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Kelleys Island, and for the further reason that agency operations are supposed to commence by June, 2026, therefore, this Ordinance shall be in effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

DATED THIS 11th OF April, 2026.



MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR

ATTEST:



LISA M. KLONARIS, CLERK-TREASURER