

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2026

**TITLE: THE STRAIT & LAMP LUMBER COMPANY, INCORPORATED
BARBERTON WORKS GRANT AGREEMENT**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A BARBERTON
WORKS BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STRAIT & LAMP
LUMBER COMPANY, INCORPORATED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interest of its residents to encourage the creation of job opportunities throughout the City, and, as such operates the Barberton Works Business Incentive Grant Program (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, The Strait & Lamp Lumber Company, Incorporated (the “Company”), intends to purchase certain real property located at 250 S. Van Buren Ave., Barberton, OH 44203, and identified as Parcel Number 0115413 and 0113524 in the Summit County Records (the “Project Site”); and

WHEREAS, the Company intends to undertake improvements to the existing commercial buildings on the Project Site and to construct new commercial buildings on the Project Site (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in addition to undertaking the Project, the Company intends to create at the Project 23 new permanent full-time positions, with a new full-time employee payroll of \$1,400,000 by December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Company has submitted an application to participate in the Program and the Mayor has recommended that Council approve grant incentives for the Company as set forth in the Barberton Works Business Incentive Grant Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Grant Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to act under its full Home Rule powers as granted by Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, as well as its economic development powers granted under Ohio Constitution Article VIII, Section 13 and Article VIII, Section 2(p); and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that it is necessary, and in the best interest of the City, to authorize the Grant Agreement with the Company for the furtherance of the Project and the creation of the aforementioned employment positions in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County of the City of Barberton, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby approves the form of the Grant Agreement and authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute and deliver, on behalf of the City, the Grant Agreement.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, Law Director and Finance Director are each hereby authorized to take any further action on behalf of the City as shall be necessary to provide the Exemption for the Project.

SECTION 3. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to timely provide the aforementioned incentive to the Company to induce it to proceed with the purchase the Project Site; and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed February 9, 2026

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2026

Mayor