

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2026

**TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT
NEXT NATURE ENVIRONMENTAL
HARTER PARK RENOVATION**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NEXT NATURE ENVIRONMENTAL TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT THE UPCOMING HARTER PARK RENOVATION PROJECT USING THE CITY’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUND ALLOCATION OF \$125,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City went out for Requests for Proposals (RFOs) and the City received bids from three environmental firms; and

WHEREAS, the City had our Harter Park Improvement Project Committee consisting of Missy Shifferly, Stacy Carr, Holly Evans, Cory Hunt, and Habitat for Humanity reviewed all three firms; and

WHEREAS, the determination was unanimous that Next Nature Environmental is the most qualified to carry out this project for the City of Barberton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City of Barberton is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Next Nature Environmental to design and implement the upcoming Harter Park Renovation Project using the City’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund allocation of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$125,000.00).

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined 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 and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, in order to execute the contract in a timely manner and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed March 23, 2026

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2026

Mayor