



# City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton  
Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

## Signature

Ordinance: ORD-0001-2026

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A PERPETUAL EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ACCESS TO THE OHIO POWER COMPANY (AEP) FOR PRIMARY ELECTRIC SERVICE AT 825 TECH CENTER DRIVE; WAIVING SECOND READING, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, The City owns real property located at 825 Tech Center Drive, which has been identified as the site for a consolidated facility to serve the operational needs of Police Headquarters, City Hall, and the Senior Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Construction of said facility commenced in May 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in early 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation and a unit of American Electric Power (AEP), provides primary electric service to the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, The City and Ohio Power Company have determined that it is necessary to relocate the primary electrical service into the building from the eastern property line; and

**WHEREAS**, Such relocation requires the placement of new electrical infrastructure within a perpetual easement across City-owned property, as more fully described and depicted in the attached EXHIBIT A (AEP Easement Agreement - 825 Tech Center Drive), which shall run with the land; and

**WHEREAS**, Granting said easement and right-of-way access is necessary to ensure timely completion of construction and uninterrupted electrical service to the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, The Administration has requested that this Ordinance be passed with a waiver of a second reading and as an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare; to wit: alignment with construction schedules and utility coordination requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That City Council hereby authorizes and approves the grant of a perpetual easement and right-of-way to Ohio Power Company for the purpose of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing, and replacing primary electric service facilities on City-owned property located at 825 Tech Center Drive, as legally described and depicted in the attached EXHIBIT A easement agreement.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor and/or any other necessary City officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute the easement agreement and all related documents on behalf of the City, and to take all actions necessary to effectuate this Ordinance, including recording the easement with the Franklin County Recorder upon acceptance by Ohio Power Company.

**Section 3.** That the second reading is hereby waived.

**Section 4.** That for the reasons set forth in the preamble above, this Ordinance is declared an emergency measure which shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and on date of signature of

approval by the Mayor.

At a regular meeting of the City Council on January 2, 2026 a motion was made by Schnetzger, seconded by Renner, that the Second Reading be Waived. The vote was as follows:

Ms. Bowers, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. McGregor, yes; Ms. Padova, yes;  
Mr. Renner, yes; Mr. Schnetzger, yes; Mr. Weaver, yes.

A motion was made by Schnetzger, seconded by Bowers, that the Ordinance be Adopted as an Emergency. The vote was as follows:

Ms. Bowers, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. McGregor, yes; Ms. Padova, yes;  
Mr. Renner, yes; Mr. Schnetzger, yes; Mr. Weaver, yes.

President [Signature] Date 1-2-25

Attest by Jeremy A. Van Meter Date 1/2/2026  
Jeremy A. VanMeter  
Clerk of Council

Approved by the Mayor [Signature] Date 1.2.2026  
Laurie A. Jadwin

Approved as to Form [Signature] Date 1/2/2026  
Priya D. Tamlarasan  
City Attorney