



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Ordinance: ORD-0032-2025

File Number: ORD-0032-2025

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN REAL ESTATE WITHIN THE 2024 SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, TO APPROVE COSTS AND QUANTITIES, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, construction and maintenance activities for the 2024 Sidewalk Maintenance Program have been completed in accordance with Gahanna Code Chapter 903 - "Construction, Maintenance, and Renewal of Pedestrian Facilities"; and

WHEREAS, Section 903.4(a)(10) requires a public hearing upon the completion of such activities to consider objections related to mistakes of fact concerning the allocation of assessments; and

WHEREAS, property owners within the 2024 Sidewalk Maintenance Program Area were duly notified of the public hearing by U.S. Mail dated July 11, 2025, and notice was published on the City's website, social media, and in a public kiosk, in accordance with Section 903.4(a)(10)(A); and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on August 4, 2025, and no valid claims of mistake of fact were substantiated to alter the assessments as calculated; and

WHEREAS, each property shall bear 50% of the cost for repairs performed along their frontage, with field-measured quantities and costs confirmed by the City Engineer and reviewed by City Council pursuant to Section 903.4(a)(10)(B); and

WHEREAS, the property owners of record shall have thirty (30) days following the hearing to pay the assessed amount in full, after which the Clerk shall certify the assessments, including effective date and rate of interest, to the Franklin County Auditor for addition to the property tax duplicates; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends passage of the ordinance as an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; to wit: meeting the County Auditor's deadline of September 8, 2025, for the submission of assessments.

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

Section 1. The actual measured quantities and field costs of the 2024 Sidewalk Maintenance Program, as determined and certified by the City Engineer and attached hereto and incorporated herein as EXHIBIT A, are hereby approved and accepted.

Section 2. The City is hereby authorized to levy special assessments on the properties identified within the 2024 Sidewalk Maintenance Program Area, each bearing 50% of the cost of improvements along their frontage.

Section 3. The Clerk is directed to certify the final assessments, their effective dates, and applicable interest rates to the Franklin County Auditor for inclusion in the tax duplicate of each affected parcel, following the thirty-day payment period.

Section 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the City of Gahanna, and for the further reason that the Franklin

County Auditor's deadline for assessment submissions is September 8, 2025. Therefore, this Ordinance 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 August 18, 2025, a motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Renner, 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. Schnetzer, yes; Mr. Weaver, yes.

President Merisa K. Bowers
Merisa K. Bowers

Date 8/18/2025

Attest by Jeremy A. VanMeter
Jeremy A. VanMeter
Clerk of Council

Date 8/19/2025

Approved by the Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin
Laurie A. Jadwin

Date 8-18-2025

Approved as to Form PDT
Priya D. Tamilarasan
City Attorney

Date 8/18/25