RESOLUTION 26 – 43, 2026
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY POLICY AS REQUIRED BY OHIO REVISED CODE AND DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio implemented Ohio Revised Code §9.64, enacted in HB 96 (136th G.A.), requiring all local governments and jurisdictions to establish a cybersecurity policy; the original deadline of September 30, 2025 was extended to require that all cities and counties must adopt a policy by January 1, 2026, and all other agencies are required to adopt a policy by July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this requirement is to strengthen protections of public data, information systems, and technology resources from cybersecurity threats and risks; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Township recognizes the importance of safeguarding sensitive and confidential information entrusted to Columbia Township; and

WHEREAS, a draft Cybersecurity Policy has been prepared and reviewed by staff and is recommended for adoption as a framework for compliance with Ohio Revised Code §9.64 and HB 96; and

WHEREAS, the policy provides guidance on access control, system security, data protection, incident response, training, and vendor management, while requiring consultation with IT professionals and legal counsel for implementation and customization;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, upon majority vote, hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the [Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

1. The attached **Cybersecurity Policy** is hereby adopted as the official policy of Columbia Township.

2. This policy shall take effect August 15, 2026 and implementation of technical and training requirements no later than December 31, 2026.

3. The Board of Trustees shall distribute the adopted policy to all township departments, employees, and relevant contractors, and to ensure compliance in partnership with IT providers and legal counsel.

4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption by the Columbia Township Board of Trustees.

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Motion to accept Resolution made by: MR. KUBICKI

Seconded by: MR. LAMAR

VOTE:

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki, Chair	YES		07-14-2026
Brian Lamar, Vice-Chair	yes		07-14-2026
Steve Brokamp, Trustee			07-14-2026

ATTEST: _____ 07-14-2026
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____ _____
Law Director

Refer to attached Cybersecurity Policy