

VILLAGE OF LOCKLAND, OHIO
ORDINANCE # 2026 - 25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF KATHLEEN FARRO RYAN AND THE LAW FIRM OF WOOD AND LAMPING LLP TO SERVE AS LAW DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE GENERAL AND PROSECUTORIAL LEGAL SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF LOCKLAND, OHIO AND MICHAEL KEELING AS MAYOR'S COURT MAGISTRATE OF THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS,** It is necessary for the Village of Lockland to employ lawyers to fill the various legal needs of the Village; and
- WHEREAS,** Kathleen Farro Ryan and the law firm of Wood and Lamping LLP have proven capable of providing general legal services; and
- WHEREAS,** Kathleen Farro Ryan and Hanna Puthoff shall further serve as Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor for matters at Lockland's Mayor's Court, and where necessary, Hamilton County Municipal Court; and
- WHEREAS,** Michael Keeling has been retained to serve as Lockland's Mayor's Court Magistrate; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Lockland, State of Ohio, that:

- SECTION I** Kathleen Farro Ryan and the law firm of Wood and Lamping LLP is retained and appointed to provide general legal and prosecutorial services to the Village of Lockland at the rate of \$250.00 per hour for the remainder of 2026, which includes representation in all courts where said services may be necessary.
- SECTION II** Michael Keeling is retained and appointed to provide service as Magistrate in Lockland Mayor's Court at a rate of \$500 per session of court.
- SECTION III** The rates and appointments contained herein shall be for calendar year 2026, but shall continue until such time that they are adjusted by Council ordinance, to the extent provided by statute.

SECTION IV Lockland, or any of the attorneys named in this Ordinance, may terminate the relationship provided for herein upon thirty (30) days' written notice.

SECTION V This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and general welfare of the Village of Lockland and shall, therefore, become effective immediately. The reason for said emergency is the immediate necessity for the Village to have ongoing legal services available in 2026.

Adopted this 13 day of April, 2026.

Attested: Kathy Pittman
Clerk of Council, Kathy Pittman

Mark Mason Sr.
Mayor, Mark Mason Sr.