

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2026

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC)
2026 COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry, Ohio, is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for the 2026 Community Event Sponsorship Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry wishes to accept the Sponsorship from NOPEC and to authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary paperwork to accept the same; and

WHEREAS, Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Village to provide for same.

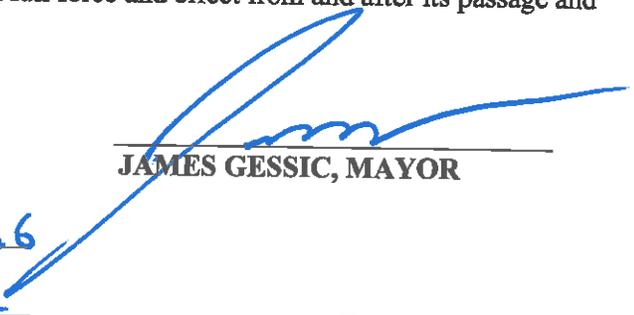
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Council of the Village of Perry finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village of Perry to accept the 2026 Community Event Sponsorship Funds from NOPEC and authorizes the Mayor to execute the Application with NOPEC in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Perry.

Wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.



JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR

ADOPTED: March 12, 2026

ATTEST: John H. Roskos
JOHN H. ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER

FIRST READING 1/8/26
SECOND READING 2/12/26
THIRD READING 3/12/26

The 2026 Community Event Sponsorship Program

Who is NOPEC?

The Northeastern Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) is a non-profit energy supplier that provides competitive energy cost savings to residents and small businesses using a buy in bulk method. NOPEC negotiates for lower energy rates and better terms and conditions, educates residents and customers on how they can conserve energy and save even more on their energy bills and advocates for customer-friendly legislation at both the state and federal level.

What is the NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Program?

Each year NOPEC designates funds to support events held in participating communities. NOPEC funds are available through designation at the community level towards events that are free and open to all residents. The event can also help NOPEC educate residents about energy efficiency and programs available to them. NOPEC does not sponsor religious centered events, political events, events that do not align with NOPEC's mission, values and statutory authority, events that may be viewed as discriminatory, or events sponsored by other energy aggregators or competitors. Please also view NOPEC's Event Sponsorship Program video at: <https://www.nopec.org/communities/member-benefits/community-event-sponsorship-program/>

Whom do I contact with more questions?

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Community Outreach Team at sponsorships@nopec.org or by calling (440) 772-0429

Organization Acknowledgment

I understand that 'the organization', as named below, is the entity receiving the Sponsorship Dollars. This can be a non-profit organization, a for-profit entity, or your community.

Initials

If the community, _____, is the recipient of these funds, we designate
Community Name
_____ as the party responsible for upholding the requirements outlined below.
Department/Committee

Initials

In exchange for participating in the 2026 Community Event Sponsorship Program,

_____ acknowledges and agrees to all the following:
The Organization

- The Organization agrees to use Program funds only as it has represented on this application. If funds remain after their intended use, the Organization agrees to return any excess funds to NOPEC.
- The Organization will keep a written record of the use of Program funds. NOPEC may ask the Organization for an accounting or itemization of actual use of Program funds. If records are unavailable or demonstrate misuse of Program funds, the Organization agrees to return such Program funds to NOPEC immediately. The Organization also acknowledges that misuse of Program funds will disqualify the Organization from future participation in the Program.
- The Organization is responsible for its compliance with all state and federal laws regarding the event and use of Program funds.
- NOPEC provides the Organization with limited rights to use and reproduce NOPEC's name and logo solely in association with the sponsored community Event.
- NOPEC is a governmental entity subject to the Ohio Public Records Act and may be called upon to produce NOPEC's public records related to this Program.
- NOPEC does not assume any liability for the acts of the Organization or the community event.
- The Organization agrees to hold NOPEC, its Board and employees harmless for any liability arising out of the Organization's action or the event.
- The Responsible Person signing this letter below is authorized to legally bind the Organization. The Responsible Person's signature may be executed electronically and accepted as the Organization's approval.

Responsible Party of Organization Signature

Date

ACH DIRECT CREDIT AUTHORIZATION FORM

I authorize NOPEC to initiate electronic credit entries, and if necessary, I will work with NOPEC to initiate debit entries and adjustments for any credit entries that may be necessary to resolve an error in error to the account listed below. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. This authority will remain in effect until I have cancelled it in writing.

ACCOUNT NAME _____

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION NAME _____

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION CITY AND STATE _____

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ROUTING/TRANSIT NUMBER _____

ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

CHECKING SAVINGS

AUTHORIZED SIGNER _____

DATE _____

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THE AUTHORIZATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

^a Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

1	Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
2	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ^a _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.	
5	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
6	City, state, and ZIP code	
7	List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
OR									
Employer identification number									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ^a

Date ^a

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

Community Acknowledgment Form

I _____ have been appointed by duly elected
Name Job Title
Chief Executive Officer _____ to act as designee for _____
Mayor/CEO Name Community
for purposes of the 2026 NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Program.

In providing my signature, I _____ agree to all guidelines, conditions, and requirements
Name
outlined below in this agreement and confirm my role as community designee.

Sponsorship Guidelines

All applications for funds must be received by April 30, 2026.

Conditions of funding:

1. The event must be free and open to all residents of your community.
2. Provide an engagement opportunity, enabling NOPEC to connect with residents in a meaningful and relevant way that would not be otherwise possible without the sponsorship.
3. NOPEC logo and/or name exposure is desired and preferred but is not required in order to receive sponsorship funds.
4. Each receiving entity must provide a completed Community Event Sponsorship Organization Agreement packet.
 - a. NO PAPER CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED.
5. All information submitted is confidential. Personal information collected through the process is needed to assess your communities' application and, if awarded, the sponsorship's administration.
6. Funds will be disbursed no later than the end of the Third Quarter of the award year.

NOPEC will not sponsor:

1. Religious centered events.
2. Political campaign events.
3. Events that do not align with NOPEC's mission and values.
 - a. Determined upon application review.
4. Discriminatory events.
5. Duplicate existing sponsorships or involve direct competitors.

NOPEC Vendor Requirements:

- When possible, NOPEC prefers to provide funds to non-profit organizations to facilitate the planning and execution of events.
- NOPEC will provide funds to for-profit groups when necessary.
- All communities and vendors must complete necessary documentation and upload it to the application portal to receive sponsorship funds.
 - For communities, this will confirm that you are disbursing the funds allocated for your community to your chosen vendor.
 - For vendors, this includes a W-9, ACH form, and a signed vendor agreement.

Print name

Signature

Date