

**VILLAGE OF BLOOMDALE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO**  
**ORDINANCE NO: 2026-O-03**  
**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CYBERSECURITY**  
**PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO HOUSE BILL 96**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the adoption of House Bill 96 by the Ohio General Assembly and, specifically, Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64, the Village of Bloomdale, Wood County, Ohio, is required to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards its data, information technology (IT) systems, and resources to ensure confidentiality, availability, and integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Bloomdale has reviewed the guidance provided by the Auditor of State through Bulletin 2025-007; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Bloomdale hereby establishes a cybersecurity policy on the following terms and conditions as set forth in this Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMDALE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1:** The Village of Bloomdale hereby adopts a cybersecurity program policy.

**SECTION 2:** The cybersecurity program shall be consistent with generally accepted cybersecurity standards that entities use to build best practices for cybersecurity, and include, but not limited to, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) cybersecurity framework and the Center for International Security (CIS) cybersecurity best practices.

**SECTION 3:** Upon discovering a cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident, the Village of Bloomdale shall notify the Executive Director of Ohio Homeland Security within the Ohio Department of Public Safety not later than seven (7) days after discovering the incident, and the Ohio Auditor of State not later than thirty (30) days after discovering the incident.

**SECTION 4:** The cybersecurity program shall be compliant with all the applicable laws regarding this cybersecurity program under Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64.

**SECTION 5:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of the Council or any of its Committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements of the Village of Bloomdale and the State of Ohio.

**SECTION 6:** This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

**WHEREFORE**, this Ordinance shall take and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: April 28, 26

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: May 12, 26

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: May 26, 2026

ADOPTED DATE: May 26, 2026

Bethany Vincent  
Bethany Vincent, Mayor

Kathy Simon  
Kathy Simon, President of Council

ATTEST: Ada Kitchen  
Ada Kitchen, Fiscal Officer-Clerk

DATE: May 26, 2026

**VILLAGE OF BLOOMDALE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO**  
**Program for Cybersecurity Policy Required by Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64.**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a program for safeguarding the Village of Bloomdale's data, information technology, and information technology (IT) resources to ensure availability, confidentiality, and integrity in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section .

**Policy Statement**

The Village of Bloomdale is committed to safeguarding its information systems against cybersecurity threats and ensuring compliance with ORC §9.64. This policy applies to all elected officials, employees, contractors, vendors, and third parties who access or manage the Village of Bloomdale's technology resources.

**Cyber Incident Response and Notification**

The Village of Bloomdale's IT Director, or their designee, shall be the lead employee responsible for coordinating a response to a breach of cyber security.

In the event of a cybersecurity incident, the IT Director, or their designee, shall be responsible for and notifying the following parties in compliance with ORC §9.64:

- The executive director of the Division of Homeland Security within the Department of Public Safety within seven (7) days of when the Village of Bloomdale discovers the incident.
- Ohio Auditor of State with thirty (30) days of discovery of the incident.

**Training**

All Village of Bloomdale employees are required to complete cybersecurity awareness training annually.

Employees that work within the IT department or have access to sensitive data will receive additional, specialized training.

Regardless of who provided the training, the curriculum should be consistent with the Ohio persistent cyber initiative program of the Ohio cyber range institute.

**Ransomware Payment Policy**

Consistent with the requirements of ORC §9.64, the Village of Bloomdale shall not make a ransomware payment unless the Village of Bloomdale Council approves such payment by an ordinance or resolution, which shall include an explanation detailing why the payment is in the best interests of the Village of Bloomdale.