CITY OF FOSTORIA, OHIO

Ordinance No.: 2025 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE

Amending section 951.01 of Chapter 951 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled “HOURS OF OPERATION” adding a provision for overnight parking at the Fostoria Rail Park.

 WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined that it would be beneficial to amend the hours of operation of the Fostoria Rail Park to provide for overnight parking with applicable permit.

 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Fostoria, Seneca, Hancock, and Wood Counties, Ohio:

SECTION 1: The Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio be, and the same hereby is, amended by clarifying the restrictions on commercial vehicle parking contained in section 951.01, of Chapter 951, “HOURS OF OPERATION” which shall read as follows:

**951.01  HOURS OF OPERATION.**

   (a)   The City parks’ hours shall be dawn until dark, with the exception of activities for which the City provides lighting, such as baseball, softball, ice skating, tennis and the annual 4th of July fireworks display. Any other exception must be approved by the Director of Public Service and Safety. (Ord. 97-35. Passed 6-3-97.)

   (b)   The City reservoirs shall be closed to all persons, except duly-authorized police, fire or emergency personnel, from dusk (one half-hour after sunset) to dawn (one half-hour before sunrise). Exceptions shall be as follows: fishing from dikes and banks, which is permitted twenty-four hours a day; fishing from boats and watercraft, which is permitted twenty-four hours a day on reservoirs which permit boating; and ice fishing, which is permitted twenty-four hours a day only at City Reservoirs 5 and 6 and only when the ice is thick enough to be safe.

 (c) Recreational vehicles may be parked overnight at the Rail Park for a period not to exceed seven consecutive days, provided a permit is obtained from the office of the Mayor/Safety Service Director and the required fee is paid. Permits must be visibly displayed in the front driver’s side window at all times.

 SECTION 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

 SECTION 3: That in order to preserve the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Fostoria and its inhabitants, this measure shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law after its passage for the reason that this ordinance is necessary for the inhabitants of the City of Fostoria.

 THEREFORE, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to Council, and signature by the Mayor, this ordinance shall go into immediate force and effect.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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 Brian Shaver, Council President

ATTEST:

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Tamara L. Drake, Clerk of Council

 Filed with me and approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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 Don Mennel, Mayor