

**ORDINANCE NO. 1773**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF COLDWATER, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21, 2026; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, in September 2015, a Mutual Aid Agreement (“2015 Agreement”) was entered into among the police departments of the Villages of Rockford, Coldwater, Ft. Recovery, and St. Henry (the “Member Departments”) to establish terms under which the Member Departments would provide mutual aid and additional police protection when needed;

WHEREAS, the Member Departments have successfully worked together under the 2015 Agreement to provide efficient and effective police services and enhanced public safety for their respective communities;

WHEREAS, political subdivisions are authorized to enter into contracts for the purpose of providing emergency police protection to other political subdivisions pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 505.43, 737.04, and 1545.131;

WHEREAS, the City of Celina, Ohio has expressed its desire to participate in a mutual aid agreement with the Member Departments;

WHEREAS, the police departments of the Villages of Rockford, Coldwater, Ft. Recovery, and St. Henry, together with the City of Celina, Ohio, have agreed to enter into a new Mutual Aid Agreement effective February 21, 2026, to remain in continuous effect unless terminated in accordance with its terms, and to supersede all prior mutual aid agreements among the parties (the “2026 Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the 2026 Agreement is intended to be fully reciprocal among the participating departments and to be utilized only in circumstances involving an actual or potential condition posing an immediate threat to life, serious bodily injury, and/or property damage that exceeds the capabilities of a single department.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Coldwater, Ohio, three-fourths of all members elected thereto concurring that:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and Chief of Police of the Village of Coldwater, Ohio are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Villages of Rockford, Coldwater, Ft. Recovery, and St. Henry, and the City of Celina, Ohio, and to execute all documents necessary or incidental thereto, for the purpose of providing reciprocal emergency police assistance. The 2026 Agreement shall be effective February 21, 2026, shall remain in continuous effect unless terminated in accordance with its terms, and shall supersede all prior mutual aid agreements among the parties. A copy of the 2026 Agreement is attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and has been reviewed in its entirety by all members of Council. Upon execution, the 2026 Agreement shall replace and supersede the previously executed 2015 Mutual

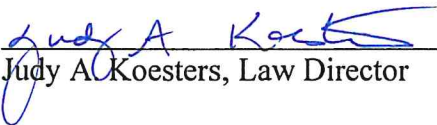
Aid Agreement.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the Village of Coldwater. The reason for this emergency is the need to ensure the uninterrupted availability of mutual police aid to neighboring jurisdictions in order to protect the public and preserve life and property. Accordingly, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Passed on this 9th day of February, 2026.

  
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Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Approved:

  
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Judy A. Koesters, Law Director

Attest:

  
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Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council

CERTIFICATE

I, Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council of the Village of Coldwater, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 1773 passed by the Council for the Village of Coldwater, Ohio on the 9th day of February, 2026.

Witness my hand at the Village of Coldwater, Ohio this 9th day of February. 2026.

  
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Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council