

VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS	Codified?	First Reading _____	Waiver 3-Reading Rule _____
ORDINANCE 2025-8-11	Yes _____	Second Reading _____	Yes _____
INTRODUCED BY _____	No _____	Third Reading <u>X</u>	No _____

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
AND TRANSPARENCY COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to increase knowledge, share more information, and increase the feedback loop between government and residents; and

WHEREAS, citizen interaction and two-way involvement are positive, effective means of improving government efficiency and openness; and

WHEREAS, citizen involvement in public decision-making processes fosters a culture of open government, increases public trust, and ensures accountability by providing access to information, facilitating meaningful public participation, and making government services more responsive to community needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Boston Heights, Summit County, State of Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. The Village of Boston Heights’ Community Engagement and Transparency Commission is hereby established. The Commission is empowered to conduct research, draft legislation, and make recommendations to the Council for actions and expenditures.

Section 2. The Commission shall have at least three members, including a minimum of one Council member and two volunteer residents of the village. Each member shall be appointed by Village Council. The Commission shall elect its own Chair and may adopt its own parliamentary procedures and/or rules.

Section 3. The Commission’s first responsibility is to develop and implement policies and guidelines for sharing Village-related information and promotions via electronic channels, including Facebook, the Village website, the Village app, text messages, and any future initiatives.

Section 4. The Commission’s second responsibility is to develop and implement policies and guidelines for printed communications, including a community newsletter and any future related initiatives.

Section 5. The Commission’s third responsibility is to develop and implement live streaming of public meetings, improve the efficiency and effectiveness of sharing Village Council and other boards and commission meeting agendas and meetings and any future related initiatives.

Section 6. The Commission shall exist until November 20, 2027.

Section 7. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 8. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in a duly noticed open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

RON ANTAL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

I, Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer and Clerk of the Council for the Village of Boston Heights, Summit County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance 2025-8-11** was duly passed by the Council of the Village of Boston Heights, County of Summit, State of Ohio at a meeting of Council on this **27th day of January, 2026.**

SCOTT VARNEY, FISCAL OFFICER