

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-13
INTRODUCED BY:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC BUILDING CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND UPDATES TO THE VILLAGE'S BUILDING CODES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Bentleyville recognizes the importance of maintaining up-to-date and effective building codes to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds it necessary to conduct a thorough review of existing building codes and recommend updates in accordance with best practices, state regulations, and the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, an ad hoc committee comprised of council members, village staff, and community stakeholders will provide valuable input and recommendations to the Village Council regarding potential updates to the building codes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Bentleyville, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Ad Hoc Building Code Review Committee ("Committee") is hereby established for the purpose of reviewing the Village's building codes and making recommendations to the Village Council regarding updates and amendments.

Section 2. **Composition of the Committee**

That the Committee shall be composed of the following members, to be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the Village Council:

1. The mayor or her designee
2. The Village Building Inspector/Engineer
3. The Village Law Director
4. Those of the members of the Village of Bentleyville's Planning and Zoning Commission who elect to join the Committee
5. One (1) member of Council not presently seated on the Village of Bentleyville's Planning and Zoning Commission.

Section 3. The Committee may consult with additional experts as needed, including legal counsel, fire safety officials, and other professionals.

Section 4. **Duties and Responsibilities**

The Committee shall:

1. Conduct a comprehensive review of the existing building codes.
2. Identify outdated, inconsistent, or inadequate provisions.
3. Research best practices and compliance with state and federal regulations.
4. Engage with the public and stakeholders for input.

5. Prepare and submit a report with recommendations to the Village Council with in one year from the date of its first meeting.

Section 5. Meetings and Compliance with Ohio Law

The Committee shall:

1. Meet as necessary to fulfill its duties.
2. Meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with Ohio's Open Meeting Act (ORC 121.22)
3. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the appointed members.

Section 6. Dissolution

The Committee shall be dissolved upon submission of its final report and recommendations to the Village Council, unless extended by council action.

Section 7.

This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety to ensure the timely review and updating building codes. Accordingly, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage.

Passed: April 16, 2025

Kathy M. Gels
Mayor

I, the undersigned Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bentleyville, Ohio, hereby certifies that I published the foregoing Ordinance in the Chagrin Valley Times as required by Section 731.21 of the R.C., for a period of fifteen (15) days, beginning the date following the passage and signature of the mayor.

[Signature]
Fiscal Officer

I, the undersigned Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bentleyville, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance 2025-13 duly enacted by the Council of said Village on this 16th day of April, 2025.

[Signature]
Fiscal Officer