

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 2**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE PHASE II STORMWATER SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS FOR THE YEARS 2026-2030, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1. The Administration of the City of Parma Heights is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Municipality a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, to provide for the City's authority and consent to have the County perform Phase II Stormwater Services to the City of Parma Heights, Ohio during the years 2026-2030, in accordance with Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference as if fully rewritten.

Section 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Municipality, and for further reason it is necessary to enter into said MOU immediately to maintain the City's compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for stormwater management; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED:

January 26, '26

Thomas Rounds  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Barbara Allen  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

January 26, 2026  
APPROVED

FILED WITH

THE MAYOR:

January 26, '26

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MAYOR MARIE GALLO

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

## **CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AUTHORITY AND CONSENT TO PROVIDE PHASE II STORMWATER SERVICES IN 2026 - 2030**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between The Cuyahoga County Board of Health ("CCBH") and The City of Parma Heights ("City"), both separate political subdivisions of the State of Ohio.

**WHEREAS:** The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is committed to improving the water quality in Cuyahoga County and protecting the health of the residents within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS:** In response to the implementation of the US EPA's Phase II Stormwater Regulations on March 10, 2003, CCBH developed its Stormwater Management Program to assist municipalities in Cuyahoga County and Northeast Ohio in creating their stormwater management plans and meeting their required stormwater management goals; and

**WHEREAS:** Each municipality within Northeast Ohio has been issued an MS4 permit by the Ohio EPA which requires each municipality to perform specific functions related to inspecting and monitoring stormwater within the municipality; and

**WHEREAS:** The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District ("NEORS" or "The District"), pursuant to the authority of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6119 adopted the Stormwater Management Code as part of the District's Code of Regulations ("Title V") and is authorized to provide and contract for overall Stormwater Management of the Regional Stormwater System within the jurisdiction of NEORS; and

**WHEREAS:** Title V requires NEORS, on behalf of the municipalities within its jurisdiction to provide planning, financing, design, improvement, construction, inspection, monitoring, maintenance, operation, and regulation for the proper handling of stormwater runoff and the development and provision of technical support information and services to member municipalities; and

**WHEREAS:** Section 5.0502 of Title V requires the District to provide Phase II stormwater regulation support services to member communities of the District with Ohio EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems for Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) #1, #2, #3, and #6; and

**WHEREAS:** Recently, the District passed resolution 249-25 authorizing an agreement with the CCBH for services in support of NEORS member communities' compliance with the Ohio EPA's NPDES General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems; and

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to the agreement between CCBH and NEORS, the District recognizes CCBH as a service provider for the implementation of Minimum Control Measure (MCM) #3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) programming and MCM #6: Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations; and

**WHEREAS:** In order for CCBH to provide the above described services to municipalities within the NEORSJ jurisdiction, CCBH must contract with those municipalities that are part of the NEORSJ jurisdiction in order to obtain consent and authority to perform these services; and

**WHEREAS:** City has authority to grant consent and authority to CCBH for the purposes of performing the services outlined herein; and

**WHEREAS:** Both parties desire to enter this MOU agreement for the purposes outlined herein.

**Now therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises and conditions set forth herein, BOARD and the CITY (each, a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties") agree as follows:**

#### **A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Board and the City have identified the need for the following described project:

- The implementation of Minimum Control Measure (MCM) #3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) and MCM #6: Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations programming;

#### **B. SCOPE OF WORK**

1. The Board will need to verify the City's previously identified Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) outfall locations and update any outfall information that has changed, during the 2026-2030 contract period.
2. The Board will monitor the City's designated MS4 outfall locations during a dry weather period (a minimum of 72 hours with no rain event) and sample all flowing outfall locations that are within the District's RSMP area for E. coli. The MS4 outfall locations will be inspected/sampled once during the 2026-2030 contract period.
3. The Board will provide an annual training presentation on Good Housekeeping/Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations and related best management practices, as well as illicit discharges, for the City's employees. This training will be coordinated with the City annually during the 2026-2030 contract period.
4. The Board will conduct a site inspection of the community's municipal operation facilities annually during the 2026-2030 contract period and will provide a completed report.
5. The Board will provide the City an annual summary of the work that was performed as it relates to Minimum Control Measure (MCM) #3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination and MCM #6: Good Housekeeping/Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations to be included in the City's Phase II Stormwater Annual Report to the Ohio EPA.
6. The City will provide aid in opening storm sewer manholes where and when deemed necessary for the purpose of sample collections, upon 24 hours' notice by the Board.

### **C. COOPERATION STATEMENT**

The City of Parma Heights shall cooperate with the Board by providing maps, assistance, and direction for the Board to obtain access and/or samples for testing purposes;

### **D. COMPENSATION.**

The City shall have no obligation to pay the Board for the Scope of Work or services performed identified in Section B.

### **E. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.**

The Board is performing its duties and obligations under this Agreement as an independent contractor and is not an agent or employee of the City. The Board shall be responsible for its negligent acts or omissions and the negligent acts or omissions of its employees, officers, or directors, to the extent allowable by law. The entire cost and expense of these services will be provided by NEORSD to the Board.

### **F. EFFECT OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE**

By entering into this Agreement, the parties agree that this transaction may be conducted by electronic means, including, without limitation, that all documents requiring signatures by the parties may be executed by electronic means, and that the electronic signatures affixed by the authorized representatives of the parties shall have the same legal effect as if the signatures were manually affixed to a paper version of the documents. The parties also agree to be bound by the provisions of Chapter 1306 of the Ohio Revised Code as it pertains to electronic transactions.

### **G. TERM AND TERMINATION**

The term of this Agreement begins on January 1, 2026 and ends December 31, 2030, unless extended by the parties by agreement in writing. Either party may cancel this Agreement, for cause, with sixty (60) days' written notice to the other party of such intent, when either the progress or results achieved under this Agreement is unacceptable to either party. Prior to cancellation of this Agreement, a meeting will be held by the parties to discuss issues of concern and seek resolution. If this Agreement is canceled by the parties prior to completion, the Board, within thirty (30) days, shall submit a certified final progress report if a percentage of work is completed by the date of cancellation.

### **I. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS**

a. Waivers and Amendments. The waiver by either Party of any provision of this MOU on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this MOU on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance. This MOU may be modified or amended only via a writing signed by both Parties.

b. Assignment. Neither Party shall have the right to assign this MOU to any third party. Any such attempted assignment will be null and void.

c. Complete Agreement; Integration. This MOU contains the complete understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other agreements, understandings, communications and promises of any kind, whether oral or written, between the Parties with respect to such subject matter.

d. Compliance with Laws. The Parties will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in performing their obligations hereunder. When taking actions (or failing to act) in any way relating to this MOU, neither Party shall unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, sex, pregnancy, religion, disability, age, national origin, or color.

e. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This MOU does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any party other than the City and The Board.

f. Statutory Immunity. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended as a waiver of any statutory immunity either party may enjoy pursuant to R.C. 2744 et seq. and state law. Each party will be solely responsible for its own acts and omissions, and those of their employees.

g. Notices. All notices required or permitted under this MOU shall be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery services, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the Party's address first set forth above, on behalf of the City, an additional copy shall be forwarded to the District. Such notices shall be effective when received.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, authorized representatives of the parties to this CONTRACT, indicating their party's approval of the terms herein, have signed as of the dates set forth below.

**FOR THE BOARD:**

Approved as to form.  
Cuyahoga County Board of Health  
Office of General Counsel

  
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Roderick Harris, DrPH  
Health Commissioner

By:  \_\_\_\_\_


Date: 2-20-26 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 2/17/26 \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS:**

Approved as to form.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Law

Date: 1/26/26 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/26/26 \_\_\_\_\_