## CITY OF CHEVIOT STATE OF OHIO

## **ORDINANCE NO. 18 - 10**

TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF OHIOCHECKBOOK.COM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OHIO TREASURER TO ADVANCE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Cheviot and its elected officers serve as stewards of the city's citizens' tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, an open and transparent government benefits local taxpayers, elected officials, and the public-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Treasurer's office has created OhioCheckbook.com for the purpose of displaying government finances in a searchable format available at the fingertips of taxpayers across Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cheviot and its elected officers value a transparent and open government and therefore commit to partnering with the Ohio Treasurer's office to place the city's checkbook expenditures on OhioCheckbook.com and to strive to maintain this data online in the future for all constituents to see;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEVIOT, STATE OF OHIO, TWO-THIRDS OF ALL MEMBERS THEREOF CONCURRING, THAT:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Council of the City of Cheviot, Ohio, authorizes the city to provide checkbook level expenditure information, in an electronic format prescribed by and in partnership with the Ohio Treasurer's office, for posting on the transparency website OhioCheckbook.com to ensure that citizens may readily access how their tax dollars are spent.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Cheviot City Treasurer and Auditor are hereby directed to work purposefully, efficiently, and resolutely with the Ohio Treasurer's office to provide said financial data in order to advance open and transparent government.

<u>Section 3</u>. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were conducted in lawful meetings of this Council, and all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements including those of Chapter 731 of the Ohio Revised Code.

<u>Section 4</u>. Upon passage of this ordinance, the Clerk of Council shall immediately certify a copy of it to the office of the Treasurer of the State of Ohio.

<u>Section 5</u>. This ordinance shall be an emergency measure for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cheviot and shall take effect immediately. The emergency is necessary in order to give the citizens of Cheviot the ability to observe how their tax dollars are spent at the earliest possible time.

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Mark G. Waters President of Council	Date passed	
Samuel D. Keller	<u>√−3−/ %</u> Date approved	
Mayor		

Jenny M. Eilermann Clerk of Council

Attest:

Kimberlee Erdman Rohr Law Director

Approved as to form:

## **CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION**

I, Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of the Council of the City of Cheviot, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, or a succinct summary, was published in the *Western Hills Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cheviot, once per week for two consecutive weeks, in accordance with Section 731.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, on the following dates:

1)	4-11	, 2018, and
2)	4-18	, 2018.
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## **CERTIFICATION OF TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY**

I, Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of the Council of the City of Cheviot, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the original Ordinance No. 18 - / , passed by the Cheviot City Council on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018, at an open meeting, in accordance with Ohio law, and that the original is in my possession at the Cheviot City Hall.

Jenny M. Eilermann Clerk of Council