MUNICIPAL ORDER 34-2026

A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR THE PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) INITIATIVE GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CRITICAL RESOURCES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE TOTAL COST OF $29,898.99, EXPENDED TO PURCHASE THIRTY-THREE (33) NEW BULLETPROOF VESTS, THAT AMOUNT BEING $14,949.49.

WHEREAS, the Owensboro Police Department has thirty-three (33) bulletproof vests assigned to it which will expire and require replacement during the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has established the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) initiative designed to provide critical resources to law enforcement jurisdictions for the purpose of purchasing body armor for sworn law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the BVP Program is to reimburse states, units of local government and federally recognized Indian tribes that employ law enforcement officers for up to fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of body armor vests; and

WHEREAS, The City of Owensboro Police Department requests to purchase thirty-three (33) bulletproof vests which are set to expire during the next fiscal year for a cost totaling $29,898.99, with a grant reimbursement of $14,949.49.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute a United States Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Application through the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) initiative for the purchase of thirty-three (33) bulletproof vests which are set to expire during the next fiscal year for a cost totaling $29,898.99, with a grant reimbursement of $14,949.49.

Section 2. That the Mayor, City Manager, and appropriate staff members are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents deemed necessary to the furtherance of the authority outlined herein.

INTRODUCED, PUBLICLY READ, AND FINALLY APPROVED ON ONE READING, this the 20th day of October, 2026.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk