

VILLAGE COUNCIL AT WORK

Oakwood Village Council is the legislative branch of the government of the Village of Oakwood. Its seven (7) members represent the five (5) wards with two at-Large positions, each ward having approximately 730 people.

Oakwood Village Council is responsible for creating and amending the Village's laws that provide for public peace, property, health, safety and the daily operation of the village.

To get the job done, Council has nine standing committees.

At council meetings, Council Members discuss and debate the proposed legislation on the Agenda.

Voting on legislation occurs at the regular Village Council meetings which are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

However, Council has a summer break, so the summer schedule consists of a meeting on the second Tuesday in July and then the fourth Tuesday in August.



Council

Johnnie A. Warren, Council President
Elaine Y. Gaither, Council-At-Large
Chris Callender, Ward 1
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2
Anthony Akins, Ward 3
Patricia Rogers, Ward 4
Candace Williams, Ward 5
Debra L Hladky, CMC - Clerk of Council

Committee Chairpersons

Employee Relations, Labor & Mgmt
Eloise Hardin

Finance
Johnnie A. Warren

Public Bldgs, Lands Streets & Trails
Elaine Y. Gaither

Safety
Eloise Hardin

Tax Abatement & Economic
Development
Candace Williams

Tax Incentive Review
Anthony Akins

Utilities & Environmental
Patricia Rogers

Volunteer Fire
Patricia Rogers

Recreation
Patricia Rogers

Youth Council Committee
Eloise Hardin/Anthony Akins

Village Fine Arts Center Committee
Candace Williams

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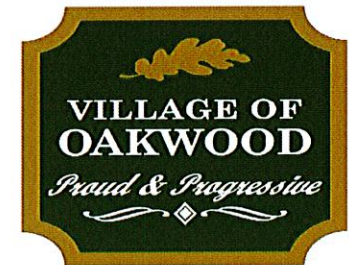
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LEARN THE LANGUAGE

President of Council: One of two Council-at-large positions who has received the greatest number of votes by the Village voters at the last election. The Council President presides at meetings of the council.

Clerk of Council: The Chief Administrative Officer of the Council of the Village responsible for the daily operations of the office of the Council and all records of the Council.

Ordinance: A law of a permanent nature.

Emergency Measure: Any legislation that is enacted which concerns the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, or safety or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipality department. Emergency measures are passed by a two-thirds majority of Council and become effective upon the Mayor's signature.

Resolution: A one-time action like the appointment of a director.

Vote Under Suspension: Two-thirds of the Council members vote to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the legislation which enables Council to pass legislation in one meeting.



THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Creating a law begins with an idea - one that provides for the operation of the village or the well-being of its residents, visitors and business community.

AN IDEA

Council Members and/or the Mayor can sponsor legislation by working with the village's legal department to write a draft ordinance based on the idea. The Directors of the Village's departments can request that an ordinance be sponsored on their behalf.

The legislation is prepared by the Law Department. It is then submitted to the Village Clerk of Council and placed on the work session agenda for introduction, discussion and review or reviewed by the appropriate Council Committees.

Council Members and Village Departments can request that changes or amendments be made to the ordinance.

After the review is complete and any amendments have been made to the ordinance by the Law Department, it is returned to the Village Clerk of Council where it is placed on the agenda for the consideration of Council at its meeting.

Most legislation requires a simple majority to pass the ordinance or resolution. The legislation, when adopted, is signed by the President of Council, the Village Clerk of Council and the Mayor. Ordinances become law 30 days after the signature of the Mayor unless it is passed as an "emergency".

BECOMES LAW

THE ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS AT A COUNCIL MEETING

Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Correspondence

Departmental Reports

Floor Open for Comments

Reading of Legislation

Adjournment