

RESOLUTION 2022-1

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF

DR. ARTHUR FOWLER, SR.

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WHEREAS Arthur was born on August 21, 1943, in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Anna and Sherman Fowler. He was fortunate to be raised by three strong women: Grandmother Louella Ellison (“Mother Dear”), Great-grandmother Brauma and Auntie Evelyn Ellison. His son, Arthur Fowler, Jr., preceded him in death in addition to his sister, Lana Miller and brothers, Vincent, Sherman, Jr., Henry and Clarence (Rocky); and

WHEREAS upon returning from Germany in 1963, Arthur met Ella Pearl Thompson. Six months later, March 23, 1964, they were united in marriage. Arthur told her he was going to marry her three days after they met. She laughed and told him, “You’re crazy!” Early in their marriage, folks would find the couple riding motorcycles around town; and

WHEREAS from this union, Arthur and Ella had four children: Sheryl Ann (Emanuel) Williams, Arthur, Jr., (deceased) (Koko), Eric and Kimberley; and,

WHEREAS Arthur received his GED in 1966. He was employed at Pepsi Cola, Coca Cola and Dan Dee Chips as a driver, salesman and supervisor. Arthur received a degree from West Side Institute and worked as a state licensed HVAC engineer at 75 Public Square Building and at Cleveland Clinic Hospital before retiring. He was an entrepreneur and owner of a Clark gas station and a HVAC company; and

WHEREAS Arthur was ordained by Pastor Michael O. Exum of Full Gospel Evangelistic Center, where he was pastor of Home Fellowships, Tuesday night prayer and over the church maintenance; and

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WHEREAS as a lifetime learner and lover of education and the Word of God, Dr. Fowler continued to pursue and receive certificates from the School of Prophets and diplomas from the School of Apostles, School of Intercession, Apostles and Prophetic Ministry and Expository Bible Study at Eagle Christian College. He is certified to teach Ministering Spiritual Gifts from Christian International Network, Dr. Bill Hamon; and

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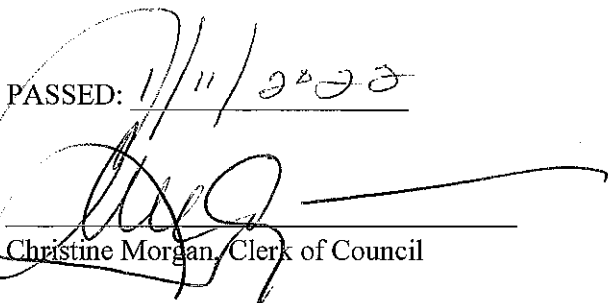
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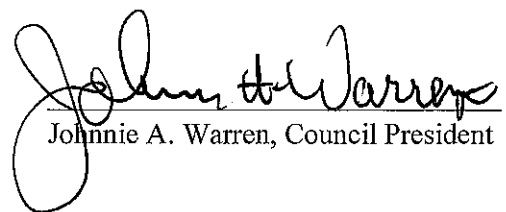
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SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Arthur Fowler, Sr., and hope the fond memories of such a fine, caring person comforts them in their loss.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Arthur Fowler, Sr.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

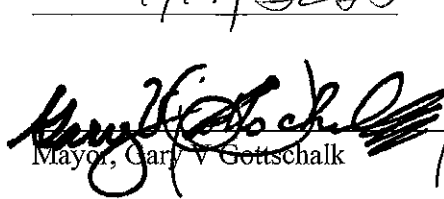
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Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council


Johnnie A. Warren, Council President

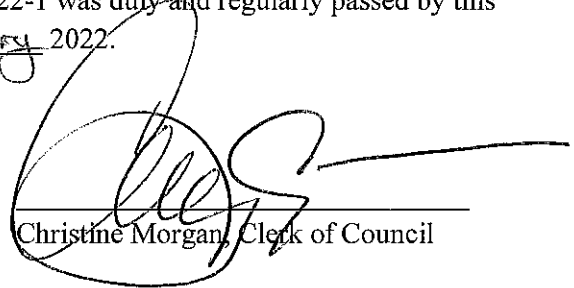
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Mayor: 1/17/2022

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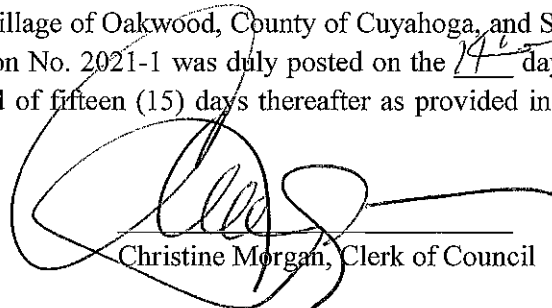
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Mayor, Cary V. Gottschalk

I, Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2022-1 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 17th day of January 2022.


Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2021-1 was duly posted on the 17th day of January 2022, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter as provided in the Village Charter.


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DATED: 1/17/2022

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