

## **ORDINANCE 2025-62**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILPERSONS HARDIN, MATLOCK, WARREN, AND HILL

### **AN ORDINANCE SETTING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR ON JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Gary Gottschalk passed away on September 12, 2025; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a result of Mayor Gottschalk's passing, Council President Erica Nikolic has assumed the office of Mayor pursuant to Section 8.03 of the Oakwood Village Charter until elected or replaced at a special election to occur not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days from the date of the vacancy in the office of Mayor created by Mayor Gottschalk's passing;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the Council of the Village of Oakwood hereby sets January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as the date of the special election called for in Oakwood Charter Section 8.03.

**SECTION 2.** The Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections as soon as possible.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that it is critical to conduct a timely special election for the office of Mayor in order to proceed in an orderly and expeditious manner with Village business, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 9.23.25

Tanya Joseph  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren  
Johnnie Warren, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor 9.23.25

Approved: 9.23.25

Erica L. Nikolic  
Erica Nikolic, Mayor

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-~~62~~ was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept, 2025.

Tanya Joseph  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2025-~~62~~ was duly posted on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2025, and will remain posted as provided in the Charter and Ordinances of the Village.

Tanya Joseph  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: 9.24.25

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council, Village of Oakwood County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, do hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy of 2025-62 passed by Oakwood Village Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept, 2025 by a vote of 6 out of 6 Councilpersons present.

Certified this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025  
Tanya Joseph 9.24.25  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council Date