

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 51

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE RETAINING JAMES A. CLIMER AND PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES IN TRANSITIONING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO THE PERSONS APPOINTED AS THE INTERIM LAW DIRECTOR AND/OR REPLACEMENT LAW DIRECTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, James A. Climer previously announced his retirement of Law Director effective April 30, 2026 which has been extended to May 31, 2026 and June 30, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the retirement of James A. Climer will go into effect on June 30, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, an Interim Law Director and permanent appointment of a replacement Law Director have not yet been appointed; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of the foregoing appointments has prevented the transition of Law Department business to the Interim and new Law Director during the term of James A. Climer and it is anticipated that the services of James A. Climer will be necessary after his retirement in order to make the said transition in an efficient and orderly manner;

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

SECTION 1. The services of James A. Climer are hereby retained effective July 1, 2026 at a rate of One hundred eighty-nine and 00/100 Dollars (\$189.00) per hour to assist and to effectuate the transition of Law Department activities to the Interim and/or newly appointed Law Director.

SECTION 2. The fees for the foregoing services shall be billed on a monthly basis. The total fees for said services shall not exceed the total amount of Fifteen thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00). The period during which said services shall be rendered is three months from the effective date of this ordinance. The total sum for said services and the time period over which they may be rendered shall not be extended without the prior consent of Council and the Mayor.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 2026-51 as previously passed by Council be and hereby is repealed.

SECTION 4. 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 the transition of Law Department activities and business in an efficient and orderly manner is necessary to the effective operation of the Village for the benefit of its citizens, 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: 7-14-2026

Eloise Hardin
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

Carol Jackson
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor 7-15-2026

Approved: 7-15-2026

Erica J. Nikolic
Mayor, Erica Nikolic

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Amended Ordinance No. 2026-51 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 14th day of July, 2026.

Carol Jackson
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Amended Ordinance No. 2026-51 was duly posted on the 20th day of July, 2026, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers in the locations and manner provided in the Village Charter.

Carol Jackson
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

DATED: July 20, 2026