

ORDINANCE NO.: 2026 – 62

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTION 6.05 OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER CONCERNING THE NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE IN THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Oakwood, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Section 12.01 of the Oakwood Village Charter, has considered a proposed amendment to Section 6.05 of the said Charter concerning the nominations for elective office in the Village; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.01 of the Village Charter and the Ohio Constitution require that Council submit to the electors any proposed alterations, revisions or amendments to the Charter at the next regular election or at a special election on a date designated by Council after submission by Council of the proposed Charter Amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: There shall be submitted to the electors of the Village of Oakwood, Ohio, on the date of the regular election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, the question of whether Section 6.05 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood be amended.

Section 2: The ballot of said election shall at the top thereof be entitled:

"Proposed Charter Amendment a majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage" and the question to be submitted on said ballot shall be in words as follows:

"Shall Section 6.05 of the Charter of Village of Oakwood be amended to eliminate the restriction preventing current elected Village officials from seeking a different elected office while still service in their existing position, allowing those officials to file as candidates for another Village office? Section 6.05, which presently reads as follows:

Sec. 6.05. - Nominations. Nominations for elective offices, under this Charter, shall be made only by petition, which shall be filed with the Board of Elections not less than 90 days prior to the primary election. Each candidate for Mayor shall file a petition signed by not less than 75 registered voters of the Municipality and by not more than 150 registered voters. Each candidate for member of Council-at-large shall file a petition signed by not less than 50 registered voters of municipality and by not more than 100 registered voters. Each candidate for Ward Councilman shall file a petition signed by not less than 25 registered voters of the respective ward and by not more than 50 such registered voters. Each petition shall be accompanied by the written acceptance of the nominee. The nomination of each candidate shall be made by a separate petition, but such petition may

be circulated in separate parts which shall be filed, however, as one instrument. A candidate for office is not eligible to file a nominating petition with the Board of Election if he or she holds a different elective office of the Village at the time of filing said petition.

will be amended to reads as follows:

Sec. 6.05. Nominations. Nominations for elective offices, under this Charter, shall be made only by petition, which shall be filed with the Board of Elections not less than 90 days prior to the primary election. Each candidate for Mayor shall file a petition signed by not less than 75 registered voters of the Municipality and by not more than 150 registered voters. Each candidate for member of Council-at-large shall file a petition signed by not less than 50 registered voters of municipality and by not more than 100 registered voters. Each candidate for Ward Councilman shall file a petition signed by not less than 25 registered voters of the respective ward and by not more than 50 such registered voters. Each petition shall be accompanied by the written acceptance of the nominee. The nomination of each candidate shall be made by a separate petition, but such petition may be circulated in separate parts which shall be filed, however, as one instrument. ~~A candidate for office is not eligible to file a nominating petition with the Board of Election if the candidate holds a different elective office of the Village at the time of filing said petition.~~

YES - For Passage

NO - Against Passage"

Section 3: The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County and cause notice of the foregoing proposed Charter amendment to be given in accordance with general law.

Section 4: To pay the cost of publishing said notice, there be and is hereby appropriated from the General Fund such sums of money as may be required.

Section 5: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Oakwood for the reason that it is necessary to submit the proposed Charter Amendment to the Board of Elections for placement upon the ballot for the regular election to be held on November 3, 2026 in order to eliminate gender-specific language in the present Charter provision and, therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: August 20, 2026

Carol Jackson
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

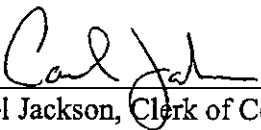
Eloise Hardin
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

Presented to the
Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

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 Ordinance No. 2026-62 duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 20th day of August 2026.



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 Ordinance No. 2026-62 was duly posted on the 31st day of August, 2026, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

Carol Jackson
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

DATED: August 31, 2026

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of **Council**, Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, do hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy of Ord. No. 2026-62 passed by Oakwood Village **Council** on the 1st reading on the 20th day of August, 2026 by a vote of 6 out of 6 Councilpersons present. Certified this 31st day of August, 2026

Carol Jackson 8-31-2026
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council Date