

ORDINANCE NO.: 2026 – 63

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTION 6.06 OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER CONCERNING THE PRIMARY AND RUN-OFF ELECTIONS OF 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 6.06 of the said Charter concerning the primary and run-off elections of 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 6.06 of the Charter of Village of Oakwood be amended to eliminate reference to candidates running for council at large? Section 6.06, which presently reads as follows:

Sec. 6.06. – Primary and run-off elections. When there are more than two candidates for Mayor or a Ward Council seat, or more than four candidates for Council-at-large, there shall be a primary election for that particular office, with two candidates receiving the highest votes for Mayor and Ward Councilman, and the four highest votes for Council-at-large, appearing in the ballot at the following regular municipal election in November. In the event a tie vote occurs in any regular municipal election for any elected office of the municipality, there shall be a run-off election between the two candidates, to be held on the first Tuesday in the following December.

will be amended to reads as follows:

Sec. 6.06. Primary and run-off elections. When there are more than two candidates for Mayor or a Ward Council seat, ~~or more than four candidates for Council at large,~~ there shall be a primary election for that particular office, with two candidates receiving the highest votes for Mayor and Ward Councilman, ~~and the four highest votes for Council at large,~~ appearing in the ballot at the following regular municipal election in November. In the event a tie vote occurs in any regular municipal election for any elected office of the municipality, there shall be a run-off election between the two candidates, to be held on the first Tuesday in the following December.

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

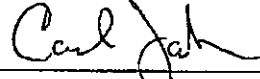
Eloise Hardin
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

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. 2026-63 duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 20th day of August 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Jackson", written over a horizontal line.

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. 2026-63 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. 2026-63 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