

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2026 – 64**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTION 6.07 OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS 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 6.07 of the said Charter concerning qualifications 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2026, the question of whether Section 6.07 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 6.07 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood be amended to remove gender-specific language and reference to at large council members, and clarifying elected officials may only hold other office that is included as part of their position with the Village? Section 6.07, which presently reads as follows:

**Sec. 6.07. - Qualifications.** Each at-large officer of the Municipality shall be a registered elector of the Municipality and shall have resided continuously therein, or in a territory annexed thereto, for a period of one year immediately preceding the date of his election. He or she shall continue to be a bona fide resident of the Municipality during his or her term. Each Ward Councilman shall be a registered elector in his or her ward and shall have resided continuously in his or her ward for a one year immediately preceding his or her election. He or she shall continue to be a bona fide resident of his or her ward during his or her term. A Ward Councilperson or an at-large Councilperson shall have had no felony convictions prior to his or her term, shall hold no other public office, other than notary public. He or she shall not, directly, or indirectly, solicit, contract for, receive, or be interested in any profit or emolument from or on account of any contract, job, work, or

service with or for the Municipality.

will be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 6.07. Qualifications.** Each ~~at-large officer~~ elected official of the Municipality shall be a registered elector of the Municipality and shall have resided continuously therein, or in a territory annexed thereto, for a period of one year immediately preceding the date of ~~his~~ election. ~~He or she~~ The elected official shall continue to be a bona fide resident of the Municipality during ~~his or her~~ the elected official's term. Each Ward Councilman shall be a registered elector in ~~his or her~~ the ward ~~that~~ the official is elected represent and shall have resided continuously in ~~his or her~~ that ward for ~~a~~ one year immediately preceding ~~his or her~~ election to office. ~~He or she~~ The Councilperson shall continue to be a bona fide resident of ~~his or her~~ that ward during ~~the~~ his or her term. ~~A Ward Councilperson or an at-large Councilperson~~ Elected officials of the Municipality shall have had no felony convictions prior to ~~his or her term~~ the official's term, and shall hold no other public office, other than notary public, or such offices as may be held in an ex-officio capacity. ~~He or she~~ No elected official shall ~~not~~, directly, or indirectly, solicit, contract for, receive, or be interested in any profit or emolument from or on account of any contract, job, work, or service with or for the Municipality.

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 and for the reason that it is necessary to submit the proposed Charter Amendment to the Board of Elections in time for placement upon the ballot for the regular election to be held on November 3, 2026 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

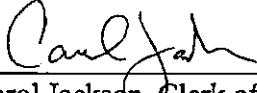
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Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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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. 2026-64 duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

  
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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. 2026-64 was duly posted on the 31<sup>st</sup> 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. 2026-64 passed by Oakwood Village Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026 by a vote of 6 out of 6 Councilpersons present. Certified this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2026

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