

ORDINANCE NO.: 2026 – 67

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTION 7.04 OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER CONCERNING THE DIVISION OF WARD BOUNDARIES AFTER THE FEDERAL CENSUS 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 7.04 of the said Charter concerning the division of ward boundaries after the federal census 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 7.04 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood.

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 7.04 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood be amended to authorize Village Council to direct staff, departments, outside contractors, and appropriated funds to implement ward redistricting requirements, and requires the Village Engineer to maintain and timely update a public ward boundary map? Section 7.04, which presently reads as follows:

Sec. 7.04. - Division after Federal census. No later than September 1, 1970, based on the Federal census of 1970, and thereafter, within sixty days after the proclamation by the Secretary of State of Ohio announcing the population of municipalities in Ohio, as determined by each recurring Federal census, the Council shall redivide the Municipality into five wards which shall be as nearly equal in number of persons as is possible.

Any change shall be made by ordinance. All wards shall be bounded, as far as practicable, by county lines, streets, alleys, public grounds, subdivision lines, corporation lines, center lines of streets, railroads or natural boundaries and each ward shall be composed of adjacent and compact territory so that the wards shall be as nearly equal in number of

persons as is possible, regardless of the land area of each ward.

Upon failure of the Council to act to redivide the Municipality within the period provided, the President of the Council shall redivide it as herein provided and he shall file such plan with the Clerk of the Council within 120 days after the proclamation of the Secretary of State of Ohio. The plan shall thereupon become the new division by wards of the Municipality.

will be amended to reads as follows:

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Council may direct such officials, departments, or employees of the municipality, or may appropriate such funds and contract with a third party, as Council may determine is necessary and desirable to effectuate this section.

The Village Engineer shall keep, maintain, and make available for public inspection a map of the Municipality delineating its ward boundaries, and shall update such map within 30 days of passage of an ordinance redividing the Municipality or the President of Council's submission of a plan to the Clerk of Council as provided in this section.

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

Eloise Hardin
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

Carol Jackson
Carol Jackson, Clerk 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. 2026-67 duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 20th day of August 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 Ordinance No. 2026-67 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. 2026-67 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