

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO.: 2026 – 71

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTION 7.08 OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL 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 7.08 of the said Charter concerning the recall of elected officers 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;

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2026 Ordinance No. 2026-71 was approved by this Council and Council now seeks to amend the Ordinance in order to include the propose amendments for the November 3, 2026 election.

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

Section 1: Ordinance No. 2026-71 as originally approved on August 20, 2026 is hereby amended and replaced with this adopted Amended Ordinance No. 2026-71.

Section 2: 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 7.08 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood.

Section 3: 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 7.08 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood be amended to remove gender-specific language and reference to council members elected at large? Section 7.08, which presently reads as follows:

Sec. 7.08. - President of Council. The member running at large and receiving the highest number of votes in the election shall become President of the Council. The other member elected at large shall become the President Pro Tempore of the Council, and shall be Acting President of the Council in the absence or disability of the president, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Council.

The President of Council shall be vested with all of the rights and perform all duties and functions of any other member of Council, and in addition shall preside at all meetings of Council and sign all resolutions and ordinances, which are duly adopted, and the journal of the Council. He shall perform such other duties in connection with his office as Council may impose on him, or as required by this Charter.

In event of the death, resignation, recall or removal of the President of Council, or if he becomes Mayor, as provided in Section 8.03 of this Charter, the President Pro Tempore of Council shall become President of Council and the office of the President Pro Tempore of Council shall be vacant.

will be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7.08. President of Council. ~~The member running at large and receiving the highest number of votes in the election shall become President of the Council. The other member elected at large shall become the President Pro Tempore of the Council.~~ At Council's organizational meeting in January, or as soon thereafter as is practicably possible, a majority of the members of Council shall elect one of its members as the President of the Council and another of its members President Pro Tempore of Council who and shall be Acting President of the Council in the absence or disability of the President of Council ~~president~~, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Council.

The President of Council shall be vested with all of the rights and perform all duties and functions of any other member of Council, and in addition shall preside at all meetings of Council and sign all resolutions and ordinances, which are duly adopted, and the journal of the Council. ~~He~~ The President of Council ~~He~~ shall perform such other duties in connection with ~~his hthe is~~ office as Council may impose ~~on him on him~~, or as required by this Charter.

In event of the death, resignation, recall or removal of the President of Council, or if ~~he~~ the President of Council ~~he~~ becomes Mayor, as provided in Section 8.03 of this Charter, the President Pro Tempore of Council shall become President of Council and the office of the President Pro Tempore of Council shall be vacant.

YES - For Passage

NO - Against Passage"

Section 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 25, 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 Amended Ordinance No. 2026-71 duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 25th 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 Amended Ordinance No. 2026-71 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. 2026-71 passed by Oakwood Village Council on the 1st reading on the 25th 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