

ORDINANCE NO.: 2026 – 76

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTION 9.06 OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER CONCERNING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE 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 9.06 of the said Charter concerning the Director of Finance 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 9.06 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 9.06 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood be amended to require the Director of Finance to prepare and submit financial reports as directed by the Mayor or Council, in addition to serving as the Village's financial advisor? Section 9.06, which presently reads as follows:

Sec. 9.06. - Director of Finance. The Director of Finance shall be the head of the Finance Department and fiscal officer of the Municipality. The Director of Finance shall have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Preference for appointment shall be given to individuals who have a major in accounting and/or finance. The Finance Director shall have, at the time of appointment, a minimum of four years of municipal finance experience as the Chief Financial Officer or Assistant Chief Financial Officer. He/she shall serve the Mayor and the Council as financial advisor in connection with municipal affairs. He/she shall keep the financial records of the Municipality, exhibiting accurate statements of all moneys received and expended, of all property owned by the Municipality, and of all taxes and assessments. He/she shall be custodian of all public money of the Municipality, shall keep and preserve such money in the place or places

authorized by ordinance, and shall disburse the same as may be required by law or ordinance. He/she shall not allow the amount set aside for any appropriation to be overdrawn for any other purpose. He/she may examine and audit the accounts of all officers, employees, and departments. He/she may require evidence that the amount of any claim presented to him/her is due. He/she shall perform such other duties consistent with his office as the Mayor or the Council may direct. He/she may also serve as Clerk of the Council, if it so provides.

will be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9.06. Director of Finance. The Director of Finance shall be the head of the Finance Department and fiscal officer of the Municipality. The Director of Finance shall have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Preference for appointment shall be given to individuals who have a major in accounting and/or finance. The Finance Director shall have, at the time of appointment, a minimum of four years of municipal finance experience as the Chief Financial Officer or Assistant Chief Financial Officer. The Director He/she shall serve the Mayor and the Council as financial advisor in connection with municipal affairs, and shall prepare and submit such reports regarding the finances of the Municipality as the Mayor or Council directs. The Director He/she shall keep the financial records of the Municipality, exhibiting accurate statements of all moneys received and expended, of all property owned by the Municipality, and of all taxes and assessments. The Director He/she shall be custodian of all public money of the Municipality, shall keep and preserve such money in the place or places authorized by ordinance, and shall disburse the same as may be required by law or ordinance. The Director He/she shall not allow the amount set aside for any appropriation to be overdrawn for any other purpose. The Director He/she may examine and audit the accounts of all officers, employees, and departments. The Director He/she may require evidence that the amount of any claim presented to the Director him/her is due. The Director He/she shall perform such other duties consistent with the his office as the Mayor or the Council may direct. The Director He/she may also serve as Clerk of the Council, if it so provides.

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. 2026-76 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. 2026-76 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. 2026-76 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