

ORDINANCE NO.: 2026 -- 80

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTION 12.02 OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER CONCERNING THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION 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 12.02 of the said Charter concerning the Charter Review Commission 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 6.07 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 12.02 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood be amended to remove reference to at large council members? Section 12.02, which presently reads as follows:

Sec. 12.02. – Charter Review Commission. Within one month after the regular general election to be held in the year 2014, and within one month after the regular general election to be held each fifth year thereafter, a Charter Review Commission consisting of nine members shall be selected as provided herein. Each ward Councilperson shall select one qualified elector from his/her ward. The at-large Councilpersons shall each select one qualified elector of the Village of Oakwood. The Mayor shall select two qualified electors of the Village of Oakwood. The Council shall provide a budget to the Charter Review Commission adequate to provide Village residents with regular mail notice of its public meetings as well as mail notice of any amendments to the Charter proposed by the Charter Review Commission. The Council shall also appoint a Secretary for the Commission who shall attend Charter Review Commission meetings and who shall prepare the minutes of said meetings so as to insure a public record of said proceedings. The Charter Review Commission Secretary shall be compensated on the same basis and at the same rate of

compensation in effect at the time of his/her appointment as the secretaries of all other Village boards and commissions. Charter Review Commission members will be compensated on the same basis and at the same rate of compensation in effect at the time of their appointment as the members of all other Village boards and commissions. Such Commission shall review and recommend to the Council of the Municipality any alterations, revisions, and amendments to this Charter as in the judgment of the Charter Review Commission seem desirable. The Council shall submit to the electors any such proposed alterations, revisions, or amendment to the Charter, in the manner provided in Section 12.01.

will be amended to reads as follows:

Sec. 12.02. Charter Review Commission. Within one month after the regular general election to be held in the year 2014, and within one month after the regular general election to be held each fifth year thereafter, a Charter Review Commission consisting of nine members shall be selected as provided herein. Each ward Councilperson shall select one qualified elector from his/her ward. ~~The at-large Councilpersons shall each select one qualified elector of the Village of Oakwood.~~ The Mayor shall select two qualified electors of the Village of Oakwood. The Council shall provide a budget to the Charter Review Commission adequate to provide Village residents with regular mail notice of its public meetings as well as mail notice of any amendments to the Charter proposed by the Charter Review Commission. The Council shall also appoint a Secretary for the Commission who shall attend Charter Review Commission meetings and who shall prepare the minutes of said meetings so as to insure a public record of said proceedings. The Charter Review Commission Secretary shall be compensated on the same basis and at the same rate of compensation in effect at the time of his/her appointment as the secretaries of all other Village boards and commissions. Charter Review Commission members will be compensated on the same basis and at the same rate of compensation in effect at the time of their appointment as the members of all other Village boards and commissions. Such Commission shall review and recommend to the Council of the Municipality any alterations, revisions, and amendments to this Charter as in the judgment of the Charter Review Commission seem desirable. The Council shall submit to the electors any such proposed alterations, revisions, or amendment to the Charter, in the manner provided in Section 12.01.

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. 2026-80 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. 2026-80 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. 2026-80 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