

ORDINANCE NO.: 2026 – 81

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 13.07 OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER CONCERNING THE CORRECTION BY COUNCIL OF CERTAIN CHARTER PROVISIONS 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 adoption of Section 13.07 of the said Charter concerning the correction by Council of certain Charter provisions; 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 the proposed Section 13.07 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood be adopted.

Section 2: The ballot of said election shall at the top thereof be entitled:

“Proposed Charter Adoption 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 13.07 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood, which authorizes Council to make technical, formatting, and updates to Ohio law revisions and corrections to the Charter without voter approval provided the changes do not alter the substantive meaning except as necessary to conform to Ohio law, be adopted? Section 13.07 shall reads as follows:

Sec. 13.07 Charter corrections. Council shall be authorized to make typographical corrections to or changes or deletions in, as well as changes in the form of, the Charter; however, the changes shall relate to matters of form; or, to make the Charter consistent with Ohio law, upon advice of the Director of Law. Any such modification, change, or correction shall, in all cases, be approved by resolution of Council, prior to going into effect. No modification, change or correction shall affect the construction, meaning, substance, or intent of the Charter as adopted and amended by the people, except where the change corrects the Charter to comply with Ohio law. The specific powers granted by this Section include:

A. Council may correct obvious misspellings and typographical errors.

- B. Council may divide the text of any section or paragraph into shorter paragraphs or subparagraphs and letter or number the same to improve clarity and ease of reference.
- C. Council may renumber the sections and rearrange their order to provide:
1. More coherent grouping of sections related in subject matter; and
 2. Continuous, consecutive numbering of sections.
- D. Council may remove inconsistent language and correct language that violates Ohio law to ensure that the Charter complies with Ohio law.

Upon the adoption of any amendment that creates or abolishes an office or offices or changes the powers or duties of any officer or department of the Village, the Council shall make necessary correlative changes in existing sections that refer to such offices, officers, or agencies by deleting therefrom, as the case may be, the name of the office created or the title of the officer or agency then having such powers or duties.

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 adoption 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 Adoption 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 30, 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. 2026-81 duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 20th day of August 2026.



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. 2026-81 was duly posted on the 31st day of August, 2026, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

Carol Jah
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. 2026-81 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 Jah 8-31-2026
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council Date