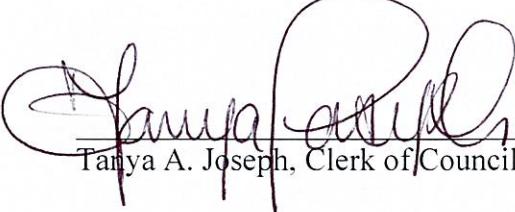


## **NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Pursuant to Section 7.08 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood, notice is hereby given of the calling of a **Special Council Meeting** by Councilmembers Eloise Hardin, Paggie Matlock, and Mary Davis to be held on **August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Village Council Chambers, 24800 Broadway Avenue, Oakwood Village, Ohio 44146, to consider the following matter(s):

(See attached Agenda for further information)

In accordance with the provisions contained in the Village Charter no other matters will be considered by Village Council other than those listed herein.



Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD**  
**COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
**5:30 P. M.**  
**AGENDA**

Pursuant to Section 7.08 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood, Councilmembers Eloise Hardin, Paggie Matlock, and Mary Davis are hereby calling a Special Meeting of Village Council to consider the following:

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**

Council President	Erica Nikolic	Mayor	Gary Gottschalk
Council-At-Large	Johnnie A. Warren	Law	James Climer
Ward 1 Councilperson	Taunya Scruggs	Finance	Brian L. Thompson
Ward 2 Councilperson	Eloise Hardin	Service	Tom Haba
Ward 3 Councilperson	Paggie Matlock	Fire	Dave Tapp
Ward 4 Councilperson	Mary Davis	Police	Mark Garratt
Ward 5 Councilperson	Candace S. Hill (formerly Williams)	Building	Daniel Marinucci
		Engineer	Ed Hren
		Recreation	Carlean Perez

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- 4. Executive Session** to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official

- 5. Legislation**

**2024-44** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF  
Introduced by OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE VILLAGE  
Mayor and COUNCILPERSON WARREN CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAYOR IN THE EVENT OF HIS  
Councilperson OR HER DEATH, RESIGNATION, RECALL, OR REMOVAL  
Warren  
1<sup>st</sup> read 7/12/24  
2<sup>nd</sup> read 8/16/24

**2024-47** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF  
Introduced by OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE VILLAGE  
Council as a CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAYOR IN THE EVENT OF HIS  
Whole OR HER DEATH, RESIGNATION, RECALL, OR REMOVAL  
1<sup>st</sup> read 8/16/24

**2024-48** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF  
Introduced by OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE VILLAGE  
Council as a CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAYOR IN THE EVENT OF HIS  
Whole OR HER DEATH, RESIGNATION, RECALL, OR REMOVAL  
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- 6. Adjournment**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-44

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSON WARREN

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE VILLAGE CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAYOR IN THE EVENT OF HIS OR HER DEATH, RESIGNATION, RECALL OR REMOVAL.**

WHEREAS, Council has considered the present procedure for the replacement of the Mayor in the event of his or her death, resignation, recall or removal and finds that said procedure should be altered to provide a more direct means of submitting that matter to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to place before the electorate of the Village a Charter amendment providing a more direct and democratic means of submitting to the voters the replacement of the Mayor in the event of his or her death, resignation, recall or removal; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.01 of the Village Charter provides that the Council may, by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of its members, submit any proposed amendment to the Charter to the electors;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the electors of the Village of Oakwood, Ohio, at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024, the question of an amendment to the Charter of the Village of Oakwood and to provide therefor by amending Section 8.03 of the Village Charter which currently reads as follows:

**Sec. 8.03. Vacancy.**

During such period when the Mayor is absent from the Municipality, or is otherwise not accessible, or is temporarily unable for any cause to perform his or her duties, the order of succession as Acting Mayor shall be as follows: President of Council and President Pro Tem of Council. In case of death, resignation, recall or removal of the Mayor, the President of Council shall become Mayor and his or her office as member of Council shall thereby become vacant. He or she shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, or until the beginning of the term of a successor duly elected for the unexpired term at the next regular municipal election if (a) such election shall occur two (2) years or more prior to the expiration of the unexpired term, and (b) the vacancy shall have occurred more than ninety (90) days prior to such election.

To be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 8.03. Vacancy.**

During such period when the Mayor is absent from the Municipality, or is otherwise not accessible, or is temporarily unable for any cause to perform his or her duties, the order of succession as Acting Mayor shall be as follows: President of Council and President Pro Tem of Council. In case of the death, resignation, recall or removal of the Mayor, Council shall immediately elect by majority vote from among its members a person to serve as Interim Mayor who shall continue to serve as Interim Mayor until the next general election that is not less than ninety (90) days after the Interim Mayor has assumed said office. The office as member of Council shall become vacant upon its occupant assuming the office of Interim Mayor.

**YES - For Passage**

**NO - Against Passage**

SECTION 2. 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 forgoing proposed Charter amendment to be given in accordance with general law.

SECTION 3. To pay the cost of publishing said notice, there be and hereby is appropriated from the General Fund such sums of money as may be required.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the same provides for an orderly and prompt transition in the event of the death, resignation, recall or removal of the Mayor so as to ensure the performance of critical operations of the Village and the daily operation of municipal departments, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Present to the  
Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Gary V. Gottschalk

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024-44 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024-44 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO 2024-47

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE VILLAGE CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAYOR IN THE EVENT OF HIS OR HER DEATH, RESIGNATION, RECALL OR REMOVAL.**

WHEREAS, Council has considered the present procedure for the replacement of the Mayor in the event of his or her death, resignation, recall or removal and finds that said procedure should be altered to provide a more direct means of submitting that matter to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the office of Mayor in the Village of Oakwood is an elected position and it is in the best interest of the citizens of Oakwood to maintain their right to elect individuals to the office of Mayor; and

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SECTION 2. 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 3. To pay the cost of publishing said notice, there be and hereby is appropriated from the General Fund such sums of money as may be required.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the same provides for an orderly and prompt transition in the event of the death, resignation, recall or removal of the Mayor so as to ensure the performance of critical operations of the Village and the daily operation of municipal departments, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Erica Nikolic, Council President

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Present to the  
Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Gary V. Gottschalk

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024-47 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024-47 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council



ORDINANCE NO 2024-48

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Erica Nikolic, Council President

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Present to the  
Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor Gary V. Gottschalk

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024-48 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

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