

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-142

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE MAYOR AND THE
MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATION REGARDING 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Council passed Ordinance 2024-17 in an effort to implement fiscal measures in the best interest of the Village of Oakwood's residents and fiscal operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee, made up of the whole of Council, scheduled frequent committee meetings to gain further insight and clarity into the fiscal processes and day to day operations of the Finance Department and to safeguard the village's fiscal resources to the best of its ability; and,

WHEREAS, Council has requested monthly reports and additional reports and information from the Finance Director and an overwhelming number of those requests remain unfulfilled and Council lacks full confidence in the Finance Director, his management of the village's fiscal resources, and the Mayor's ability to provide direction to a Director under his supervision; and,

WHEREAS, Council passed Resolution No. 2024-130 detailing the Finance Director's dereliction of duty.

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

SECTION 1. Council deems it necessary to provide a quarter (1/4) budget for its 2025 Permanent Appropriations.

SECTION 2. Council shall provide authorization for only expenses required by Ohio Revised Code, the Village of Oakwood Charter, and its ordinances.

SECTION 3. Payments shall only be issued according to required payment schedules to avoid defaulting on financial obligations and other required expenses. Those obligations explicitly include salary and wages and other related, required payroll expenses, debt service, insurances, village utilities, bond notes, lease payments, XX

SECTION 4. The Mayor and Finance Director shall advise council in writing of any additional required expenses not listed.

SECTION 5. All recurring credit card payments shall cease beginning January 1, 2025. Outstanding credit card balances for all village accounts for authorized purchases shall be paid timely. All credit cards shall be removed from auto pay. No additional credit card purchases shall be made after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 6. Any payments or credit card purchases by any official or employee that are not authorized by this Ordinance will be reported to the Auditor of State for investigation and Finding for Financial Recovery.

SECTION 7. 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 the same that relates to the daily operation of a municipal department and the ability of the village to provide uninterrupted services to the citizens of the Village, therefore, provided it receives the two-thirds 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 law.

PASSED: dec 30th, 2024

Tanya Joseph
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Erica J. Nikolic
Erica Nikolic, (President of Council)

Presented to the Mayor: 1-15-25

Approved: 1-22-25

Gary v. Gottschalk
Gary v. Gottschalk, Mayor

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-142 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on 30th day of December, 2024.

Tanya Joseph
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2024-142 was duly posted on the 23rd day of Jan, 2025 and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

Tanya Joseph
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: 1-23-25