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 Councilperson Hardin, Councilperson Davis, and Councilperson Hill to be held on **February 13th, 2025, at 7:00 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 February 13th, 2025

7:00 P.M. AGENDA

Pursuant to Section 7.08 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood, Councilperson Hardin, Councilperson Davis, and Councilperson Hill are hereby calling a Special Meeting of Village Council to consider the following:

- 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	Building	Daniel Marinucci
		Engineer	Ed Hren
		Recreation	Carlean Perez

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

5. Legislation

2024-137 Introduced 12-28-24 Council as a whole 1st read 12-28-24 2nd read 12-30-24 3rd read 1-14-25

Tabled 1-14-25

AN ORDINANCE TO PREPARE FOR TRANSITIONS IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT OCCURING AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025 AND REQUESTING THE MAYOR PROVIDE ADEQUATE NOTICE TO ALL BUILDING DEPARTMENT POSITIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2025-13

Introduced 2-11-25 By Mayor and Council as a whole 1st read 2-11-25 2nd read 2-13-25

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CURTIS TIGGETT

2025-14 Introduced 2-11-25 By Mayor and

Council as a whole 1st read 2-11-25 2nd read 2-13-25

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION THEREFORE, AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2025-15

Introduced 2-11-25 By Mayor

1st read 2-11-25 2nd read 2-13-25 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127.02 OF THE CODIFED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD TO ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

6. Adjournment

AMENDED ORDINANCE 2024-137

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

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WHEREAS, Council and the Mayor began discussions about necessary changes in staffing to improve the operations of the Building Department in approximately June 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Council requested the Mayor begin staffing transitions in September 2024 and the Mayor requested these staffing changes be delayed until January 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Council passed Ordinance 2024-130 to provide services, as required by Ohio Revised Code, for the proper management and efficient operations of the Building Department beginning January 1, 2025.

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

SECTION 1. Beginning March 1, 2025 Council shall not authorize any appropriations for Building Department wages and related employee wage expenses.

SECTION 2. Council requests the Mayor to provide written notice to each Building Department employee of this legislation and appropriate actions to return all village-owned equipment and documents.

SECTION 3. Council hereby authorizes appropriations for Building Department employees to receive no more than 2 weeks' severance pay at the rate currently authorized in each employee's pay ordinance to be issued during the last pay period of February 2025 and the Finance Director to provide a written report to Council documenting all payouts for all employees no later than the first regular council meeting of March 2025.

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 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:	
	Erica Nikolic, President of Council
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	Presented to the Mayor:
	Approved:
	Gary v. Gottschalk, Mayor
	age of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of dinance No. 2024-137 was duly and regularly passed day of, 2025.
	Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council
POSTING	Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council CERTIFICATE
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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CURTIS TIGGETT

WHEREAS, Curtis Tiggett, a longtime resident of Oakwood Village since 1978, passed away Friday, January 24th, 2025, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Curtis was born on April 27th, 1934, in Newton Falls, Ohio, on Oak Street to James Earl Tiggett, Sr., and Christine (Coley) Tiggett. He grew up attending First Baptist Church of Braceville in a loving, God honoring family; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Curtis enjoyed playing basketball and running track at Braceville High School. Curtis graduated in 1952 from Braceville High School and immediately joined the Unites States Army; and

WHEREAS, On July 6, 1963, Curtis took Alice Marie Myers' hand in marriage and from their union, two children were born: Dion Patrick Tiggett and Dena Patrice Tiggett Burroughs; and

WHEREAS, After honorably serving in the U.S. Army, Curtis attended trade school at DeVry Technical Institute for electronics, radio, TV, and motion pictures. Curtis was a respected leader, quality control manager, and supervisor at AMETEK Lamb Electric in Kent, Ohio where he retired in 1996; and

WHEREAS, One of Curtis' favorite activities was landscaping his home with beautiful floral arrangements and creating breathtaking curb appeal; and

WHEREAS, Family reunions started with Curtis' mother, grandmother, and cousins in their backyard and grew over the years into the annual Tiggett Family Cookouts and Payne Family Reunions; and

WHEREAS, Curtis loved spending time with family and friends, playing games and watching sports. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making a positive impact on the lives of others. Curtis was known for being a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, uncle, cousin, and friend; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Tiggett is survived by his wife, Alice Tiggett of Oakwood Village, Ohio; his son, Dion Patrick Tiggett of Oakwood, Village, Ohio and daughter, Dena (Ty) Patrice Tiggett Burroughs of Atlanta, Georgia. His legacy will be remembered and cherished by those he leaves behind; two sisters; Vivian (Cecil) Blackshear of Warren, Ohio, and Karen Brandon of Warren, Ohio and one brother, James Earl Tiggett, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Clattie Tiggett of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Lillie Tiggett of Warren, Ohio; grandchildren; Tariq Rashad (Kristen) Burroughs, Jamilia (Darien) Burroughs Sabino, Cayla Marie Burroughs, Aliya (Chris) Burroughs, Tariq Malik Diop Tiggett Grant, Nadia Christine Tiggett Burroughs, great grandchildren; Taj Jordan Burroughs, Imani Marie Burroughs, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Curtis Tiggett and hope that the fond memories of such a wonderful, caring person comfort them in their loss.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Curtis Tiggett.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:	
	Erica Nikolic, President of Council
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council	-
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	Mayor
	Approved:
	Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk
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	Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council
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Paggy Mastard

Councilperson Ward 2 Eloise Hardin Councilperson Ward 3 Paggie Matlock

Councilperson Ward 4 Mary Davis

Councilperson Ward 5 Candace S. Williams

Clerk of Council, Tanya A. Joseph

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION THEREFORE, AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article XII, Section 12.02 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood the Mayor and Council must create a Charter Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with said Charter provision the Mayor and Council have proposed the establishment of said Charter Review Commission to be composed of nine qualified electors of the Village:

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article XII, Section 12.02 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood a Charter Review Commission is hereby established and the appointment thereto by the Mayor of Joe Mestnik and Jary Willard both qualified electors of the Village of Oakwood, and the appointment by Councilperson-at-Large Erica Nikolic of Shirley Stevens and Councilperson-at-Large Johnnie A. Warren of Debra Hladky, both qualified electors of the Village of Oakwood, and the appointment by each Ward Councilperson of Andrea Lowe, a qualified elector of Ward One, Yvonne Warren, a qualified elector of Ward Two, Sharyn Macklin, a qualified elector of Ward Three, Michelle Krug a qualified elector of Ward Four and Anthony Moss, a qualified elector of Ward Five, be and the same are hereby confirmed.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. Upon completion of its work, the Charter Review Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Council who shall submit such recommendations to the electors in accordance with the Village Charter and Laws of Ohio.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Article XII, Section 12.02 of the Village Charter, the Council hereby appoints Tanya Joseph to act as Secretary to the Charter Review Commission. The said Tanya Joseph shall be compensated on the same basis and at the same rate of compensation in effect at the time of her appointment as the secretaries of all other Village Boards and Commissions. The said Secretary shall attend the Charter Review Commission meetings and shall take and prepare the minutes of said meetings so as to insure that a public record is kept of the Commission's proceedings. Each Charter Review Commission member will be compensated on the same basis and at the same rate of compensation at the time of their appointment as the members of all other Village boards and commissions.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. Council hereby appropriates the sum of \$15,000.00 to effectuate the provisions contained in Section 3 hereof and also to fund regular mail notice of its public meetings to the residents of the Village as well as mail notice of any proposed amendments to the Charter as proposed by the Charter Review Commission and the use of Law Department personnel as legal counsel for the Commission. The Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to make the payments specified in the Ordinance in the manner provided herein.

SECTION 5. 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 in order to comply with certain time limits imposed by the Village Charter, it is immediately necessary to establish this Commission, 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 law.

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council	Erica Nikolic, President of Council
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council	
	Presented to the
	Mayor
	Approved:
	Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk
State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the	of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and e foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-14 was duly and eeting held on the day of

POSTING CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordi	of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and inance No. 2025-14 was duly posted on the day main posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village
Charter.	
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council	
	DATED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127.02 OF THE CODIFED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD TO ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Oakwood Codified Ordinance Sec. 127.02 presently allows for the appointment of one Assistant Fire Chief; and,

WHEREAS, Council and the Fire Chief have determined that it is advisable to have two Assistant Fire Chiefs;

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

SECTION 1. Oakwood Codified Ordinance Sec. 127.02, which presently reads as follows:

127.02 Composition.

The Fire Department may have a staff consisting of the following personnel which shall not exceed 71 members in the aggregate:

Fire Chief (not to exceed one).

Assistant Fire Chief (not to exceed one).

Captain (not to exceed two).

Lieutenant (not to exceed eight).

Firefighter/Paramedic (to make up remainder of department).

be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

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Captain (not to exceed two).

Lieutenant (not to exceed eight).

The Firefighter/Paramedic (to make up remainder of department).

SECTION 2. The Codifier is hereby instructed to incorporate the foregoing amended ordinance into the Codified Ordinances of the Village.

SECTION 3. 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 an additional Assistant Fire Chief is needed to provide for the safety of the citizens of Oakwood, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds (¾) 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 law.

PASSED:	
	Erica Nikolic, President of Council
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council	
	Presented to the Mayor
	Approved:
	Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk
State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the fo	of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and Oregoing Ordinance No. 2025-15 was duly and regularly don the day of, 2025.
	Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council
<u>POSTI</u>	NG CERTIFICATE
Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby c	of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of ertify that Ordinance No. 2025-15 was duly posted on 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the
	Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council
DATED:	