

VILLAGE OF LOCKLAND, OHIO
ORDINANCE # 2025 - 21

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE APPOINTED POSITION OF VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 733.262, AND ABOLISHING THE ELECTED POSITIONS OF VILLAGE CLERK AND VILLAGE TREASURER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code section 733.262(A) provides that the Village legislative authority may pass, by a two-thirds vote, an ordinance or resolution to combine the duties of the Clerk and the Treasurer into the appointed office of Village Fiscal Officer, and that the change shall take effect on the first day of January following the next regular municipal election at which the village clerk or village clerk-treasurer is to be elected; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Pittman, currently elected Clerk for the Village of Lockland is to reach the end of her term on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Lockland has determined that the interests of the citizens of the Village will be best served through the creation of the appointed office of Village Fiscal Officer, with the title "Finance Director," and an appointed office of Clerk, with the title "Clerk of Council";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Lockland, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION I In accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 733.262(A), the elected positions of Village Clerk and Village Treasurer for the Village of Lockland are hereby abolished effective December 31, 2025.

SECTION II The appointed positions of Village of Lockland Finance Director (a.k.a. Fiscal Officer) and Clerk of Council are hereby created, effective January 1, 2026, that being the first business day following the last day of the term of the elected Village Clerk-Treasurer.

SECTION III There is hereby created the appointed position of Village of Lockland Clerk of Council, effective January 1, 2026, that being the first business day following the resignation of elected Village Clerk.

SECTION IV The Village Finance Director shall perform the duties provided by law for the Village Treasurer, and any other duties consistent with the nature of the office that are provided for by municipal ordinance.

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SECTION VI The Village Finance Director shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Village, but that appointment does not become effective until it is approved by a majority vote of the Village Council.

SECTION VII The Village Finance Director need not be an elector of the Village or reside in the Village, and this provision shall satisfy the statutory requirement that an ordinance be passed approving the Finance Director's residence outside of the Village.

SECTION VIII The Village Finance Director may be removed without cause either by the Mayor with the consent of a majority of the members of the Village Council or by a three-fourths vote of the Village Council with or without the consent of the Mayor.

SECTION IX The Village Finance Director appointed shall be considered a full-time employee of the Village, with individually-appointed Finance Director compensation to be established by separately-enacted Village Ordinance, and the position of Finance Director shall be subject to all policies and provisions governing Village of Lockland employees.

SECTION X The Village Clerk of Council shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Village, but that appointment does not become effective until it is approved by a majority vote of the Village Council.

SECTION XI The Village Clerk of Council shall perform the duties provided by law for the Village Clerk, and any other duties consistent with the nature of the office that are provided for by municipal ordinance.

SECTION XII The Village Clerk of Council may be removed without cause either by the Mayor with the consent of a majority of the members of the Village Council or by a three-fourths vote of the Village Council with or without the consent of the Mayor.

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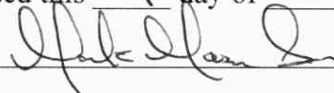
SECTION XIII The appointed Clerk of Council shall be paid a stipend calculated on a per-meeting basis, payable monthly. The stipend shall be earnable wages for OPERS purposes and shall be reported on the Clerk of Council's W-2 statement of earnings. The amount of the stipend and term for such appointment shall be established by the separately-enacted Village Ordinance that appoints a specific individual to the position of Clerk of Council.

SECTION XIV In the absence of an appointed Clerk of Council, the Mayor may appoint the Finance Director to perform the duties of Clerk of Council concurrent with the duties of Finance Director.

SECTION XV So that no election for the office of Village Clerk or Village Treasurer is held after the passage of this Ordinance, the Clerk shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Hamilton County Board of Elections no less than one hundred twenty (120) days before the next succeeding regular municipal election at which the Village Clerk and Village Treasurer are to be elected.

SECTION XVI This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the Village of Lockland. The reason for said emergency is to ensure timely submission to the Hamilton County Board of Elections. Therefore, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Passed this 9 day of JUNE, 2025.



MAYOR, VILLAGE OF LOCKLAND

Attested: 

CLERK OF COUNCIL