

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 28

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 141 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO, TITLED “DIVISION OF FIRE;” SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING SECTION 141.02, TITLED “CHIEF OF DIVISION OF FIRE” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Chapter 141 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio titled “DIVISION OF FIRE;” specifically, Section 141.02 “CHIEF OF DIVISION OF FIRE” is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

(a) Subject to the orders and directions of the Director of Public Safety, the Chief of the Division of Fire shall be responsible for the organization and supervision of the Division of Fire. Included within the supervisory authority of the Chief shall be firefighters of all ranks, whether part-time or full-time, and any secretaries assigned to the Division. The Chief shall also perform all duties and exercise all authority granted to the Chief in the Willowick Codified Ordinances, the Ohio Revised Code, and the Ohio Administrative Code.

~~—(b) Pursuant to the Charter, the Chief is in the classified service of the City. Vacancies in the position shall be filled first by competitive examination and assessment of eligible Captains and Lieutenants in the Willowick Fire Department conducted by the Civil Service Commission. If less than two internal candidates sit for the examination for the position, or if all internal candidates on the eligibility list decline the appointment, individuals from outside the employ of the City of Willowick shall be eligible to take the competitive examination and assessment for, and subsequently appointed to, the position of Chief.~~

(eb) There shall be no maximum age limitation on an individual appointed to the position of Chief of the Division of Fire.

~~—(d) In all respects not in conflict herewith, the rules of the Civil Service Commission shall apply.~~

Section 2. The existing Section 141.02 of the City’s Codified Ordinances are hereby repealed in that said Section and is suspended by this legislation.

Section 3. All formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting, and that all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, welfare and dignity of the residents

of the City of Willowick and therefore shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its passage by Council and its approval by the Mayor, or at the earliest period allowed by law.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted by Council_____

Monica Koudela, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor: _____

Approved by the Mayor: _____, 2025

Michael Vanni, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Alyssa Moran, Clerk of Council