I, Mary E. Betsa, Clerk of Council of Mayfield Village, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy of original Ordinance No. 2025-07 with Exhibit A passed by Mayfield Village Council at its Regular Meeting on August 18, 2025.

MARY E. BETSA, MMC, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Bodnar and Council as a Whole

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CHARTER TO PERMIT VILLAGE COUNCIL TO MEET VIRTUALLY IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES

WHEREAS, Article XI of the Mayfield Village Charter requires that a Charter Review Commission convene every five (5) years to review the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission shall review the Charter and within five (5) months after such appointment have a review session with the Mayor and Council and then recommend to the voters such amendments to the Charter, as in its judgment are desirable; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission reviewed the Charter and had a review session with the Mayor and Council on June 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission recommends to the voters a proposed amendment to permit Village Council to meet virtually in limited circumstances and to make such amendments consistent therewith to the Charter in its entirety.

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

- SECTION 1. Article III (The Council), Section 17 (Council Meetings) of the Mayfield Village Charter is amended to read as is set forth in Exhibit "A", a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- SECTION 2. This Ordinance upon adoption by Council shall be referred to the Clerk of Cuyahoga County Board of Elections not later than sixty (60) days before the November 4, 2025 election. Upon this proposed amendment being approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, it shall become part of the Charter of Mayfield Village, Ohio.
- <u>SECTION 3</u>. Pursuant to the mandates of the Charter, a copy of the full text of this proposed amendment shall be delivered to the residents of the Village not less than thirty (30) days before the election and, pursuant to law, a legal notice will be published once a week for two consecutive weeks at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election.
- SECTION 4. By authority of this Ordinance, the Board of Election is authorized and directed to place on the ballot for the electors of Mayfield Village, at the November 4, 2025 election, the following question:

YES _____

SHALL MAYFIELD VILLAGE CHARTER ARTICLE III, SECTION 7 BE AMENDED TO PERMIT VILLAGE COUNCIL TO MEET VIRTUALLY SUBJECT TO RULES IMPLEMENTED BY LEGISLATIVE ACTION OF **COUNCIL AND ONLY IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES?**

| NO |
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| SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon signature of the Mayor. |
| SECTION 6. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance have been taken at open meetings of this Council and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meeting open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. |
| STEPHEN SCHUTT, Council President |
| First Reading: June 16 , 2025 |
| Second Reading: August 4 , 2025 |
| Third Reading: August 18 , 2025 |
| PASSED: August 18 , 2025 |
| BRENDA T. BODNAR, Mayor |
| APPROVED AS TO FORM: |
| DIANE A. CALTA, ESQ., Director of Law |

ATTEST: MARY E. BETSA, MMC, Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

(Virtual Meetings)

Article III- The Council

Section 7. Council Meetings.

- (a) The Council shall hold at least one regular meeting in each calendar month. A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Council, but a lesser number may adjourn the meeting from time to time. At any meeting at which a quorum is present, any ordinance or resolution may be passed or adopted, or any other action may be taken, by the affirmative vote of a majority of members of the Council unless a larger number be required by the provisions of this Charter. The Clerk of Council shall keep a record of its proceedings in a journal in which the yea or nay vote of each Council member voting on every ordinance or resolution, and the action of Council on the other measures shall be recorded. The Council's journal shall be available for public inspection at all reasonable times.
- (b) The Mayor, the President of Council, or any three members of Council may call special meetings of the Council upon at least twelve hours' notice of each member, served personally or left at the member's usual place of residence.
- (c) The Mayor, the President of Council, or any three members of Council may call regular or special meetings to be held virtually or partly in person and partly virtually in compliance with all legal requirements, subject to rules implemented by legislative action of Council, but only under at least one of the following circumstances and provided public access and participation are preserved: 1) During a declared local, state, or federal emergency; 2) When physical gathering is impractical or unsafe due to public health, weather, or safety concerns; 3) When necessary to accommodate public participation or Council member availability; or 4) As a part of a regularly scheduled practice.