

RESOLUTION NO.: 70-2023 (Revised 08/08/2023)
INTRODUCED BY: Nelson and Lentine

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR EXPENSES FOR CITY
COUNCIL WARD MEETINGS

WHEREAS, City Ward Councilmembers have and may continue to desire to hold meetings with their constituents on a periodic basis to inform constituents of City government decisions, services, issues, policies, and upcoming events, and to obtain input from resident constituents thereon (“Ward Meetings”);

WHEREAS, if a Ward Councilmember does not wish to hold a Ward Meeting, the Council President and Councilmembers-at-Large may wish to hold a Ward Meetings for the same purposes;

WHEREAS, there may be nominal expenses associated with holding such Ward Meetings, such as the provision of copies of written notices and other documents and for refreshments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: This Council adopts the following policy governing Ward Meetings:

Ward Meeting Expense Policy

Provided that funds have been appropriated for meetings and/or supplies for use by City Council:

- 1. Each Councilmember shall have access to funds of up to \$500.00 per Ward Meeting for providing copies of notices and other documents and refreshments for Ward Meetings, which Meetings shall only be for the purpose of informing constituents of City government decisions, services, issues, policies, and upcoming events, and to obtain input from resident constituents thereon, and but shall not be held for the purpose of any political gain and shall not serve as a platform for promoting any particular candidate or official for political office.**
- 2. Each Councilmember shall be limited to a total expenditure of City funds for Ward Meetings of \$1,000.00 per year.**
- 3. Ward Meetings shall not be held within six (6) months of a municipal election and shall not be held within the period of time that a ballot issue that is specific to only the City of Richmond Heights has been approved for an election ballot and the election at which the issue will appear on the ballot.**

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,

were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force as of January 1, 2024.

PASSED: August 8, 2023

APPROVED: August 8, 2023

Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST: Donnie L. Hunter
Donnie L. Hunter, Clerk of Council

Bobby Jordan, Council President