

ORDINANCE NO.: 8-2024  
INTRODUCED BY: All of Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.04 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 121 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend Section 121.04 of the Administrative Code in order to specify and clarify the duties and authority of the President of Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: Section 121.04 of the Administrative Code titled, "Presiding Officer; Duties and Vacancy" of Chapter 121 Titled "Council", of the Codified Ordinances is amended to hereinafter read as follows:

**"121.04 PRESIDING OFFICER; DUTIES AND AUTHORITY; AND VACANCY.**

(a) Duties and Authority. The Presiding Officer of Council shall be the President of Council, who shall have the following duties and authority:

- (1) He **The President of Council** shall preserve strict order and decorum at all regular and special meetings of Council and in relation thereto shall prevent personal reflection and confine Council members in debate to the question, and the President may, in common with any other member, call any member to order who violates any of the rules herein.
- (2) He **The President of Council** shall state every question coming before Council, announce the decision of Council on all subjects and decide all questions of order.
- (3) The **Notwithstanding serving as the Presiding Officer, the** President of Council shall not lose his the ability to vote nor cease to have all rights to be of a Councilman member by serving as such Presiding Officer.
- (4) **The President of Council may make motions and second the motions of others.**
- (5) **Unless provided otherwise in the Charter or the Codified Ordinances, the President of Council shall approve all expenditures from the funds appropriated by Council in the annual budget of the Council.**
- (6) **The President of Council shall have the authority to interview candidates to fill the position of Clerk of Council and to provide to Council members the candidates chosen and not chosen by the President of Council to stand for election by the Council as a whole as required by the Charter.**

**(7) The President of Council shall supervise the Clerk of Council and the Clerk shall serve the Council as a whole.**

(b) Vacancy. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the President of Council, the Council shall, no later than the Council meeting following the vacancy, elect one of its own members to be the President of Council. The Clerk shall call Council to order whereupon Council shall elect by majority vote one of their members as President of Council.”

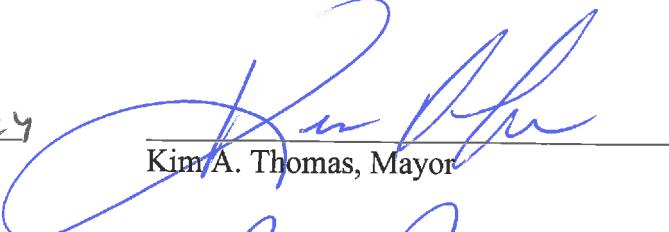
**SECTION 2:** Existing Section 121.04, “Presiding Officer; Duties and Vacancy”, of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3:** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 4:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

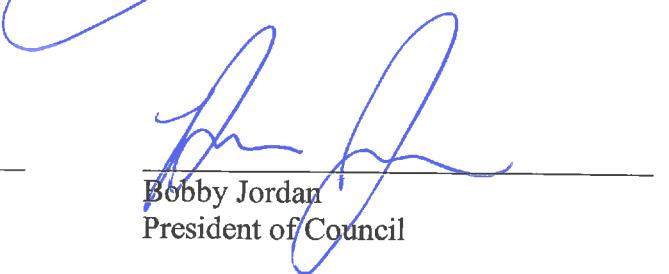
PASSED: February 27, 2024

APPROVED: February 27, 2024

  
Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST: Tracey Blair

Tracey Blair  
Clerk of Council

  
Bobby Jordan  
President of Council