

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART 2 ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 220 COUNCIL, SECTION 220.06 RULES OF COUNCIL, RULE XXIII, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Charter and ORC 731.45, Council has established rules which govern the manner in which it operates; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to amend Rule XXIII to establish the process Council shall follow with regard to filling a vacancy on Council which would allow time for applicants to submit a letter of interest and qualifications and time for interviews in order to meet the time limitation imposed by Article III(e) of the Charter; and

WHEREAS: Council desires for the electorate to have knowledge of applicants and their application submissions; and

WHEREAS: Council desires for in-person interviews of candidates to be required for full and impartial consideration of applicants; and

WHEREAS: Council desires for the electorate to be notified of and able to attend such interviews so their input can be provided to their elected representatives; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary to amend Part 2 Administration, Chapter 220 Council, Section 220.06 Rules of Council, Rules XXIII to provide for this change; and

WHEREAS: Rule XXV provides that these rules may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of Council; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to provide for these amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Council hereby amends the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, Part 2 Administration, Chapter 220 Council, Section 220.06 Rules of Council, Rule XXIII which currently reads as follows:

Rule XXIII - Resignation. The resignation of a member of Council shall take effect when the same has been accepted by a vote of the majority of the members of Council, exclusive of the person tendering his or her resignation, and thereafter the office shall be deemed vacant and shall be filled in accordance with Article III(e) of the City Charter.

to hereinafter read as follows:

Rule XXIII – Resignation, ***Filling Vacancy on Council. If at any time, the office of a member is vacant by reason of non-election, death, resignation, removal of residence from the ward represented or from any other cause whatsoever, Council shall use the following process to fill the vacancy.*** The resignation of a member of Council shall take effect when the same has been accepted by a vote of the majority of the members of Council, exclusive of the person tendering his or her resignation, and thereafter the office shall be deemed vacant and shall be filled in accordance with Article III (e) of the City Charter. ***Vacancy for any other reason shall be determined in the same manner.***

Immediately after declaration of vacancy of a council person’s office, the Council President shall give public notice of such vacancy, including posting on the City’s website, and due to the time limitations imposed by Article III (e) of the Charter, shall allow fifteen calendar days from the date of notice for persons seeking to fill the position to submit to the Council office a letter of interest and qualifications to fill the position. If the final day shall fall on a weekend, the next business day shall be the deadline.

Applicants’ letters of interest shall be deemed public record and shall be available for public viewing in the Council office. Thereafter, in-person interviews shall be held by remaining Council members. Interviews shall be scheduled by the Council President with the intent to complete such interviews in sufficient time to enable Council to vote on filling the vacancy within the time permitted by Article III(e) of the Charter. All such interviews shall be conducted in Council chambers at City Hall and shall be open to the public.

