

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-32 FIRST READING MAY 8, 2023
INTRODUCED BY: CHRIS BELL SECOND READING MAY 22, 2023
THIRD READING JUNE 12, 2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 260.02(b) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH RUSSELL BY PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF UP TO THREE ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Section 260.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell currently provides for five (5) members and up to one (1) alternate member to serve on the Planning Commission (“Commission”); and

WHEREAS, the appointment of up to a total of three (3) additional residents to serve as alternate members of the Commission in the event that a regular member is unable to attend a scheduled meeting of or participate in a matter before the Commission would provide assistance to the public and to the Commission to fulfill its obligations to hold meetings and hear and determine matters before the Commission; and

WHEREAS, to protect and ensure the integrity of the Commission’s process, no more than two (2) alternate members may serve as alternates at the same meeting of the Commission for substituted regular members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of South Russell, Geauga County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. Section 260.02(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell currently reads as follows:

“(b) The Mayor, with the approval of the majority of Council, may appoint up to one (1) resident of the Village to serve as an alternate member of the Planning Commission for a term of six years each. This alternate member shall be in addition to the regular members and may substitute for regular members of the Planning Commission who are unable to attend a meeting of or participate in a matter before the Planning Commission. The alternate member at such meeting or such matter shall have all the powers and duties of a regular member of the Planning Commission, including but not limited to the ability to vote. In the event the alternate member participates in a matter which does not conclude at such meeting, but is continued for further deliberations, the alternate member shall remain in substitution for the regular member(s) until the conclusion of such matter and the substituted member(s) shall not participate in such matter.”

SECTION 2. Section 260.02(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell is hereby deleted to read in its entirety as follows:

“(b) The Mayor, with the approval of the majority of Council, may appoint up to three (3) residents of the Village to serve as alternate members of the Planning Commission for a term of six years each. Any alternate member appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the majority of Council, shall be in addition to the regular members and may substitute for any regular member of the Planning Commission who is unable to attend a meeting of or participate in a matter before the Planning Commission; provided however, that no more than a total of two (2) alternate members may serve simultaneously at the same meeting of the Planning Commission for regular members unable to attend a meeting of or participate in a matter before the Planning Commission. Any alternate member at such meeting or such matter shall have all the powers and duties of a regular member of the Planning Commission, including but not limited to, the ability to vote. In the event any alternate member participates in a matter which does not conclude at such meeting, but is continued for further deliberations, the alternate member shall remain in substitution for the regular member(s) until the conclusion of such matter and the substituted member(s) shall not participate in such matter.”

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees on or after December 2, 1975, that resulted in formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety of the inhabitants of the Village and for the further reason to allow for the immediate appointment of such alternate members; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to Council, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its passage by this Council and approval by the Mayor.



Mayor - President of Council

ATTEST:



Fiscal Officer

I certify that Ordinance No. 2023 - 32 was duly enacted on the 12TH day of JUNE, 2023, by the Council of the Village of South Russell, and published in accordance with the Ordinances of the Village.



Fiscal Officer