ORDINANCE NO. 2025-72 FIRST READING SECOND READING INTRODUCED BY: CHRIS BELL THIRD READING WALVED

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 220.05 (a) OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH RUSSELL'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend Section 220.05(a) of the Village of South Russell's Codified Ordinances to allow for Council to appoint members to its standing committees.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 220.05(a) of the Village of South Russell's Codified Ordinances currently provides as follows:

- "(a) Appointment of Committees. The following standing committees, consisting of two members each, are hereby authorized. Appointment of members to such committees shall be made by the Mayor and approved by Council.
  - (1) Building Department Committee.
  - (2) Finance Committee.
  - (3) Human Resources Committee.
  - (4) Properties Committee.
  - (5) Public Utilities Committee.
  - (6) Safety Committee.
  - (7) Streets Committee.

The Mayor, with Council's approval, or Council may appoint such special or ad hoc committees as are deemed necessary, provided that matters referred to or pending before a standing committee may not, without consent of its members, be referred to or considered by a special committee."

**SECTION 2.** Section 220.05(a) of the Village of South Russell's Codified Ordinances is hereby deleted and amended to read in full as follows:

"(a) Appointment of Committees. The following standing committees, each consisting of a minimum of two members of Council and a maximum of three members of Council, are hereby authorized. Appointment of members to such committees shall be made by motion and approved by a majority of Council at its annual organizational meeting.

- (1) Building Department Committee.
- (2) Finance Committee.
- (3) Human Resources Committee.
- (4) Properties Committee.
- (5) Public Utilities Committee.
- (6) Safety Committee.
- (7) Streets Committee.
- (8) Safe Bicycle & Pedestrian Transport Committee.
- (9) Administration & Technology Committee.

Appointment of residents of the Village and/or non-residents as members may be made by motion and a majority vote of Council to the following standing committees of Council: (i) Public Utilities Committee; (ii) Properties; (iii) Safe Bicycle & Pedestrian Transport Committee; and (iv) Streets Committee. Any resident or non-resident serving as a member of these committees of the Village shall serve for a one (1) year term, which term may be renewed annually by motion and a majority vote of Council, and such service shall be without compensation; provided however, that any non-resident member of these committees shall have no vote.

The Mayor, with Council's approval, or Council may appoint such special or ad hoc committees as are deemed necessary, provided that matters referred to or pending before a standing committee may not, without consent of its members, be referred to or considered by a special committee."

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 of the 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 to effectuate the amendment prior to the organizational meeting; 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.

Mayor – Presiding Officer

## ATTEST:

I certify that Ordinance No. 2025-72 was duly enacted on the 2H day of November 2025, by the Council of the Village of South Russell, and published in accordance with the Codified Ordinances of the Village.