

ORDINANCE NO.	<u>2026- 18</u>	FIRST READING	<u>March 2, 2026</u>
		SECOND READING	<u>WAIVED</u>
INTRODUCED BY:	<u>CHRIS BERGER</u>	THIRD READING	<u>WAIVED</u>

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 220.02 (g) OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH RUSSELL’S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS TO ADDRESSING COUNCIL THROUGH ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend Section 220.02(g)(2) of the Village of South Russell’s Codified Ordinances to change the date for which a person or a person’s authorized representative who wishes to address council through oral communications should notify the Fiscal Officer from noon on the Thursday before the scheduled meeting to noon on the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting to coincide with [Council’s policy for timely submission of agenda items OR Ordinance No. 2026-20].

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

SECTION 1. Section 220.02(g)(2) of the Village of South Russell’s Codified Ordinances currently provides as follows:

“(g) Addressing Council. Persons desiring to address Council may do so in the following manner:

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“(2) Oral communications. Any person or his authorized representatives who wish to address Council should notify the Fiscal Officer by noon on the Thursday before the scheduled meeting to be included on the agenda. During the visitors section, any person or his authorized representatives may appear before Council on any matter of Village business at the proper time provided in the agenda by rising and securing permission of the Presiding Officer. Such person shall state in an audible tone of voice for the record his name and address and the name and address of the person or group he may represent, if other than himself. Such person shall limit his address to five minutes unless the Presiding Officer or Council grants further time. No person other than the members of Council and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of Council, without the permission of the Presiding Officer. No question shall be asked of a member of Council except through the Presiding Officer.”

SECTION 2. Section 220.02(g)(2) of the Village of South Russell's Codified Ordinances is hereby deleted and amended to read in full as follows:

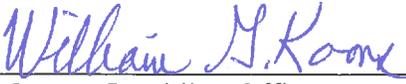
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SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of 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 ensure consistency for the timely submission of agenda items as soon as possible; 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:

Danielle Romanowski
Fiscal Officer

I certify that Ordinance No. 2026- 18 was duly enacted on the 2ND day of MARCH 2026, by the Council of the Village of South Russell, and published in accordance with the Codified Ordinances of the Village.

Danielle Romanowski
Fiscal Officer