

**ORDINANCE RECORD****VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, OHIO****ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04****INTRODUCED BY:** All of Council**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 121.09 ENTITLED "RIGHT TO COMPEL ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Village Council performs services on behalf of the residents of the Village of Newburgh Heights;

WHEREAS, Council can better serve the residents by gathering information directly from Department Heads, from time to time, and by causing Department Heads to attend various Council and/or Council Committee Meetings, as deemed necessary by Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, at least two-thirds of all the members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. Council hereby enacts Codified Ordinance Section 121.09, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

**121.09 RIGHT TO COMPEL ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

(a) Council shall have the right to compel the attendance of any Department Head at any Council Meeting or Council Committee Meeting. Unless otherwise excused by Council, all Department Heads, except for the Clerk of Courts, shall attend regularly scheduled Council Meetings.

(b) Upon request by one or more members of Council, a Department Head shall be obligated to attend a Council Meeting and/or a Council Committee Meeting.

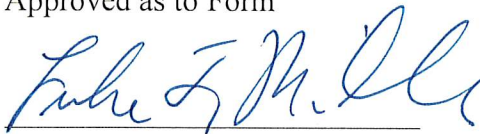
(c) For purposes of this ordinance, the term "Department Head" shall mean the head of any Village department, and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Service Director, Building Commissioner, Engineer, Solicitor, Fiscal Officer, Clerk of Courts, and/or Economic Development Director.

Section 2. That 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 that resulted in such formal action occurred in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Village, so that Council members have the immediate right to cause attendance by department heads at their meetings; wherefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: February 22, 2023

Approved as to Form



Solicitor

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Gigi Traore, Mayor  
Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio



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Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer  
Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio

1<sup>ST</sup> Reading: 2/22/23  
2<sup>ND</sup> Reading: 2/22/23  
3<sup>RD</sup> Reading: 2/22/23