

**AMELIA VILLAGE, OHIO**  
**Ordinance O-2014-57**

**AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING JEFF WOODS TO THE POSITION OF  
INTERIM POLICE CHIEF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Police Chief has resigned from employment, effective November 11, 2014;

**WHEREAS**, the Village Mayor, with the authorization of the Village Council began the search for a new Police Chief upon Council's acceptance of the resignation of the Police Chief;

**WHEREAS**, the Village Mayor is in the process of reviewing applications to fill the position of Police Chief and will conduct interviews of qualified applicants in the coming weeks;

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that a qualified officer perform the supervisory duties of the police chief until a new chief is appointed;

**WHEREAS**, Jeff Wood, a police sergeant, with significant police experience, has offered to perform the duties of the interim police chief until such time as a Police Chief is appointed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has interviewed Mr. Wood and finds him to be an exceptional candidate and recommends that he be appointed to the position of Interim Village Police Chief pursuant to R. C. 737.15.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by Council of Amelia Village that:

**SECTION I.** Based on the Police Chief's recommendation, the Mayor does hereby appoint Jeff Wood to fill the position of Interim Village Police Chief.

**SECTION II.** Village Council does hereby confirm the Mayor's probationary appointment according to the Police Chief Job Description previously developed and approved by Council.

**SECTION III.** Jeff Wood is appointed to the position of Interim Village Police Chief at an hourly rate of \$19.52 an hour, which rate shall be effective November 17, 2014. A probationary period of six months shall be applied to this appointment, during which time Mr. Wood may be removed for any reason whatsoever.

**SECTION IV.** Unless removed during a probationary period or for other reasons permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, Jeff Wood shall continue as Interim Village Police Chief until such time as the Village appoints a Village Police Chief, or until such time, if any, as the Village begins contracting with another governmental entity for police services. Nothing in this Ordinance, or otherwise, prohibits Mr. Wood from being considered for the permanent Police Chief position.

**SECTION V.** Village Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all

deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION VI.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the Village, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to approve this at the earliest possible time, as the appointment of an Interim Village Police Chief is necessary to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Amelia Village Police Department and to ensure the safety and security of Amelia Village residents. Therefore, provided this emergency clause receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

RG moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on three separate dates.

BH seconded the motion.

	Yea	Nay	Absent
Derrick Campbell.....	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Chris Dickerson.....	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Susan Elliott.....	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Renee Gerber.....	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Brandon Hatton.....	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Katie Krafska.....	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____

RG moved for the adoption of the ordinance.

BH seconded the motion.

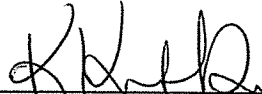
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Chris Dickerson.....	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
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Renee Gerber.....	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Brandon Hatton.....	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Katie Krafska.....	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____

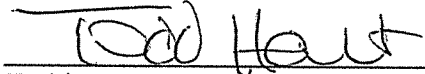
RG moved for the adoption of the emergency clause.

BH seconded the motion.

	Yea	Nay	Absent
Derrick Campbell.....	✓	_____	_____
Chris Dickerson.....	✓	_____	_____
Susan Elliott.....	✓	_____	_____
Renee Gerber.....	✓	_____	_____
Brandon Hatton.....	✓	_____	_____
Katie Krafa.....	✓	_____	_____

**Adopted November 11, 2014**

  
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 Katie Krafa, Clerk Pro-Tempore

  
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 Todd Hart, Mayor

