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NOTARIZED:

Before me personally appeared Thomas J. Nowicki,  
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**VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS, OHIO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SEATS ON VILLAGE COUNCIL FROM SIX (6) TO FIVE (5) BY PLACING THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT FOR A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) 731.09(C), the electors of the Village of Walton Hills may propose a reduction in the number of members of the legislative authority from six to five by initiative petition in accordance with R.C. 731.28; and

**WHEREAS**, if the majority of the voters approve the proposed initiative petition to reduce the number of members of the legislative authority, the legislative authority must be composed of five members who must be elected at large, for four year terms. R. C. 731.09(D). However, if the members of the legislative authority have staggered terms of office, as is required by R. C. 731.09, the decrease in the number of members must be implemented as necessary over the next two municipal elections at which the legislative authority would be elected; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to submit a certified copy of this ordinance to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days prior to the November 3, 2020 general election for submission to the qualified electors of Walton Hills.

**SECTION 2.** The ballot language for said proposed ordinance shall read substantially as follows:

**Proposed Ordinance  
(By Petition)  
Village of Walton Hills**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage**

**Shall the proposed ordinance reducing the number of members of Village Council from six (6) to five (5) be adopted effective for Council terms commencing January 1, 2021?**

**There will be three (3) Council members elected to four (4) year terms (reduced from the current four (4) Council members) effective with the November 2, 2021 General Election. There will be two (2) Council members elected to four (4) year terms effective with the November 7, 2023 General Election.**

Yes

No

**SECTION 3:** There will be three (3) Council members elected to four (4) year terms (reduced from the current four (4) council members) effective with the November 2, 2021 General Election.

**SECTION 4:** There will be two (2) Council members elected to four (4) year terms effective with the November 7, 2023 General Election.

**SECTION 5:** That this Ordinance, after receiving an affirmative majority of the votes cast, shall become effective on the fifth day after the day on which the Board of Elections certifies the official vote.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, VILLAGE CLERK  
(Printed Name)