

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 09

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JAMES A. CAIN FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, James Cain was an integral part of the City of Wickliffe Civil Service Commission and it was the City's good fortune to have had such an outstanding individual as a member of our community; and

WHEREAS, Jim is the beloved and devoted husband of 39 years to Linda (Kreeger) [Linda was raised in Wickliffe and graduated from Wickliffe High School]; is the beloved and devoted father of Brandon James and Morgan Elizabeth [both graduated from Wickliffe High School]; is grandfather to five-year-old Austin Thomas and three-year-old Anthony James; and

WHEREAS, Jim Cain was born in Cleveland, Ohio on March 30, 1954. He is a graduate of West Geauga High School (1972) and the Nuclear Medicine Institute (at Findlay College, 1993); and

WHEREAS, Jim lived in Ohio after graduation until 1983, when he moved to New Hampshire for seven years pursuing employment. In 1991, Jim moved back to Ohio and worked for twenty-five years at the VA Medical Center at Wade Park in Cleveland as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist. He retired from the VA in December of 2018; he loved working with the veterans!; and

WHEREAS, Jim is a member of Shoregate United Methodist Church, a member of the Masonic Lodge Acacia in Euclid, Ohio, a member of the Al Koran Shriners, a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland, and a member and volunteer at Traveler's Woods Masonic Campground; and

WHEREAS, Jim enjoys camping and traveling. He sincerely enjoys family time, especially time spent with his grandchildren. Volunteering has been an important part of his life. He is a believer in the importance of volunteering; he was a volunteer firefighter at the age of fifteen and has been volunteering ever since! He has worked with many organizations prior to his children graduating, including booster clubs and girls sporting teams. He also volunteered for many years as a board member at the day care his children attended. He assisted at all the COVID vaccination clinics that were provided by the City of Wickliffe, volunteering the entire day at each clinic helping others. Jim serves on the board of the Eaton Family Credit Union. He is currently in training to volunteer in the tri-city area with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team); and

WHEREAS, Jim was appointed to the Civil Service Commission by Mayor Tom Ruffner in 2002. He served 21 years on the Commission, with 19 years as Chairman. He loved this work and sincerely enjoyed working with the Police and Fire Departments, only resigning due to the resident requirement after moving to Highland Heights; and

WHEREAS, Jim has an amazing work ethic and is always professional. Jim offered tremendous support to the Police and Fire Departments and exemplifies what Civil Service should be. He was involved in every aspect of the Civil Service process; he personally supervised every written and physical (agility) test for every entry-level test and also managed every promotional exam. He is detail-oriented and fair, making sure everyone receives the same opportunities. He ensured that every step in the Civil Service process was followed "by the book". He often researched other commissions and testing companies to make sure Wickliffe's process was correct and up to current standards and was always working to update rules and procedures to ensure fairness. He was instrumental in bringing new procedures to Wickliffe when it became difficult to recruit for public safety positions. Due his integrity and approachability, many consulted with him and pursued his opinion. He is unwavering and consistent; his decisions are not questioned as he is consistently 100% above-board, and he always goes above and beyond; and

WHEREAS, this Council and the Mayor are of the opinion that the exemplary dedication of Jim Cain to the City of Wickliffe should be officially recognized.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE,
COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:**

SECTION 1. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to extend to Jim Cain the sincere thanks and appreciation of Council and residents of the City of Wickliffe for his years of dedicated service. A copy of this resolution shall be presented to him and be spread upon the records of City Council.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such 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 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the reason that it is appropriate to recognize Jim Cain; wherefore, this resolution, provided it receives an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: June 24th, 2024

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for approval on
June 24th, 2024

First reading suspended

Second reading suspended

Third reading June 24th, 2024

[Signature]
Council President – Presiding Officer

Approved: June 24th, 2024, 2024

[Signature]
Mayor

Passed June 24th, 2024

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I, Sandra J. Fink, Clerk of Council of Wickliffe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 2024-09 enacted by Council at its regular meeting on June 24, 2024.