

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 01**

**AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TARA SCHUSTER  
AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO;  
AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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**WHEREAS**, effective January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Tara Schuster will be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Wickliffe as Assistant Director of Finance; and

**WHEREAS**, Council desires to confirm this appointment in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 145.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the appointment of Tara Schuster as Assistant Director of Finance, effective January 12, 2026, is hereby confirmed. Former Assistant Finance Director, Terry Ness shall remain an employee of the City for an additional eighty (80) hours and continue to receive his customary salary during this time.

**SECTION 2.** That the starting salary for the full time position of Assistant Director of Finance shall be Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00); and following a performance review after six (6) months [one hundred eight (18) days], could be up to Eight-Five Thousand Dollars \$85,000.00 per year.

**SECTION 3.** That the duties of the Assistant Director of Finance are pursuant to Chapter 145.01 of the Codified Ordinances and Article VIII Finances of the Charter of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio.

**SECTION 4.** That any and all changes to this ordinance require amendment by Council.

**SECTION 5.** That this ordinance repeals any and all other ordinances or parts thereof that may be inconsistent with this ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** That 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 that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 7.** That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety of the city and its inhabitants, and for the further reason that it is necessary to immediately confirm the appointment of the Assistant Director of Finance to provide for the daily operations of the Finance Department; wherefore, this ordinance, 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: see 2026-01 AMENDED, 2026

Council President – Presiding Officer

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Submitted to the Mayor for approval on

\_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Mayor

First reading see

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Second reading 2026-01

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Third reading AMENDED