

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 30043

Ordinance No. 2023-18 Passed December 13, 2023

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE REVISED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE IN THE VILLAGE OF SABINA, CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS on September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the celebrated Emancipation Proclamation declaring enslaved people “forever free” in the states then allegiant to the Confederacy, laying the foundation for the enactment of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS on June 19, 1865, Union troops captured and marched through Galveston, Texas, reading to the residents there that all slaves were free, to which the formerly enslaved residents of Galveston rejoiced in the streets in jubilant celebration; and

WHEREAS Juneteenth is a cause for celebration of African American freedom and achievement while also encouraging personal development and respect for all cultures; and

WHEREAS the Ohio Legislature voted unanimously to recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday in 2023 after it was designated as such by the United States federal government in 2021; and

WHEREAS Juneteenth (June 19), 2023 was observed as a public holiday in the Village of Sabina Clinton County Ohio without the designation of the Sabina Village Council; and

WHEREAS the Council seeks to remedy this and recognize the importance of the holiday by henceforth designating December 31st as a floating holiday which for this year (2023) was observed on June 19th 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Sabina, Ohio by two-thirds of the majority of councilmembers elected thereto that:

- 1. The Council of the Village of Sabina recognizes Juneteenth, June 19, as an important day of celebration in the Village of Sabina, Clinton County, Ohio and on that date each year thereafter.
- 2. Section 5.2 of the Employee Handbook of the Village of Sabina shall be amended to provide each full-time employee of the Village with a holiday of their respective choosing in lieu of December 31st or June 19th of each year.
- 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the first date allowed by law upon passage by Council.

1st read: November 9, 2023
2nd read: November 20, 2023
3rd read: December 13, 2023

Attest:

Approved:

Chastity Pinkerton Abe Arnold, Village Council President
Chastity Pinkerton, Fiscal Officer Benjamin F. Collings, Mayor