

**ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2024**

**AMENDING SECTION 121.01 OF THE ST. BERNARD  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING COUNCIL PERSON  
ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS, SALARY REDUCTION,  
VACATION OF OFFICE, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of St. Bernard desires to update the current language of Section 121.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of St. Bernard to enhance the ability of Council to address the issue of absences by Council members which may impact the ability of Council to do the work of Council in service to the residents of the Village of St. Bernard.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That Section 121.01 of the St. Bernard Codified Ordinances shall read as follows:

**121.01 ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE FROM MEETING, AND VACATION OF COUNCIL SEAT**

Pursuant to ORC 731.45, Council members are required to attend Council and Committee of the Whole meetings and act in conformance with the rules of Council.

A reduction in salary shall be made for any member of Council who fails to attend regular meetings of Council, including Committee of the Whole meetings. Regardless of excuse, a Council member who misses two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings shall have their monthly salary reduced by one-third if that Council member misses the next regularly scheduled meeting. Regardless of excuse, any Council member who misses more than 4 regular meetings during a Council year (December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>) shall have their monthly salary reduced by one-third for each additional regular meeting missed.

Two-thirds of the members elected to Council may excuse any member from attendance at any regular or special meeting. A council seat of a member may be declared vacant when the member has been absent from meetings for four consecutive meetings without a valid excuse or after ten consecutive meetings regardless of excuse deemed valid by a majority of council. To declare a council seat vacant requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of council. Under this procedure, the accused member of council must be given notice and an opportunity to answer charges, which are brought against the member.

**Section 2.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety. The reason for the emergency is to address the issue of absences by Council members which can impact the ability of the Council to perform their duties as the legislative body of the Village of St. Bernard. Therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately by and upon its passage, and the approval of two-thirds of the members of said Council. However, this Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date provided by law if approved by no more than a majority of the members of Council and in that event the emergency provisions herein are set at naught.

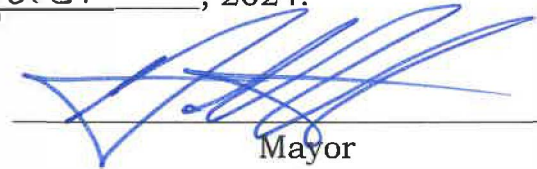
Passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2024.

Steve Asbach  
President of Council

ATTEST:  
Maude Culberson pro tem  
Clerk of Council

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Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2024.

  
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Mayor

I, CAROLINE STEGMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL, VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO, DO HEREBY testify that the publication of Ordinance No. 19, 2024, was made by posting true copies of the same in the most public places designated by Council: the Village website; and the Village social media account, for a period of fifteen (15) days or more commencing Sept. 12, 2024.

ATTEST: Nechi Culbertson, pro-tem DATE 8-22-2024  
Clerk of Council

Approved as to form Shawn Sanku Date 8-22-2024  
Director of Law