



## CITY OF PATASKALA

### ORDINANCE NO. 2010 - 3966

Passed April 5, 2010

#### **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION OF AND COMPENSATION FOR THE POSITION OF ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE AND REPEALING PRIOR LEGISLATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the general safety and welfare of the citizens of the City is dependent upon an efficiently operating Department of Police Services; and

**WHEREAS**, an efficiently operating Department of Police Services requires an individual serving as Chief during the absence of the duly appointed Chief or in the event of a vacancy in the position of Police Chief as a consequence of retirement or other termination of employment of the duly appointed Chief; and

**WHEREAS**, On or about September 5, 2000, Council adopted Ordinance 2000-3352 establishing the process for the selection of an Acting Police Chief and establishing the compensation for an individual performing such services; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2000-3352 makes no distinction between the “short term” absence of the duly serving Chief as a consequence of business away from the City, vacation or short term illness and a more extended vacancy in the position of Chief as a consequence of the death, retirement or termination of employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has determined that Ordinance 2000-3352 is no longer adequate to address the distinctions between the short term, occasional needs to designate an Acting Chief and a longer term, more permanent designation of an individual to serve as Acting Chief pending the appointment of a Chief of Police and establishing a further distinction between the compensation applicable to such appointments;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED THERETO CONCURRING:**

**SECTION ONE:** During the short term absence of the Chief or Acting Chief of Police as a consequence of vacation, business outside of the City, illness and the like, the Chief or Acting Chief as the case may be shall have the authority to designate an individual to serve as the Chief or Acting Chief.

**SECTION TWO:** The individual appointed by the Chief or Acting Chief pursuant to “Section One” of this Ordinance shall receive such additional compensation to that ordinarily paid such individual as may be established from time to time by the Chief or Acting Chief and approved by the Mayor pursuant to Motion or Resolution of Council.

**SECTION THREE:** a vacancy in the office of the Chief of Police shall be filled by the Mayor pursuant to Section 6.04 of the Charter. The determination of whether an absence is “short term” as contemplated by “Section One” of this Ordinance or the position is vacant as a consequence of the duly appointed Chief no longer fulfilling the responsibilities of that office shall be made by the Mayor.

**SECTION FOUR:** An individual designated as the Acting Chief pursuant to appointment by the Mayor shall receive the entry level compensation established for the Police Chief at the time of designation and as may be increased by Council during the time of such service.

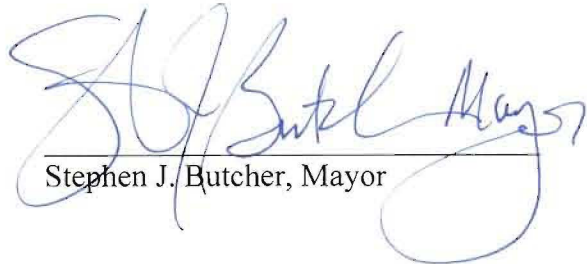
**SECTION FIVE:** Ordinance 2000-3352 is, hereby, repealed

**SECTION SIX:** This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time provided by the laws of the State of Ohio and the Charter of the City of Pataskala.

ATTEST:



Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council



Stephen J. Butcher, Mayor

Approved as to Form:



Rufus B. Hurst, Law Director