

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-17

AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT OF PROCEDURE ASSOCIATED WITH
PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Section 17.08 of the Charter of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio outlines requirements associated with the publication of legislation passed by Blue Ash City Council; and

WHEREAS, due to changes beyond the City's control affecting deadlines for submission of requests for publication, there is no longer a "newspaper of general daily or weekly, paid or unpaid, circulation..." that is capable of addressing the Charter's requirement of publication "within ten days after passage" without an unreasonable additional and unbudgeted expenditure of taxpayers' funds; and

WHEREAS, Section 17.08 of the Charter provides for alternative means to satisfy such publication requirements, particularly as described within 17.08(a), if approved via ordinance by Council; and

WHEREAS, given its reach to citizens, the City's general website, www.BlueAsh.com, can be designated the "municipal bulletin" for the City, as specified within Section 17.08(a) of the City's Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and the City Solicitor, recommend that legislation passed by Council be published on the City's official website, www.BlueAsh.com, in lieu of a newspaper; and

WHEREAS, publication of passed legislation on the City's website, posting of the legislation on a "protected bulletin board," and the making available at City Hall hard copies of all passed legislation provide maximum coverage to interested parties.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio,

SECTION I.

In accordance with Section 17.08 of the Charter of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, City Council hereby approves the procedure described below in terms of satisfying the need to publish passed legislation by City Council and otherwise outlined within the Charter:

- (A) The segment named "Municipal Bulletin" of the City's general website at www.BlueAsh.com is hereby designated as the City's municipal bulletin;
- (B) All legislation approved by City Council will be posted to the "Municipal Bulletin" of the City's general website at www.BlueAsh.com;
- (C) Photocopies of all passed legislation will continue to be posted on a protected bulletin within Blue Ash City Hall/Municipal & Safety Center; and
- (D) Photocopies of all passed legislation will be available to the public, for a reasonable period after its passage or upon request at any time, at the Blue Ash Municipal & Safety Center.

SECTION II.

City Council determines that the actions described above satisfy the City Charter requirements for publication as described within Section 17.08 of the Charter.

SECTION III.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.

PASSED this 23rd day of April, 2009.

Robert J. Buckman, Jr., Mayor

FIRST READING: March 12, 2009

Susan K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Pacheco, Deputy Solicitor