

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW THE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS BY THE CLERK.

WHEREAS, ordinances, resolutions, and meeting minutes serve as the official legal record of the City; and

WHEREAS, a minor clerical mistake should not override the clear and manifest intent of the Council; and

WHEREAS, errors in numbering or internal references in legislation and meeting minutes can lead to confusion in enforcement or litigation; and

WHEREAS, proactive correction by the Clerk of Council prevents absurd results where a law might be misinterpreted or invalidated due to a simple inadvertent drafting mistake; and

WHEREAS, granting the Clerk of Council power to fix obvious clerical mistakes ensures efficiency in the administration of City business and that the Codified Ordinances, legislation, and meeting minutes remain clear, searchable, and professional for the public; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to amend the Codified Ordinances to allow for the correction of "scrivener's errors."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 220.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson be hereby amended, effective retroactively January 1, 2026, to provide as follows, with additions being **bold and underlined**:

- (a)** Ordinances and Resolutions Generally. Ordinances and resolutions shall be introduced in the Council only in printed or written form in a format approved by the City Solicitor. Ordinances and resolutions may be originated by the Mayor or any member of Council, but must be first introduced at a workshop for inclusion on a regular or special Council meeting agenda.

(b) Scrivener's Errors. With the City Solicitor's written approval, the Clerk of Council is authorized to correct scrivener's errors in any ordinance, resolution, and/or minutes adopted by the Council or other public body without the need for re-adoption of the ordinance, resolution, or minutes. For the purposes of this section, a scrivener's error is an omission, defect, or error in the document and includes one or more of the following:

- (1) A misspelling;**
- (2) A numbering error;**
- (3) A cross-referencing error;**
- (4) A transposing error; or**
- (5) Other clerical error.**

Section 2. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and 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 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 26-64 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council