

# THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 23-130

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Antoskiewicz

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART 2 ADMINISTRATION CODE, CHAPTER 230 MAYOR, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 230.07 CHAPLAIN OF THE SAFETY FORCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: The city safety forces, in the course of their duties encounter incidents that involve great and terrible trauma, emotionally charged circumstances, and other experiences that challenge their individual psychological health and welfare; and

WHEREAS: The services of men and women designated as “chaplain” to offer comfort, counsel and a willing listener have historically proven to be of great and lasting value to those in need of such solace; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and the Chiefs of Fire and Police recommend the creation of the volunteer position of Chaplain of the Safety Forces; and

WHEREAS: It is therefore necessary to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, Part 2 Administration Code, Chapter 230 Mayor, by creating a new Section 230.07 Chaplain of the Safety Forces; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to provide for this amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Part 2 Administration Code, Chapter 230 Mayor, by creating a new Section 230.07 Chaplain of the Safety Forces which shall hereinafter read as follows:

## ***230.07 CHAPLAIN OF THE SAFETY FORCES***

*(a) There is hereby established the position of Chaplain of the Safety Forces. Such positions shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor.*

*(b) There shall be no compensation paid to the volunteer who fills this position.*

*(c) The duties of the Chaplain shall be such duties as directed by the Mayor.*

Section 2. Chapter 230 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton is hereby amended as provided for herein and all other provisions of Chapter 230 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall supersede all previously adopted Ordinances in direct conflict herewith.

Section 4. 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.

Section 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that Council has determined that it is immediately necessary to provide for the psychological support and well-being of the city safety forces.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Paul F. Marnecheck  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Larry Antoskiewicz  
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: November 8, 2023

DATE APPROVED: November 9, 2023

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended  
Second reading suspended  
Third reading November 8, 2023

YEAS: Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci,  
Dietrich, Webber, Vos

NAYS: none