

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2025
ADOPTED: October 13, 2025

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF KELLY M. BROWN AS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF KIRKERSVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of the Village of Kirkersville Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, Kelly M. Brown previously worked at the Sugar Grove Police Department until the department disbanded, as well as Somerset Police Department and New Straitsville Police Department. As such, Kelly M. Brown has the necessary qualifications and experience to serve as the next Kirkersville Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor appointed Kelly M. Brown as Police Chief, and Council for the Village of Kirkersville now wants to consent to this appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KIRKERSVILLE, OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to R.C. 737.15, Council for the Village of Kirkersville hereby consents to the Mayor's appointment of Kelly M. Brown as Chief of Police at a rate of \$30.00 per hour for a work period of no more than 32 hours per week.

SECTION 2: Pursuant to R.C. 737.17, this appointment and consent shall be for a probationary period and shall not be finally made until Kelly M. Brown has satisfactorily served his probationary period and the Mayor, with the concurrence of Council, have finally appointed Kelly M. Brown. Because a final appointment is necessary to end his probationary period, and unless/until that occurs, Kelly M. Brown is afforded none of the protections/rights under R.C. 737.15 and/or R.C. 737.171 until he is finally appointed.

SECTION 3: Council for the Village of Kirkersville hereby waives the residency requirement, set forth in R.C. 737.15, for Kelly M. Brown.

SECTION 4: As required by R.C. 737.15, Kelly M. Brown has taken and passed, not more than sixty days prior this appointment, a physical examination given by a licensed physician, a physician assistant, a clinical nurse specialist, a certified nurse practitioner, or a certified nurse-midwife, showing that he meets the physical requirements necessary to perform the duties of Police Chief.

SECTION 5: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

SECTION 6: It is hereby 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 any and 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 of the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village and for the further reason that it is in the Village's best interest to have a Chief of Police in position as soon as possible. Wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the required affirmative votes of Council, it shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by Council.

Passed in Council this 13 day of October 2025.

Terry Ashcraft, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council