

ORDINANCE 2023-44  
VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE  
THIRD READING

- TABLED  
September 6, 2023

**AN ORDINANCE PETITIONING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO, TO ADJUST THE BOUNDARY LINES OF WALNUT TOWNSHIP TO EXCLUDE THE ENTIRETY OF THE TERRITORY NOW WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE EXCEPT ANY PARCELS ANNEXED PURSUANT TO ORC 709.023.**

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Section 503.07 authorizes the Council of the Village of Buckeye Lake to petition the Board of County Commissioners of Fairfield County to change the township boundary lines in order to make them identical, in whole or in part, with the limits of the Village of Buckeye Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the Village of Buckeye Lake no longer requires the services of Walnut Township and can provide for or contract for any and all services that are currently being provided by Walnut Township; and

**WHEREAS**, it is determined it is in the best interest for the Village of Buckeye Lake to petition Fairfield County Commissioners to change the township boundary lines so that the Village of Buckeye Lake withdraws from and is no longer part of Walnut Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Buckeye Lake additionally requests the County Commissioners for a new township to be named "Buckeye Lake Township" or a name of the Commissioners' choosing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Buckeye Lake must provide ten (10) day notice prior to vote on this ordinance and ten (10) days notice after any reading where no vote is taken, to Walnut Township pursuant to R.C. 503.07(B); and

**WHEREAS**, Council believes at the earliest possible date allowed by law, it is in the best interest and well-being of the Village of Buckeye Lake to adjust the boundary lines of Walnut Township so as to exclude the entirety of the territory that now lies within the corporate boundaries of the Village of Buckeye Lake except those parcels annexed pursuant to R.C. 709.023; and

**WHEREAS**, Council believes it is in the best interest to exclude that territory of Walnut Township, except those portions annexed pursuant to R.C. 709.023, to avoid duplication of services, levies, voter confusion, and other jurisdictional issues;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT NOW ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO:**

**Section I.** The Village of Buckeye Lake, Ohio, an Ohio municipal corporation, hereby petitions the Board of County Commissioners of Fairfield County, Ohio, for a change of township lines of Walnut Township to remove all territory, except as set forth below, that now lies within the corporate boundaries of the Village of Buckeye Lake from Walnut Township so that it is no longer part of Walnut Township or any township pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 503.07

and related sections and for the County Commissioners to form a new township to be named "Buckeye Lake Township" or a name of the Commissioners' choosing. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023, the following parcels shall not be excluded from Walnut Township: none.

**Section II.** The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance, together with a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted, showing its adoption by a vote of the majority of the members of the Council of the Village of Buckeye Lake, being the legislative authority of such municipal corporation as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 503.07 to the Board of County Commissioners of Fairfield County, Ohio.

**Section III.** The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to present a certified copy of this Ordinance and a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted to the Board of County Commissioners of Fairfield County, as a petition for such change to the boundary lines of Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, as set forth herein.

**Section IV.** The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance, together with a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted, along with a notice by ordinary mail to Walnut Township of Council's intended vote on the change of Walnut Township lines.

**Section V.** All formal actions of this Council relating to the enactment of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

**Section VI.** This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council                      Linda Goodman, Council President

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Jeryne Peterson, Mayor