

ORDINANCE NO. 1523- 2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECUSAL OF MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL IN MATTERS BEFORE THE VILLAGE COUNCIL RELATING TO MEMBERS' PERSONAL, PRIVATE BUSINESS, OR EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, all members of the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay are public officials, as defined under the Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Section 102.01(B); and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay is a public agency, as defined under R.C. Section 102.01(C); and

WHEREAS, all members of the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay are subject to Ohio Ethics Laws under R.C. Chapter 102; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Ethics Laws do not prohibit members of the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay from engaging in personal interests or private, outside employment or business activities, provided that no conflict of interest exists between the member's activities and his or her public duties; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay have an obligation to avoid participating in matters that present a conflict of interest or that create the appearance of impropriety; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay desires to ensure that its public meetings function in an organized and efficient manner, without unnecessary delay or burden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay, County of Ottawa and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: This Council authorizes Council Member Jeff Koehler to recuse himself from participation in all matters before the Village Council related to the newspaper, the Put-in-Bay Gazette, and any individual or entity that advertises in the Put-in-Bay Gazette.

SECTION 2: This Council authorizes Council Member Jacob Market to recuse himself from participation in all matters before the Village Council related to the Miller Boat Line, located at 535 Bayview Avenue, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456.

SECTION 3: This Council authorizes Council Member Dave Shaffer to recuse himself from participation in all matters before the Village Council related to Ashely's Island House, 557 Catawba Avenue, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be effective for calendar year 2026.

SECTION 5: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open

meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in those actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 6: This ordinance is deemed an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and for the further reason that its passage will ensure that Village Council can conduct its duties free of undue delay and administrative burdens. Wherefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

Passed: _____, 2026

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer

Approved: _____, 2026

Judy Berry, Mayor