

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-07

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.04, OF THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE, COUNTY OF LAKE, AND STATE OF OHIO, that the Council of Mentor-on-the-Lake hereby submits to the Lake County Board of Elections and to the voters of the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake the following individual and separate proposed Charter Amendments as follows:

Section 1. Council hereby authorizes and directs that the following proposal to amend Article VI, Section 6.04, of the Charter of the City of Mentor on the Lake, Ohio, be submitted to the electors of the City on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 and the proposed Charter provision with the additional language highlighted in **bold type** reads as follows:

SECTION 6.04 ENGINEER AND LAW DIRECTOR.

The Charter hereby establishes an office of Engineer and office of Law Director, appointed by the Mayor **within the first 12 months of the start of the Mayor's current term of office** annually with the approval of the majority of Council. They shall serve on a contract basis **as negotiated, extending no longer than one year past the Mayor's current term of office.** Each shall provide the Municipality with his or her respective services as the Mayor and Council shall direct.

The Law Director shall be a practicing attorney who is duly licensed by and in good standing with the Ohio Supreme Court. **A summary of qualifications shall be presented, with the Mayor's recommendation, to the Council at the time of contractual review.**

The Engineer shall be a registered civil engineer. **As part of the contract review, the Mayor shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation with minimum qualification criteria in compliance with Ohio's Qualifications-Based Selection Law for Professional Engineers, Architects & Surveyors (Ohio Revised Code §153.65-.73) This evaluation shall be presented, with Mayor's recommendation, to Council at the time of contractual review.**

Section 2. That if such Charter Amendment is approved by a

majority of the electors voting thereon at such election, said Amendment shall become effective from and after the time of its approval by the electors.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council be and she hereby is directed to mail a copy of the above proposed Charter amendments, additions or revisions to each elector whose name appears upon the poll or registration books of the last regular or general election held in the City, or cause to be published the full text of the proposed Charter amendments, additions or revisions as set forth above, once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the City, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, with the first publication being at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election hereinbefore provided, all, in accordance with Section 9 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution, Section 731.211 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the Charter of the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Lake County, 105 Main Street, P.O. Box 490, Painesville, OH 44077.

SECTION 5. That the Board of Elections of Lake County is hereby requested to cause appropriate notice of such election to be duly given in accordance with law.

SECTION 6. That the form of ballots to be cast at the election shall be as follows:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

(A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage)

Shall Article VI, Section 6.04, Engineer and Law Director be amended in order to align the contracts of the Engineer and Law Director with the election of the Mayor and to establish enhanced qualifications for these positions:

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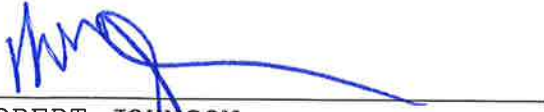
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Section 7. That the proposed Charter amendment is being submitted pursuant to the submission of said amendments, additions and revisions by the Charter Review Commission of the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, as provided in Section 11.05 of the Charter.


Section 8. That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting, and that all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 123.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 9. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be and is passed as an emergency measure, the emergency being the need to comply with the provisions of the Charter and to preserve order and peace, quiet and dignity in this City. Said Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.



ROBERT JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



DAVID R. EVA
MAYOR

Dated: 7/19/2024

ADOPTED: 7/19/2024

ATTEST: 

Clerk of Council