

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-09

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.01, 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 IV, Section 4.01, 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:

SECTION 4.01 COMPOSITION AND TERMS.

Seven (7) Council members are to be elected. Three (3) Council members are to be elected at large. Four (4) Council Members shall be elected from wards, one from each ward. The Ward Council Members must be a resident of the Ward on the date they file their petitions for election with the Board of Elections and he or she must also meet the qualifications of Section 4.02 of the Charter. The present Council shall, within 45 days after adoption of this Charter provision, divide the municipality into four (4) wards having as near as practical, equal population, and thereafter the then existing Council shall have the power to change the boundaries of the wards by ordinance every four (4) years thereafter and upon the annexation of any territory, shall have the power to place said district or any part thereof in any existing ward or wards as will most efficiently keep said wards of equal population.

Ward council members shall serve for a term of four (4) years beginning on the first day of January next following their election. The initial term of office of the ward council members shall commence on January 1, 2016 and every four (4) years thereafter. At large members of Council shall also serve for a term of four (4) years. ~~In November 2025 17, and quadrennially thereafter, the at-large councilpersons shall be elected so as to provide that the term of one three councilpersons at large will commence on the first day of January, 2026 18 and quadrennially thereafter; the term of one councilperson at large shall commence~~

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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 IV, Section 4.01, Composition and Terms of Council of the City of Mentor on the Lake, Ohio Charter be amended so that the three At Large Candidates for Council with the greatest number of votes are elected to the three At Large Council positions that all begin on January 1:

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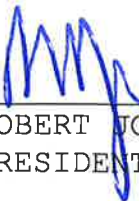
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Section 7. That the proposed Charter amendment is being submitted pursuant to the submission of said amendments, additions and revisions by the Charter Review Commission of the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, as provided in Section 11.05 of the Charter.


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: 7/9/2024

ADOPTED: 7/9/2024

ATTEST: 

Clerk of Council