## ORDINANCE NO. 2024-0-14

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7.07(C), 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 VII, Section 7.07(C), 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 7.07(C) CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Delete the position of part-time fire fighter from the Classified Civil Service and make that position an Unclassified position that does not require a Civil Service Test for the purpose of hiring a person to fill that position.

<u>Section 2.</u> 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.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. 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 VII, Sections 7.07(C) Civil Service Commission of the City of Mentor on the Lake Charter, Ohio be amended so that the position of Part-time Fire fighter is deleted from the Classified Civil Service Designation and instead make that position an Unclassified Civil Service position that does not require a Civil Service Test for the purpose of hiring a person to fill the position of a Part-time Firefighter:

## SECTION 7.07 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

C.Classification of Service. The Civil Service of the Municipality is hereby divided into unclassified and classified service. The unclassified service shall include:

- 1. All officers elected by the people;
- 2. Any member of a board or commission or any head of a department, subdepartment or division thereof, other than the Police and Fire Departments;
- 3. One secretary to the Mayor and one secretary to each head, superintendent and foreman of any department, sub-department or division, or his or her assistant;
- 4. Any deputy of an elected or appointed officer who holds a fiduciary relationship to his or her principal;
- 5. Any office or position requiring peculiar or exceptional qualifications;
- 6. Part-time members of the Police and Fire Department;
- 7. Plumbing, heating, building, electrical, health and sanitary or sewer inspectors;
- 8. Provisional employees whose employment without extension by the Commission shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) days;

9. Unskilled labor.

The classified service shall include:

- 1. All full-time members, including officers, of the Fire Department except the office of the Fire Chief. All full-time members of the Police Department, including officers, except the office of the Police Chief;
- 2. Employees of any utility operated by the Municipality requiring an operator's license except a chauffeur's license in the performance of their duties.

Except as herein provided the Civil Service Commission shall determine the practicability of classification and competitive examination for any nonelective office or job in the service of the Municipality.

Any person in the classified service, who is serving the Municipality on the effective date of this Charter, may be retained in the same or similar position without examination.

- <u>Section 7.</u> 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 Mentoron-the-Lake, as provided in Section 11.05 of the Charter.
- <u>Section 8</u>. 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.
- <u>Section 9</u>. 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.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MAYOR

Clerk of Counc

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