

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-26

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 4.02 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MONROE, OHIO, TO ALLOW ANY ELIGIBLE COUNCIL MEMBER TO SUBMIT THEIR NAME FOR CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR AND/OR VICE MAYOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, a Charter Review Commission was appointed in accordance with the Charter of the City of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, this Commission has met and reviewed the Charter proposing certain changes to the Charter; and

WHEREAS, these proposed changes have been reviewed and accepted by City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: The question of certain amendments of the Charter of the City of Monroe be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City at the general election to be held on November 2, 2021, at the regular places of voting within the City and during regular voting hours. Such ballot for said election shall, at the top thereof, be entitled "City Charter Amendment Ballot – Selection of Mayor and/or Vice Mayor," and the question to be submitted on said ballot shall be in words following: "Shall the proposed amendment to Section 4.02 of the Charter of the City of Monroe to allow any eligible Council member to submit their name for consideration of Mayor and/or Vice Mayor be adopted?" or such ballot language as the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio shall adopt pursuant to the authority granted in Revised Code Section 3505.06. To the left of said wording in boxes with appropriate place for marking, shall appear the words "Yes" and "No" and each voter shall indicate their vote by marking in the place so provided.

SECTION 2: Public notice of the time and place of holding such election shall be given by publication of notice thereof at least ten (10) days prior to the day of such election in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

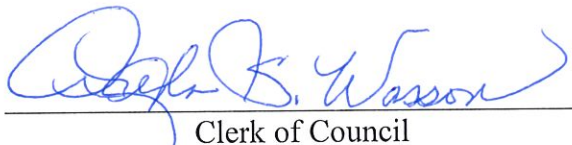
SECTION 3: The Clerk of Council be and is hereby directed to publish the full text of the proposed Charter Amendments, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in the Journal-News, with the first publication being at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election hereinbefore provided, all in accordance with Section 9 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution and Revised Code Section 731.211.

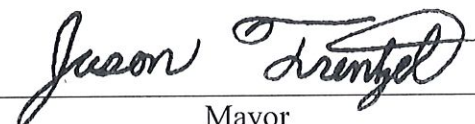
SECTION 4: To pay the costs related to the proposed Charter Amendments and submission thereof to the electors, there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be needed.

SECTION 5: This measure is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and further for the reason that Council desires to cause the proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Monroe to be submitted to the electors at the general election provided by law. Therefore, this measure shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED: July 27, 2021
ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Clerk of Council


Mayor

This legislation was enacted in an open meeting pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Sunshine Law, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the city of Monroe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing (ordinance or resolution) was published as required by Section 7.16 of the Charter of the City of Monroe.



Clerk of Council
City of Monroe, Ohio

Exhibit "A"

NOTICE TO VOTERS

In accordance with Section 12.05 of the Charter of Monroe, a Charter Review Commission was appointed. The following are the recommendations for changes in Section 4.01 of the Charter as submitted by the 2021 Charter Review Commission establishing term limits for Council Members. The proposed additions appear in italics and items to be omitted are stricken through. The proposed changes are as follows:

Current Charter Language

Section 4.02 - Organization.

The Council shall meet and organize in January next, following each Council election. Council shall select, by majority vote from its own members, one to serve as Mayor and one to serve as Vice Mayor for a term of two years until their successors are chosen. In addition the Council shall select by a majority vote one Council member as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, to serve until a successor shall have been elected unless the person in the meantime shall cease to be a Council member.

Proposed Amendment

Section 4.02 - Organization.

The Council shall meet and organize in January next, following each Council election. Council shall select, by majority vote from its own members, one to serve as Mayor and one to serve as Vice Mayor for a term of two years until their successors are chosen. *At this meeting any eligible Council member may submit their name for consideration as Mayor and/or Vice Mayor. Submissions may also be made by nomination. Once submitted the Council may vote on all members in consideration. In the event of a tie a revote shall occur for only the candidates receiving the highest amount of votes.* In addition the Council shall select by a majority vote one Council member as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, to serve until a successor shall have been elected unless the person in the meantime shall cease to be a Council member.