

ORDINANCE NO. 106– 2025

TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON CHARTER

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE SUMBISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS” IN SECTION 4.03 TO INCLUDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BARBERTON SAFETY DIRECTOR POSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 12 of the City Charter, the Mayor appointed and Council affirmed the Charter Review Commission.

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed and recommended to City Council certain amendments to the Charter.

WHEREAS, Council reviewed the recommendation, accepted some and rejected others.

WHEREAS, Certain Council Members also proposed Charter amendments;

WHEREAS, After many meetings and discussions, Council has agreed on several Charter amendments:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the City of Barberton, County of Summit, State of Ohio, not less than 2/3 of all members of concurring:

SECTION 1. That Council hereby proposes the amendment of the City of Barberton Charter by showing said amendments with a ~~strike through~~ for any deletions and **bold** for any additions to read as follows

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and Article 12 of the Charter of the City of Barberton, this Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the City of Barberton, at a regular November election to be held at the usual places of voting in said City on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, the following proposals to amend the Charter of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

To amend qualifications for the City of Barberton Safety Director position.

Article 4, Section 4.03 shall be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

Section 4.03 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Qualifications. The Director of Public Safety shall have the following minimum qualifications: a Bachelor’s degree in management, public administration, or related discipline and shall have a minimum of five (5) years operating, managing, and/or administrating public safety personnel and equivalent. The Director of Public Safety shall be selected on the basis of their administrative and executive qualifications.

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SECTION 3. That if the foregoing proposal receives the affirmative vote of the majority of the electors voting thereon, then existing Section 4.03 of Article 4 shall be and the same is hereby amended with the additional language.

SECTION 4. That it is the desire of the Council that the ballots for said question shall be in substantially the following form:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall Section 4.03 of Article 4 of the City Charter be amended to include qualifications for the City of Barberton Safety Director position?

☐ YES

☐ NO

SECTION 5. That the clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Summit County no later than August 8, 2025.

SECTION 6. That the Board of Elections of Summit County shall cause an appropriate notice to be duly given of the regular election to be held on November 4, 2025 on the foregoing amendment to the Charter of this City, and otherwise to provide for such election in the manner provided by the general laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 7. That the Clerk of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to cause the full text of such proposed Charter amendment to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Barberton, with the first publication to be made at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election to be held on November 4, 2025 or to mail a copy of such proposed Charter amendment to each elector whose name appears in the registration books of the last general or regular municipal election held in the City at least thirty (30) days prior to the November 4, 2025 election, all as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio, in Section 731.211 of the Ohio Revised Code and Article 12, Section 12.01 of the Charter.

SECTION 8. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of it's committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 9. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, in order to facilitate timely implementation, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after it's passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed JULY 28, 2025

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2025

Mayor