

**ORDINANCE NO. 114 – 2025****AMENDMENT  
CITY OF BARBERTON CHARTER**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” IN SECTION 6.03(a), TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THREE MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR, AND TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTIONS TO THE LENGTH OF TERM SERVED BY THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE BARBERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINT THE TWO REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, 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 RESOLVED**, 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 Charter of the City of Barberton by showing said amendment 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 remove the requirement that three members of the Parks and Recreation Board be appointed by the Mayor, and to remove the exception to the length of term served by the original members, and to remove the requirement that the Barberton Board of Education appoint the two remaining members of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Article 6, Section 6.03(a) shall be amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 6  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS****Section 6.03 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

(a) Membership and Organization. There is hereby established a Parks and Recreation Commission which shall consist of five (5) members who are electors of the City, holding no other public office and ~~Three (3) members~~ shall be appointed by the Mayor, with confirmation by the majority of Council, to serve without compensation for the term of five (5) years, ~~except that of original appointments for terms beginning on January 1, 1974, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, one (1) for a term of three (3) years, and one (1) for a term of five (5) years. The remaining two (2) members of the Parks and Recreation Commission shall be appointed by the Barberton Board of Education with the confirmation of a majority of Council, and shall consist of one (1) member of the Board of Education, with the remaining member being a person appointed by the Board of Education, and shall serve without compensation for the terms of five (5) years, except that of the original appointments for terms beginning on January 1, 1974, one (1) shall be for a term of two (2) years and one (1) for a term of four (4) years. In any case where the Board of Education shall fail within sixty (60) days to make the appointments or to fill a vacancy on the Commission, the Mayor shall make the appointments with confirmation by Council. The Board of Park Commissioners~~

~~heretofore existing shall be abolished on the effective date of this Charter.~~

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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 6.03(a) of Article 6 shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** That 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 6.03(a) of Article 6 of the City Charter be amended to remove the requirement that three members of the Parks and Recreation Board be appointed by the Mayor?

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**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 its 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

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

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Mayor