

**ORDINANCE NO. 117– 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 AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” IN SECTION 6.04 (c) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE ALLOWING FOR VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REPLACE WITH LANGUAGE ALLOWING FOR ANY BOARD OR COMMISSION, 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 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 proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

To remove specific boards and commissions and include a mechanism to allow the appointment of citizens to any board or commission requiring representation.

Article 6, Section 6.04 (c) shall be amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 6**  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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**Section 6.04 OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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~~(c) — The Plumbing, Electrical, Warm Air Heating, and Air Pollution Control Advisory Boards, Community Action Council, Traffic Safety, and Boxing and Wrestling Commissions, Civil Defense and Metropolitan Regional Transit Authority, hereto established by ordinance of the Council, shall continue to operate under, and to have the functions, powers and duties set forth in the provisions of existing ordinances of the Council applicable thereto, except that the Mayor shall appoint each member of these Boards, with confirmation by a majority of Council, subject to the right of the Council to amend or repeal any or all of such provisions by later ordinance at any time, and to transfer, reassign or delegate such functions, powers and duties, or any part thereof, to another officer, individual, board, or commission.~~  
~~(Nov. 4, 1980; Nov. 5, 1996)~~

(c) Any Board or Commission that requires representation by the City of Barberton, the Mayor shall appoint a member with confirmation by a majority of Council.

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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 6.04 (c) of Article 6 shall be and the same is hereby repealed and replaced.

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 6.04 (c) of Article 6 of the City Charter be amended to remove the language setting forth specific boards and commissions and replace with language allowing citizens to be appointed to any board or commission requiring City representation?

\_\_\_\_ 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

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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

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Mayor