

ORDINANCE NO. 118 – 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” CREATING SECTION 6.09 TO REQUIRE ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN THIS CHARTER TO VIDEO AND/OR AUDIO RECORD, 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 require all Boards and Commissions to video and/or audio broadcast the proceedings.

Article 6 shall be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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SECTION 6.09. VIDEO BROADCAST/RECORDING.

All Boards and Commissions within Article 6 of this Charter, shall be video and/or audio recorded and published for the public by the City in its entirety.

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SECTION 3. That if the foregoing proposal receives the affirmative vote of the majority of the electors voting thereon, Section 6.09 of Article 6 shall be included.

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 6.09 of Article 6 of the City Charter be amended to include language requiring all Boards and Commissions in Section 6 of this Charter to video and/or audio recorded?

_____ 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