

ORDINANCE NO. 126 – 2025

TITLE: CHARTER CONSOLIDATION

AN ORDINANCE TO CONSOLIDATE 20 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS INTO ONE BALLOT ISSUE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and Article 12 of the Charter of the City of Barberton, this Council passed Ordinance No. 123-2025; Ordinance No. 120-2025; Ordinance No. 121-2025; Ordinance No. 122-2025; Ordinance No. 118-2025; Ordinance No. 106-2025; Ordinance No. 119-2025; Ordinance No. 117-2025; Ordinance No. 116-2025; Ordinance No. 115-2025; Ordinance No. 114-2025; Ordinance No. 113-2025; Ordinance No. 112-2025; Ordinance No. 111-2025; Ordinance No. 110-2025; Ordinance No. 109-2025; Ordinance No. 108-2025; Ordinance No. 107-2025; and Ordinance No. 105-2025 on July 28, 2025 and Ordinance No. 125-2025 on September 2, 2025 (collectively, the “Prior Ordinances”) authorizing and directing the submission to the electors of the City the proposed amendments to Sections 1.01, 4.02, 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 5.11, 6.01, 6.03, 6.04, 6.09, 7.01, 7.02, 7.03, 7.04, 7.05, and 12.02 and Article XII of the Charter of the City of Barberton, Ohio, being nineteen separate amendments (collectively, the “Proposed Amendments”) at the regular November election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing the Prior Ordinances and all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to consolidate the Proposed Amendments into one ballot issue for the submission to the electors of the City of Barberton on November 4, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Barberton, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. That the Proposed Amendments to the Charter of the City of Barberton, Ohio authorized to be submitted to the electors of the City pursuant to the Prior Ordinances shall be consolidated and submitted as one ballot issue to the electors of the City of Barberton at the election to be held on November 4, 2025.

SECTION 2. That is the desire of the Council that the ballots for said question shall be in substantially the following form:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the amendments to Sections 1.01, 4.02, 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 5.11, 6.01, 6.03, 6.04, 6.09, 7.01, 7.02, 7.03, 7.04, 7.05, and 12.02 and Article XII of the Charter of the City of Barberton be approved?

YES
NO

SECTION 3. That the clerk of Council is hereby authorized to immediately forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Summit County.

SECTION 4. 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 amendments 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. This Council hereby requests the Board of Elections of Summit County to place the full text of all of the Proposed Amendments in an easily accessible place in each polling location in the City for the regular election to be held on November 4, 2025

SECTION 5. 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 6. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the City, and for the further reason to consolidate 20 questions into one ballot issue for the submission to the electors of the city of Barberton on November 4, 2025, and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed September 2, 2025

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2025

Mayor

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