

REFER TO: Finance

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03/04/2026

Requested by: Mayor W. Judge
Presented by: Mr. Poorman

ORDINANCE NO. – 2026

**TITLE: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10-2023
“BARBERTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RELIEF PROGRAM”**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10-2023, BY AMENDING SECTION 2(B), SECTION 2(C), REMOVING THE INCOME THRESHOLD, AND ADDING NEW WORDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, these changes would match changes at the State level as well as match the Summit County Fiscal’s Office income threshold for the Homestead Exemption Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. Council hereby amends Ordinance No. 10-2023, “Barberton Residential Services Relief Program,” by amending Section 2, Part (b) and (c), removing the income threshold, and adding new wording, by showing said amendment with a ~~strike through~~ for any deletions and **bold** for any additions:

SECTION 2. A resident of the City of Barberton shall qualify for the “Barberton Residential Services Relief Program” if such resident:

- (a) owns and resides in primary residence in the City of Barberton; and
- (b) is 65 years of age with an income level (or combined income level, if applicable) ~~of \$36,100 or below~~ **equal to or below the Ohio property tax regulations income threshold for homestead exemptions**; and/or
- (c) homeowner is disabled, owns and resides in primary residence in the City of Barberton, and has an income level (or combined income level, if applicable) ~~of \$36,100 or below~~ **equal to or below the Ohio property tax regulations income threshold for homestead exemptions**
- (d) any Military Veteran, 100% disability, no age or income level is required
 - “Must have received a total (100%) rating for service-connected disabilities OR have received a total of (100%) rating for compensation for military service-connected disabilities based on a determination of individual unemployment”
 - “Must provide documentation of disability by submitting a copy of the VA award letter assigning disability rating at 100% OR documentation granting total compensation at the 100 level and a copy of the finding that the veterans’ application of “individual unemployment” has been granted”
 - “Must provide a copy of military discharge form DD214, displaying honorable discharge”
- (e) any surviving spouse of a first responder, no age or income level required.
 - “Must provide verification that the public service officer was killed in the line of duty by providing a letter confirming this from either a state pension fund or the department or agency that the public service officer served when the officer was killed in the line of duty“
 - “Public service officer is a paramedic, emergency medical technician (including EMT-basic, EMT-I, and “first responder” classes), a paid or volunteer firefighter, or a police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other class of peace officer as defined for the purposes of the law governing the authority to arrests or issue citations”

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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, to ensure the changes take place in a timely manner, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise, to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ 2026

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2026

Mayor

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