

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

ORDINANCE No. 21-48 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION III(F) OF THE OBERLIN CITY CHARTER TO BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter of the City of Oberlin and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Council of the City of Oberlin has determined to authorize and direct the submission of a proposed charter amendment to the electors of the City of Oberlin, as set forth hereinafter, at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, which election is not less than sixty (60) no more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of passage of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That said proposed amendment to Section III(F) of the Charter of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, as are set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Oberlin for acceptance or rejection at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2021, to wit: November 2, 2021, and if approved by majority vote shall become effective immediately thereafter.

SECTION 2. That the ballot language for said proposed amendment to Section III(F) of the Charter of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, shall read as follows, or as required to be modified by the Ohio Secretary of State:

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION III(F) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO, BE ADOPTED?	YES NO
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CITY OF OBERLIN PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

(A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.)

Shall Section III(F) of the Charter of the City of Oberlin be amended, as proposed by Ordinance No. 21-48 AC CMS, to authorize the City Council to enact legislation to prescribe the conduct of its meetings as an alternative to the provisions of State law?

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council shall cause this ordinance to be certified to the Board of Elections of Lorain County, Ohio, no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021, and the Clerk of Council shall cause the full text of said proposed Charter Amendments to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Oberlin, Ohio, at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks during the month of October 2021.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this ordinance were conducted 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 in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit: to enable its certification to the Lorain County Board of Elections by August 12, 2021 as requested by said Board and provided that it is elevated to emergency status by the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council and receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council upon final passage, it shall go into full force and effect from and immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading: August 11, 2021

2nd Reading: _____

3rd Reading: _____

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



LINDA SLOCUM
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 08/12/2021

EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/11/2021

I Belinda B. Anderson, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk of Council, for said City of Oberlin of Lorain County, Ohio, do hereby certify that attached is a true and correct original copy of Ordinance No. 21-48 AC CMS and its **Exhibit A** as adopted by Oberlin City Council on August 11, 2021.

Witness my hand and Official Seal at Oberlin, Ohio this 12th day of August 2021.

(Seal)



Clerk of Oberlin City Council

EXHIBIT A
(FULL TEXT)

SECTION III. COUNCIL

F. Meetings and Organization. During the first regular meeting in January following each regular municipal election, Council shall meet ~~at the Council Chambers of the Municipality~~ for the purpose of organization. Thereafter Council shall meet at such times as may be prescribed by its rules, regulations, ordinances and bylaws; but it shall hold regular meetings at least twice during the calendar months of the year, with the exception of the months of July and August, during each of which months Council may at its discretion dispense with one of its regular meetings. All meetings of the Council, whether regular or special, shall be open to the public except as is otherwise authorized by ~~in accordance with~~ State law. Meetings of Council shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of State law or as may otherwise be prescribed by Ordinance of Council approved by at least a 5/7th majority of its members and provided that said Ordinance shall assure that the public is able to hear and observe the discussions and deliberations of all of the participating members of Council.