

RESOLUTION NO.: 2019-R67
SPONSOR: MAYOR NEUGEBAUER
INTRODUCED: JUNE 25, 2019 **ASSIGNED TO:** _____

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 9.1 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREEN TO EXPRESSLY RESERVE TO THE CITY THE RIGHT TO DICTATE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR ALL PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Green's Charter requires a review of the Charter's provisions every seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Neugebauer, pursuant to the terms of the Charter, appointed a Charter Review Commission to review the Charter and recommend amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Charter requires Green City Council to submit the proposed amendments to the electors of the City of Green at the next regular municipal or Ohio General Election unless the proposed amendment is rejected by three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the members of Council; and

WHEREAS, Green City Council determines that the amendments should be submitted to the electors of the City of Green on November 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission unanimously recommended that Green City Council amend Section 9.1 of the Charter of the City of Green expressly reserve to the City the right to dictate ballot language for all proposed charter amendments submitted to the electorate in accordance with the Charter; and, may require Green City Council to prescribe a brief summary or summaries of any proposed Charter amendment(s), which shall be accurate, shall not be misleading, and shall be without material omission or argument; and, may require that the summary proposed, or in lieu thereof, a full copy of the proposed amendment, be placed upon the ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION ONE:

Section 9.1 of the Charter of the City of Green shall be amended as follows:

9.1 CHARTER AMENDMENT

This Charter may be amended in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

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The City expressly reserves to Council the right to dictate ballot language for all proposed Charter amendments submitted to the electorate in accordance with this Charter.

In any Ordinance placing a proposed Charter amendment on the ballot, Council may prescribe a brief summary of the same, which, if prescribed, shall be accurate, shall not be misleading, and shall be without material omission or argument. Council may dictate that the summary so prescribed be placed upon the ballot.

SECTION TWO:

The proposed amendments to Section 9.1 of the Charter of the City of Green shall be placed before the qualified electors of the City of Green for their approval on the ballot of the November 5, 2019 election.

SECTION THREE:

Green City Council requests the following ballot language:

“Shall Section 9.1 of the Charter of the City of Green be amended to expressly reserve to the City the right to dictate ballot language for all proposed Charter amendments submitted to the electorate in accordance with the Charter; and, may require Green City Council to prescribe a brief summary or summaries of any proposed Charter amendment(s), which shall be accurate, shall not be misleading, and shall be without material omission or argument; and, may require that the summary proposed, or in lieu thereof, a full copy of the proposed amendment, be placed upon the ballot?”

_____ **FOR THE AMENDMENT**

_____ **AGAINST THE AMENDMENT**

SECTION FOUR:

The Clerk of Council of the City of Green shall certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Summit County, along with a copy of the proposed ballot language no later than September 6, 2019, as required by law.

SECTION FIVE:

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meeting of this Council and any deliberations of this City and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION SIX:

Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Green. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: _____

Molly Kapeluck, Clerk

Bob Young, Council President

APPROVED: _____, 2019

Gerard M. Neugebauer, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: _____, 2019

ON ROLL CALL: Babbitt Dyer Humphrey Shaughnessy
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Molly Kapeluck, Clerk

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