

ORDINANCE NO.: 77 -2014
INTRODUCED BY: Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER AT ARTICLE XIV TO REQUIRE THAT EACH MEMBER OF COUNCIL APPOINT ONE (1) ELECTOR AND THE MAYOR APPOINT TWO (2) ELECTORS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond Heights believes that certain amendments to the Charter of the City of Richmond Heights should be proposed to the electorate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Article XIII, Section 2, Council may submit proposed amendments to the electorate; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution provides that the Council shall submit the amendments to the electors at the next regular municipal election that occurs not less than 60 or more than 120 days from the passage of an ordinance to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: There shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 2014, at the regular places of voting in the City during the regular hours of voting on such date as prescribed by general law, the question of the amendment of the Charter of the City of Richmond Heights, at Article XIV - Charter Review Committee, so that, as amended, it shall read in pertinent part, as follows:

**ARTICLE XIV
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

At some time during the month of January, 1963, and at least once every five (5) years thereafter, ~~the Mayor shall appoint~~ a committee of nine (9) qualified electors of the Municipality shall be appointed and to be known as a Charter Review Committee. Each member of Council shall appoint one (1) elector to the Charter Review Committee and the Mayor shall appoint two (2) electors to the Charter Review Committee. Such Committee shall review and recommend to Council not less than ninety (90) days prior to the next November election, any alterations, revisions, and amendments to this Charter as in its judgment seem advisable. The Council shall submit to the electors any such proposed alterations, revisions, or amendments to the Charter at the next regular November election. Each said Charter Review Committee shall cease to function on the day of the next November election following its appointment. The members shall serve without compensation unless otherwise provided by ordinance.

Section 2: The Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County be, and it is hereby, directed to provide for the voting upon said Amendments and the ballots for said election shall, at the top thereof, be entitled "Proposed Charter Amendment City of Richmond Heights: and the questions to be submitted on said ballot shall be substantially in the following words:

"Shall Article XIV be amended to require that each member of Council appoint one (1) elector to the Charter Review Committee and the Mayor appoint two (2) electors to the Charter Review Committee?"

Section 3: The Clerk of Council is directed to give notice of the above proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City in accordance with general law, and to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, Ohio as provided by law.

Section 4: The Director of Finance is authorized and directed to appropriate from the general fund a sum sufficient to pay the cost of publishing said notice referred to in Section 3.

Section 5: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted 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 requirement, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Richmond Heights for the reason that is necessary to timely submit the proposed Charter amendments to the Board of Elections for placement upon the ballot for the general election to be held on November 4, 2014, in compliance with the Ohio Constitution and the City Charter, and therefore, shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED: _____

Miesha W. Headen, Mayor

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council

David H. Roche,
President of Council