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## CITY OF PATASKALA

### ORDINANCE 2021-4398

**AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING THE AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 3.02, 3.07, 3.08, 4.10, 4.14, 5.05, 6.02, 6.03, 7.04, 9.01, 10.02, AND 11.01 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA, DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO PUBLISH THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTORATE**

***WHEREAS***, Section 7.05 of the Charter of the City of Pataskala requires the creation of a Charter Revision Commission; and

***WHEREAS***, Section 11.06 of the Charter of the City of Pataskala provides the “Charter may be amended by the voters as provided by the Ohio Constitution;” and

***WHEREAS***, Section XVIII, Section 8 of the Ohio Constitution provides the “ordinance providing for the submission of such question shall require that it be submitted to the electors at the next regular municipal election if one shall occur not less than sixty nor more than one hundred and twenty days after its passage;” and

***WHEREAS***, Art. XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution also provides “copies of proposed amendments may be mailed to the electors as hereinbefore provided for copies of a proposed charter, or pursuant to laws passed by the general assembly, notice of proposed amendments may be given by newspaper advertising;”

***WHEREAS***, R.C. 731.211 allows two methods of giving notice of a proposed charter amendment, including the “full text of the proposed charter amendment shall be published once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation or as provided in R.C. 7.16, with the first publication being at least fifteen days prior to the election at which the amendment is to be submitted to the electors”; and

***WHEREAS***, the Charter Revision Commission has made recommendations for amendment and deletion of provisions of the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, having completed the charter review process, Council for the City of Pataskala now wants to place the charter amendments before the electorate at the November 2, 2021 general election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PATASKALA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED OR APPOINTED THERETO CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1: As used in Section 2, stricken-through language indicates language that will be deleted from, and underlined language indicates the new language being added to, the sections of the Charter of the City of Pataskala by this Ordinance.

Section 2: It is hereby proposed that Sections 3.02, 3.07, 3.08, 4.10, 4.14, 5.05, 6.02, 6.03, 7.04, 9.01, 10.02, and 11.01 of the Charter of the City of Pataskala, be amended to read as more fully described in the Recommendations attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3: The Clerk of Council is directed to publish the full text of the proposed charter amendments, as set forth in Section 2, once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in the *ThisWeek Community News, Licking County News*, with the first publication being at least fifteen days prior to the November 2, 2021 general election.

Section 4: The proposed amendments listed and identified in Section 2 shall be placed before the electors of the City of Pataskala, Ohio at the general election to be held on November 2, 2021.

Section 5: Unless summarized as allowed in Section 7, the City Charter Amendment Ballot language on the question to be voted on by the electorate of the City of Pataskala, Ohio shall be as in substantially the following format:

Shall the Charter of the City of Pataskala be amended as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission, as approved by Council of the City of Pataskala, and as advertised twice in the *ThisWeek Community News, Licking County News*?

YES (FOR THE AMENDMENTS)

NO (AGAINST THE AMENDMENTS)

Section 6: If the proposed amendments set forth in this Ordinance and placed on the November 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting on it, they shall become effective January 1, 2022. and the then-existing sections shall be repealed thereby. The remaining sections of the Charter shall remain unchanged, in effect, and enforceable.

Section 7: The Director of Law and/or Clerk of Council is authorized to summarize the ballot language set forth in Section 5, if requested or required by the Board of Elections, for ballot purposes only.

Section 8: The Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to submit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Licking County Board of Elections.

Section 9: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that

all deliberations of the Council and any of the decision making bodies of the City of Pataskala which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Section 10: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage, pursuant to Charter Section 4.07(A)(4).

ATTEST:

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Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk

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Michael W. Compton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Brian M. Zets, Law Director