

ORDINANCE NO. 755 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING TO AMMEND SECTION III, PARAGRAPH A AND PARAGRAPH B OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2, 1954, AND FIXING A DATE FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, deems it necessary to change the method of electing Councilmen for the Council of the City of Oberlin, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ammend Section III, Paragraphs A and B, adopted by the voters of the City of Oberlin on November 2, 1954,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Oberlin, Lorain County, Ohio, Five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. Section III, Paragraphs A and B of the Charter of the City of Oberlin, now reading as follows:

"A. Powers, Numbers and Terms. All the legislative powers of the City of Oberlin, except as limited by this Charter and the Constitution of Ohio, shall be vested in a Council of seven (7) members elected at large in nonpartisan elections for a term of two (2) years. Members shall serve concurrently, beginning on the first Monday of January of the year following their election and until their successors are elected and qualified, and no member shall be elected to more than five (5) consecutive terms."

"B. Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to be a member of Council unless he shall have been continuously a resident and qualified elector of the City of Oberlin for at least two (2) years immediately prior to his election or appointment. No person shall continue to serve as a member of Council unless, during his term of office, he shall continue to be a resident. No member of Council shall hold any appointive office within the Municipality, except on a temporary basis, except the office of Police Justice as provided in Paragraph G, herein, and no member of Council shall be directly interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service for which monies of the Municipality are, or will be expended. An employee of the public schools of the Oberlin School District shall be eligible to serve as a member of Council. A Municipal employee shall not be eligible to hold office as Councilman."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"A. Powers, Numbers and Terms. All the legislative powers of the City of Oberlin, except as limited by this Charter and the Constitution of Ohio, shall be vested in a Council of seven (7) members elected in a non-partisan election, for a term of two (2) years. Of the seven (7) members elected, five (5) shall be elected by ward within the City of Oberlin and two (2) shall be elected at large. Members shall serve concurrently, beginning on the first Monday of January of the year following their election and until their successors are elected and qualified, and no member shall be elected to more than five (5) consecutive terms."

"B. Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to be a member of Council unless he shall have been continuously a resident and qualified elector of the City of Oberlin for at least two years immediately prior to his election or appointment, and in the ward for which he seeks representation or appointment immediately prior to his filing for election or appointment. In the case of election at large, only the two year requirement is necessary. No person shall continue to serve as a member of Council unless, during his term of office, he shall continue to be a resident. No member of Council shall hold any appointive office within the Municipality, except on a temporary basis, and no member shall be interested in the profits of emoluments of any contract, job, work or service for which monies of the Municipality are, or will be expended. An employee of the City Schools of the City of Oberlin or any other school district or educational system shall be eligible to serve as a member of Council. A municipal employee of the City of Oberlin shall not be eligible to serve as Councilman."

SECTION 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Oberlin at a special election hereby designated to be held on the 4th day of May, 1971, for acceptance or rejection.

SECTION 3. The City Manager of the City of Oberlin shall cause the full text of this amendment to be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Oberlin, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks during the month of April, 1971, and shall cause a copy of said amendment to be mailed to each registered voter of the City of Oberlin prior to April 4, 1971.


SECTION 4. Said amendment shall be placed on the ballot as follows: "Shall the Charter of the City of Oberlin be amended to provide for election of Councilmen from five (5) wards and two (2) Councilmen elected at large, and prescribing other qualifications for Councilmen of the City of Oberlin", or such other title as deemed suitable by the Lorain County Board of Elections.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety and welfare of the Citizens of Oberlin, Ohio, to wit:

"To provide authority for districting the City of Oberlin into wards and authority for the election of Councilmen by wards in the November, 1971 election," and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 2/1/71

ATTEST:


CLERK OF COUNCIL


CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 2/2/71