

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26

Introduced by: Sam Artino

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HURON TO DELETE SECTION 6.09 RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS.

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.06 of the Charter for the City of Huron ("City") provides that amendments to the Charter may be initiated either by a five-sevenths vote of the council, or by petition to the council signed by ten per cent of the electors; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission was established by the electorate of the City in November 2023 to review the Charter and recommend changes; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 6.09 *Allotments* currently reads

"Appropriations for current operation of the organization units of the city government shall become available for encumbrance only when allotted by the city manager, based on currently valid work plans for each agency made in conformity with the appropriation ordinance and submitted to the city manager by the agency head at least five days before the end of each calendar quarter for the succeeding calendar quarter. The allotments made by the city manager shall be filed with the director of finance on or before the first day of the quarter to which they relate and shall authorize the director of finance to accept, from the organization units involved, purchase orders, contracts and payrolls for encumbrance, and payment to an aggregate amount not exceeding the quarterly allotment for each item. The total annual allotment to any agency may not exceed the total amount appropriated for the use of such agency during the fiscal year. Any unallotted balance of any appropriation item and any unencumbered balance of any allotment at the end of the fiscal year shall be lapsed into the municipal treasury."

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission has met and recommends that certain changes be submitted to the electorate for the November 2024 general election; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission has requested that this Council initiate an amendment to the Charter Article VI, by deleting Section 6.09 *Allotments* in its entirety as such provision is not consistent with the method and manner of current City operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:**

Section 1: That Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the City of Huron at the general election to be held at the usual places of voting in said City on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, between the hours as provided by law, of the following proposal to amend Charter Article VI, by deleting Section 6.09 *Allotments* of the Charter of the City of Huron in its entirety as such provision is not consistent with the method and manner of current City operations.

Section 2: Subject to final approval by the Erie County Board of Election and any changes and/or modifications recommended by same, the ballot submitting the question of the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Charter shall read substantially as follows:

**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
CITY OF HURON, OHIO**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. s

Shall Section 6.09 of Article VI of the Charter of the City of Huron (pertaining to "Allotments") be deleted?

Yes

No

Section 3: The foregoing proposed amendment, upon receiving at least a majority of the votes cast thereon at the November 5, 2024 general election, shall become effective as of January 1, 2025.


Section 4: The Clerk of this Council is hereby authorized and directed promptly to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Erie County, Ohio.

Section 5: The Board of Elections of Erie County, Ohio shall cause an appropriate notice to be duly given of the general election to be held on November 5, 2024, on the foregoing amendment to the Charter of this City and otherwise to provide for such election in the manner provided by the general laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 6: The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to cause the full text of such proposed charter amendment to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Huron, with the first publication to be made at least fifteen days prior to the general election to be held on November 5, 2024, as provided by Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

Section 7: Unless expenses associated with this Ordinance are already contained within the City's budgeted expenses, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund a sufficient sum of money to pay the costs of carrying out the authorizations and directions of this Ordinance.

Section 8: That it is 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 this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.



Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: 23 JUL 2024

