



**City of Gahanna**  
**Signature**  
**Resolution**

200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

**File Number:** RES-0018-2011

**Date Passed:** 7/18/2011

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE  
GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL TERMS OF OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Gahanna Charter Review Commission has made recommendation to City Council that a change be made to Section 4.02, Composition and Term, of Article IV, The Council, of the Gahanna City Charter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the question of an amendment to the Charter of the City of Gahanna, which is deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of Gahanna be submitted to the electors of the City of Gahanna at the next regular general election so that, as amended, the same shall read as follows on EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully written herein.

Section 2. That the Clerk shall make available to the Board of Elections sufficient copies of this text so as to have one copy per precinct in all voting places within the City of Gahanna.

Section 3. That this amendment be digested on the voting machine with the following language:

Shall Section 4.02, Composition and Term, of Article IV, The Council, be amended to make ward Council seats 4 year terms beginning in 2013 thereby eliminating the possibility of every elected position in the City being on the ballot at the same time.

For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_

Section 4. That public notice of the time and place of holding such election shall be given by publication of notice thereof at least ten (10) days prior to the day of such election in a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City.

Section 5. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to publish the full text of the proposed Charter amendment as set forth in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully rewritten herein, once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality, with the first publication being at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election, all in accordance with Section 9 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution, and Section

731.211(b), Ohio Revised Code, and that she is directed to verify a copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections within the time period prescribed by Section 8 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution.

Section 6. That the Board of Elections is hereby authorized to place the digest shown in Section 3 above, within the voting machine at a special election to be held on the date of the general election, Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Section 7. That language to the effect that a majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage be digested on the voting machine.

Section 8. That the City Attorney is hereby authorized to do any and all things necessary to ensure that the issues are placed on the ballot in conformance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio and the Charter of the City of Gahanna.

Section 9. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

This Resolution was Adopted, this 18th day of July, 2011.



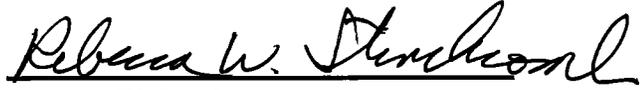
**David L. Samuel**  
President of Council

*ATTESTED to and PRESENTED to the Mayor;*  
*this 19th day of July, 2011.*



**Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC**  
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the Mayor, this*  
*19th day of July 2011.*



**Rebecca W. Stinchcomb**  
Mayor

Approved as to form:



**Thomas L. Weber**  
City Attorney

# PROPOSED ARTICLE IV, THE COUNCIL

## Section 4.02, Composition & Term

| Present Charter   | Proposed Charter   | Reasoning   |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE IV<br/>THE COUNCIL</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE IV<br/>THE COUNCIL</b></p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE IV<br/>THE COUNCIL</b></p>  |
| <p><b>SECTION 4.02 COMPOSITION AND TERM.</b></p>  | <p><b>SECTION 4.02 COMPOSITION AND TERM.</b></p>   | <p><b>SECTION 4.02 COMPOSITION AND TERM.</b></p>  |
| <p>In the 1977 election, four (4) members of Council shall be elected at large for two (2) years and shall assume office on January 2 (if January 2 is a Sunday, then on January 3) following their election, and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. At the regular municipal election in 1979, four (4) members of Council shall be elected from wards and serve for two (2) years and three (3) members of Council shall be elected at large and serve for four (4) years. Elections shall be nonpartisan. Thereafter, each two (2) years, four (4) members of Council will be elected from wards; and each four (4) years, three (3) members of Council will be elected at large. Terms shall commence on January 2 immediately following the election for that position and terminate on January 1 immediately following the next regular municipal election for that position. The geographical definition of the ward areas will be balanced to the extent practicable based on numbers of registered voters and will be established by ordinance, taking effect sixty (60) days prior to the petition filing deadline for the election of members of Council by wards, to remain effective for the term of the positions. (Amended Nov. 7, 2006.)</p> | <p><del>In the 1977 election, four (4) members of Council shall be elected at large for two (2) years and shall assume office on January 2 (if January 2 is a Sunday, then on January 3) following their election, and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. At the regular municipal election in 1979, four (4) members of Council shall be elected from wards and serve for two (2) years and three (3) members of Council shall be elected at large and serve for four (4) years. Elections shall be nonpartisan. Thereafter, each two (2) years, four (4) members of Council will be elected from wards; and each four (4) years, three (3) members of Council will be elected at large.</del> <b>AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN 2013, AND EVERY FOUR (4) YEARS THEREAFTER, FOUR (4) MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SHALL BE ELECTED FROM WARDS AND SHALL SERVE FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS. AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN 2015, AND EVERY FOUR (4) YEARS THEREAFTER, THREE (3) MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE FOR FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS.</b> Terms shall commence on January 2 immediately following the election for that position and terminate on January 1 immediately following the next regular municipal election for that position. The geographical definition of the ward areas will be balanced to the extent practicable based on numbers of registered voters and will be established by ordinance, taking effect sixty (60) days prior to the petition filing deadline for the election of members of Council by wards, to remain effective for the term of the positions. (Amended Nov. 7, 2006.)</p> | <p>This change is to eliminate the possibility of every elected position in the City being on the ballot at the same time. As the Charter currently stands, every 4 years, all Council Members, the Mayor, and the City Attorney are on the ballot for election. There is the possibility of every elected official being newly elected which could impair the day-to-day function of the City. This will change the ward seats from 2 year terms to 4 year terms. The ward seats will not be elected in the same year as the at large seats, the Mayor, and the City Attorney.</p> |



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WHEREAS, the Gahanna Charter Review Commission has made recommendation to City Council that a change be made to Section 13.05, Vacancies in Classified Service, of Article XIII, Civil Service Commission, of the Gahanna City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Gahanna Charter Review Commission has made recommendation to City Council that a change be made to Section 13.06, Review Board Composition and Procedure, of Article XIII, Civil Service Commission, of the Gahanna City Charter; and

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Shall Section 13.03, Classified & Unclassified Service, Section 13.04, Commission Powers & Duties, Section 13.05, Vacancies in Classified Service, and Section 13.06, Review Board

Composition & Procedure, of Article XIII, Civil Service Commission, be amended to allow current Human Resources best practices and to change the Civil Service Commission to an appellate body.  
For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_

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