

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-27**

Introduced by: Joe Dike

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.02(2) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HURON RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER.**

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 IV, Section 4.02(2) *Duties of the City Manager* currently reads:

"SEC. 4.02. DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The city manager shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the city. He shall be responsible to the council for the proper administration of all affairs of the city and, to that end, subject to the provisions of this charter, he shall have authority and shall be required to: ...

(2) Appoint, and when necessary for the good of the service, remove all officers and employees of the city, not selected or appointed by the council, under the merit system as provided in this charter;"

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 IV, Section 4.02(2) *Duties of the City Manager*.

**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 Article IV, Section 4.02(2) *Duties of the City Manager* of the Charter of the City of Huron to read (new language underlined; deleted language ~~struck through~~):

"SEC. 4.02. DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The city manager shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the city. He shall be responsible to the council for the proper administration of all affairs of the city and, to that end, subject to the provisions of this charter, he shall have authority and shall be required to: ...

- (2) Appoint, and when necessary for the good of the service, remove all officers and employees of the city, not selected or appointed by the council, ~~under the merit system as provided in this~~ in accordance with this eCharter and generally applicable law;"

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.**

Shall Article IV, Section 4.02(2) of the Charter of the City of Huron be amended to update the duties of the City Manager with respect to the City Manager's supervision of city employees and update the language consistent with other provisions of the Charter and Codified Ordinances?

**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.

  
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Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: 23 JUL 2024

