

July 3, 2025

RULES COMMITTEE

July 7, 2025

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Following Ways & Means Committee

AGENDA

1. Consider **Ordinance No. 25-22** AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING THE QUESTION “SHALL THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DISCRETIONARY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, BE ADOPTED” TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
2. Other items at the discretion of the Chair

ORDINANCE NO: 25-22

BY _____

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WHEREAS, the Discretionary Charter Review Commission of the City of Newark, Ohio, was duly appointed pursuant to Article 11.05 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Discretionary Charter Review Commission has deliberated and drafted a Charter Amendment to be presented to the electors of the City of Newark, Ohio, and has fixed the date of such election on November 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Discretionary Charter Review Commission has adopted the Proposed Charter Amendment attached hereto and has presented its report to the Council of the City of Newark, Ohio, as directed by Council; and

WHEREAS, an emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Charter Article 4.07 due to the fact that the Licking County Board of Elections has certain deadlines which must be met for any question to be placed on the ballot and in order to meet such deadline and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, this Ordinance must be made effective immediately upon passage; and,

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was duly considered by the Rules Committee of this Council at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1: The question of the adoption of the proposed charter amendment for the City of Newark, Ohio, as reported by the Discretionary Charter Review Commission, shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City of Newark, Ohio, at an election to be held on November 4, 2025, during the regular hours of voting as prescribed by general law.

SECTION 2: The ballots for the election shall be entitled City of Newark, Ohio, Charter Amendment Ballot and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall be: “Shall Article 12.01 (Placing the Director of Human Resources within the Classified Service of the City of Newark) be amended as recommended by the Newark City Discretionary Charter Review Commission?” Provision shall be made by the election authorities for voting on such question.

SECTION 3: That the Office of the Mayor and the Clerk of Council are directed to make the necessary arrangements with the appropriate election authorities for giving notice, conducting the election, placing the question on the ballot, and to give notice of the proposed amendment in accordance with Ohio law.

SECTION 4: The Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the appropriate election authorities.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance is hereby deemed an emergency pursuant to Article 4.06 of the Charter of the City of Newark and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage pursuant to Article 4.07(A)(6) of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

Passed this _____ day of _____, _____.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR: _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____


TRICIA M. MOORE
DIRECTOR OF LAW

Prepared by the Office of the Director of Law

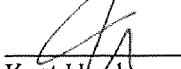
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 12.01 CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

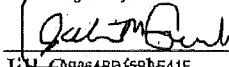
All compensated positions in the service of the City, including the Police Chief and Fire Chief, shall be in the classified service, except as hereinafter provided. All employees in the Police and Fire Divisions shall be appointed and promoted pursuant to competitive examinations and such other criteria established by the Civil Service Commission. All other employees shall be appointed and promoted through a competitive selection process to the extent practicable. Council shall have the authority to create classified or unclassified positions funded in whole or in part by grants. The following employees shall not be considered classified employees and shall comprise the unclassified service of the City:

- (1) All elected officials;
- (2) The Clerk of Council and other employees of Council;
- (3) Administrative Secretary to the Mayor;
- (4) Deputy Auditor;
- (5) Assistant Law Directors and staff;
- (6) Municipal Court staff;
- (7) Probation Department staff;
- (8) Cemetery Sales staff; and
- (9) All department heads (see Section 9.01 of this Charter) ~~with the exception of the Director of Human Resources who shall be in the classified service and who shall be appointed through a competitive selection process to the extent practicable.~~

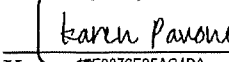
Adopted this 2ND day of July, 2025


Kurt Harden

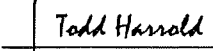
Signed by:


Jill Quarella

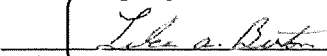
Signed by:


Karen Pavone

Signed by:


Todd Harrold

Signed by:


Luke Burton

Ordinance No. _____
City of Newark

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall Article 12.01 “Classified and Unclassified Employees” be amended by deleting under Section 9 “All Department Heads”; the following language “with the exception of the Director of Human Resources who shall be in the Classified Service and who shall be appointed through a competitive selection process to the extent practicable?”

_____ Yes

_____ No

June 26, 2025

Newark City Council
40 West Main Street
Newark, Ohio 43055

Dear Members of Newark City Council:

Attached is the proposed charter amendment as discussed by and voted upon by the Newark Discretionary Charter Review Commission. The language has been approved by Law Director, Tricia Moore, and the amendment follows Ohio law.

Please pass this amendment along to the voters for the next general election, in compliance with the existing City Charter.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this great City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kurt Harden', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kurt Harden

For the members of the Discretionary Charter Review Commission