

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01 (AS AMENDED)
INTRODUCED BY: GENTILE, LEMAY AND WELTMAN**

**AN ORDINANCE
PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF
PEPPER PIKE OF AN AMENDED CHARTER FOR THE PEPPER
PIKE CITY GOVERNMENT THAT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED
BY THE PEPPER PIKE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION,
REPEALING THE EXISTING CHARTER AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2024-13, as amended by Ordinance No. 2024-24, a Charter Review Commission was selected and appointed; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission has recommended that the electorate be permitted to vote on an amended Charter, which has been appended to this Ordinance as “Exhibit A”; and

WHEREAS, this Council has received and considered the amended Charter that has been recommended by the Charter Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pepper Pike City Charter and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, particularly Section 9 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution, this Council has determined to authorize and direct the submission to the electorate of the City Pepper Pike, at a special election to be held on May 6, 2025, which election is not less than sixty (60) nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the passage of this Ordinance, the proposed amended Charter of the City of Pepper Pike that is appended to this Ordinance as “Exhibit A”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEPPER PIKE, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CONCURRING:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of Pepper Pike, at a special election to be held at the usual places of voting in said City, on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, an amended Charter of the City of Pepper Pike, which is appended hereto as “Exhibit A”.

SECTION 2. That the form of ballot to be cast at the special election for the proposed amended Charter shall read and provide as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;">“PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</p> <hr/> <p>Shall the existing Charter of the City of Pepper Pike, Ohio be repealed and replaced by a new, amended Charter?”</p>
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Said ballot shall provide appropriate means for each elector to indicate an affirmative or negative vote on the question.

SECTION 3. That, if the amended Charter submitted pursuant to this Ordinance is approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at such election, such amended Charter shall become effective from and after October 1, 2025.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to cause copies of said proposed amended Charter to be mailed at least thirty (30) days prior to said election to each elector of this Village whose name appears upon the registration book of the last regular or general elections held in the City; provided, however, that in lieu of such mailing and to the extent provided by law, the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the proposed amended Charter to be published in such manner as may be authorized by law.

SECTION 5. That the Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County within seven days after the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County is hereby requested to cause appropriate notice of such election to be duly given in accordance with law.

SECTION 7. That there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the City, an amount sufficient to pay the cost of carrying out the directions of this Ordinance, including the costs of printing or otherwise preparing and mailing or publishing said copies of said proposed amended Charter, publishing notice of such election and paying for the special election called for by this Ordinance

SECTION 8. That the actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation 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 action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 9. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of this City and its inhabitants and for the further reason that this Ordinance must be immediately effective in order to permit necessary arrangements to be made in sufficient time for said election to be held in May of 2025; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after the passage.

PASSED: January 22, 2025

Submitted to the Mayor for approval on this 22nd day of January, 2025

ATTEST:


Council President

Approved by the Mayor this 22nd day of January, 2025


Clerk of Council

Mayor

This is to certify that the above is a true correct
copy of ORDINANCE 2025-01

passed by the Council of the City of Pepper Pike

at its meeting on JANUARY 23, 2025


CLERK OF COUNCIL