

Proposed Charter Amendment
City of Defiance, Ohio
A majority vote is necessary for passage.

Charter Section 2.07 which currently reads as follows:

The salary of Council members shall be established by ordinance, but no member of Council, at the time of the enactment of any ordinance increasing such salaries, shall receive the benefit of any such increase during his or her then current term of office. Any change in the salary of members of Council shall be effective commencing with the terms of office of members of Council elected at the next regular Municipal election; said ordinance providing for a change in salary shall be passed on or before the filing deadline for declaration of party candidacy for members of Council...

shall be amended to strike the word “party” to reflect the nonpartisan nature of City Council.

Shall the proposed charter amendment, as reported by the Charter Commission of the City of Defiance, Ohio, be adopted?

- Yes
- No

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Charter Section 3.03 which currently reads as follows:

The Council shall fix the salary schedule of the Mayor and if the salary is thereafter to be changed in respect to a succeeding term of office, such change shall be made by Council not later than the first day of January immediately preceding the commencement of a new term of office of the Mayor and shall become effective upon the commencement of such term. The salary of the Mayor may, with his or her consent, be decreased or relinquished during his or her term of office...

shall be amended to strike the phrase “immediately preceding” and insert “of” in its place.

Shall the proposed charter amendment, as reported by the Charter Commission of the City of Defiance, Ohio, be adopted?

- Yes
- No

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Charter Section 4.04 which currently reads as follows:

The percentage of electors required to sign any petition provided for herein shall be based upon the total vote cast at the last preceding General Municipal Election...

shall be amended to strike the word “percentage” and insert “number” in its place.

Shall the proposed charter amendment, as reported by the Charter Commission of the City of Defiance, Ohio, be adopted?

- Yes
- No

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The proposed charter amendment would combine the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals by eliminating Charter Section 7.03 governing the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals. This amendment would result in a new seven-member Planning Commission under Charter Section 7.02 that would make recommendations on growth and development, hear appeals, grant variances, and perform other duties as prescribed by Council. This amendment would expedite zoning approval for new development.

Shall the proposed charter amendment, as reported by the Charter Commission of the City of Defiance, Ohio, be adopted?

- Yes
- No