

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF HUDSON A PROPOSAL BY THE 2025 HUDSON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION TO AMEND THE PREAMBLE AND SECTIONS 2.01, 3.01, 3.02, 3.08, 3.10, 3.11, 4.01, 4.03, 5.02, 6.03, 6.04, 7.01, 8.04, 8.05, 8.06, 8.07, 9.01, 9.04, 9.06, 11.01, 12.01, 12.02, and 12.03, TO REPEAL SECTION 8.08, AND TO CREATE SECTIONS 6.05, 7.05, AND 8.09, OF THE CHARTER OF HUDSON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the duly authorized Charter Review Commission of the City of Hudson has convened and duly recommended amending the Preamble and Sections 2.01, 3.01, 3.02, 3.08, 3.10, 3.11, 4.01, 4.03, 5.02, 6.03, 6.04, 7.01, 8.04, 8.05, 8.06, 8.07, 9.01, 9.04, 9.06, 11.01, 12.01, 12.02, and 12.03, repealing Section 8.08, and creating new Sections 6.05, 7.05, and 8.09, of the City's Charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 13.02, the Charter Review Commission's recommended amendments to the Charter shall be submitted to the electors at the next General Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. There is submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of Hudson at the November 4, 2025 General Election at the regular places of voting in Hudson during regular hours of voting on such date or dates as prescribed by general law, the recommended amendments of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to amend the Preamble and Sections 2.01, 3.01, 3.02, 3.08, 3.11, 4.01, 4.03, 5.02, 6.03, 6.04, 7.01, 12.01, and 12.02 of the City's Charter as follows, with the proposed deletions being shown by language ~~stricken through~~ and underscored and new proposed language being shown in **boldface** and underscored, while asterisks indicate that text of the particular Charter Section has been left out for the sake of brevity but the text is not being deleted:

## PREAMBLE

We, the people of the Municipality of Hudson, Ohio, in order to secure for ourselves home rule and self-governance, preserve the character of the community do adopt this the following Charter to provide effective, efficient, and just administration of government for our citizens for the government of the community.

## **SECTION 2.01 FORM OF GOVERNMENT.**

The form of government established by this Charter shall be known as “Mayor-Council- Manager.” The representative branch shall consist of the Council and Mayor elected by the electors voters of the Municipality, and shall possess respectively the legislative and judicial powers specified in this Charter. The Council shall appoint a City Manager who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality. The Municipality shall have only such other officers as are provided for in this Charter or in ordinances enacted hereunder.

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## **SECTION 3.01 COMPOSITION AND TERMS.**

The Council shall consist of seven (7) members, a majority of whom shall be elected one (1) from each of four (4) wards of the Municipality and the remaining three (3) elected at large. Ward boundaries shall be redrawn by a majority of Council to reflect approximately equal population, based upon a change due to annexation, or a change in population, in accordance with U.S. Census data revised each decade, within one (1) year of receipt by the Municipality of final census data.

Terms of members of Council shall be staggered such that the ward Council members from wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be elected at the regular Municipal election in 2003 and every fourth (4th) year thereafter, while the at-large Council members shall be elected at the regular Municipal election in 2001 and every fourth (4th) year thereafter. The terms of members shall be four (4) years, commencing at the first regular Council meeting after the County Board of Elections' certification vote following the election, in December

following their election and shall continue until their successors have been elected and sworn into office.

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### **SECTION 3.02 MEETINGS.**

The Council shall conduct an organizational meeting at its first regular Council meeting after the County Board of Elections' certification vote following the election. ~~regularly scheduled meeting in December following each regular Municipal election.~~ The Mayor shall preside at this organizational meeting and also at subsequent regular or special meetings at which legislative action may be taken. After the organizational meeting, the Council shall meet regularly at such times as may be prescribed by its rules, but not less frequently than twice each month. All regular meetings of the Council and all special meetings at which legislative action may be taken shall be open to the public, except as may be provided by State law. Any resident of the Municipality shall be entitled to speak at such meetings of the Council. Such right shall not be unreasonably abridged by any rules and regulations which the Council may adopt. Council may also conduct work session meetings, as necessary, at which no legislative action shall be taken, for the purpose of discussing legislative and other actions, which meetings shall be open to the public but shall not require any resident of the Municipality to be entitled to speak at such meetings.

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### **SECTION 3.08 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.**

Ordinances, resolutions and bylaws shall be introduced in the Council only in written or printed form, and the adoption, rejection or amendment, the time of taking effect

and the signing thereof shall be in the manner provided by the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio as the same apply to municipalities, except as otherwise in this Charter provided.

No ordinance fixing the rates to be charged for the product or service of any public utility shall be enacted except after a public hearing thereon. A notice summarizing the rate changes and specifying the time, date and place of the hearing shall be given by both of the following methods: (a) publication once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality, if such a newspaper is available, the second publication being not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time without further publication of notice; and (b) publication posted on the Municipal website for at least three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the hearing.

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### **SECTION 3.11 VACANCIES.**

Any vacancy in the Council shall be filled temporarily by appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the Council, and then by the electors voters for the remainder of the term at the next general election, unless that election occurs within ninety (90) days after the vacancy occurs, then at the subsequent general election. As the term “general” election is used in this Section 3.11, it shall mean either a Municipal regular general election in an odd-numbered year or a state regular general election in an even-numbered year. The term of the person chosen at such election to succeed such appointee for any unexpired term shall begin at the first regular Council meeting after the County

Board of Election's certification of the vote following the election and shall continue for the remainder of such unexpired term. If the Council fails to fill a vacancy within sixty (60) days, a special election will be called by Council. However, the term of a member shall not be lengthened by resignation and subsequent appointment. Any vacancy in the office of President of Council shall be filled by a member elected by the majority of the members of Council.

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#### **SECTION 4.01 TERM.**

The Mayor shall be elected at the regular Municipal election in 2003 and every fourth year thereafter, for a term of four (4) years, unless a vacancy is to be filled pursuant to Section 4.03. The Mayor shall assume office at the first regular Council meeting after the County Board of Elections' certification vote following the election. in December following the election. Anyone holding the office of Mayor may run for re-election.

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#### **SECTION 4.03 VACANCY.**

The office of the Mayor shall be deemed vacant in the event of the resignation, death, removal from office, disqualification or inability to perform, or not having performed the duties of the office of Mayor for a period of sixty (60) days, or as may be otherwise provided by this Charter.

In the event of a vacancy, the President of Council, pursuant to Section 3.03, shall fill the office of Mayor while retaining all the powers and responsibilities of President of Council for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date the vacancy occurs, during

which time the Council shall fill the office of Mayor temporarily by appointment by a vote of a majority of members of Council. Thereafter, the electors voters shall elect a Mayor at the next general election for the remainder of the term, or if that election occurs within ninety (90) days after the vacancy occurs, then at the second next general election. As the term “general” election is used in this Section 4.03, it shall mean either a Municipal regular general election in an odd-numbered year or a state regular general election in an even-numbered year. The term of the person chosen at such election to succeed such appointee for an unexpired term shall begin at the first regular Council meeting after the County Board of Election’s certification of the vote following the election and shall continue for the remainder of such unexpired term.

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## **SECTION 5.02 SUSPENSION.**

The City Manager may be suspended for just cause for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days, an affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of Council being necessary for any such suspension. Within three (3) calendar days of being notified in writing of the suspension, the City Manager may request a hearing before the Council at a public meeting as to whether there was just cause for the suspension and/or whether the suspension shall be modified as to its duration and/or whether the suspension shall be with or without pay. The President of Council shall cause written notice of the suspension to be delivered to the City Manager by hand delivery, certified mail (return receipt requested), or by a recognized commercial delivery service with a signed receipt of delivery returned to the sender. The City Manager’s request for a hearing shall be filed with the Clerk of Council. [\*\*\*]

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## **SECTION 6.03 FINANCE DIRECTOR.**

The Finance Director shall be the Custodian of Funds and Accounting Officer of the Municipality. The Finance Director shall be appointed by the City Manager subject to the approval of Council, and shall be responsible to the City Manager for carrying out the duties of the office, which include:

- (a) Preparing financial reports;
- (b) Receiving, collecting and depositing all moneys due the Municipality, and signing all checks and vouchers for their disbursements;
- (c) Being the custodian of official funds and bonds and of instruments for the payment of money to the Municipality; and
- (d) Performing all other financial duties as directed by the City Manager or Council.

**The City Manager shall designate a City officer or employee to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Finance Director during the Finance Director's temporary absence or disability. The Council may revoke such designation at any time, and the City Manager shall appoint another officer of the City to serve until the Finance Director returns.**

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## **SECTION 6.04 CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING.**

The City Manager may, within the amounts and items appropriated by the Council, make purchases and enter into contracts on in behalf of the Municipality involving

expenditures for the whole of any authorized project, asset or service not in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) without competitive bidding, except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance of the Council. No purchase or contract involving an expenditure of more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall be made **without**

**Council approval and when at least one of the following applies except:**

- (a)** with the lowest and best bidder as determined by Council after advertising for bids, in writing, by both of the following methods: (a) publication for a period of at least once a week for two (2) weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the Municipality, if such a newspaper is available, and (b) publication posting on the Municipal website for at least three (3) consecutive weeks; or provided, however, that the Council may authorize contracts
- (b)** without advertising:
  1. for bids for professional services as defined by the Council;
  2. for the lease, acquisition, sale, or any other transfer of real estate;
  3. for the joint use of facilities or exercise of powers with other political subdivisions; or
  4. for the product or services of public utilities (including those Municipally operated); and the Council may authorize a purchase or a contract involving an expenditure of more than twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) without advertising
  5. for bids if the Council it determines and declares by an affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members that an emergency exists affecting life, health, property or public peace and sets forth the nature of the emergency

in its resolution or ordinance; or. The Council may also authorize a purchase or a contract involving an expenditure of more than twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) without advertising for bids if the

6. for a purchase or contract is made through another political subdivision's contract for purchases or a joint or cooperative purchasing program, or other as such methods of purchasing and contracting are authorized by state law.

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## **SECTION 7.01 NOMINATIONS.**

There shall be no primary election for Municipal offices. Nominations for elective offices of the Municipality shall be made by petition only, signed by not less than fifty (50) electors registered voters of the applicable area of the Municipality for which the office is sought, on the standard forms for the nomination of nonpartisan candidates for such office, filed with the Board of Elections at least ninety (90) days before the day of elections. Each candidate shall file a separate petition; group petitions shall not be used. The petitions may be in a number of parts, but each part shall be verified under oath by the circulator as required by law.

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## **SECTION 12.01 INITIATIVE.**

The electors of this Municipality shall have the power to propose ordinances and resolutions by initiative petition. Except as provided in this section, the procedures for

proposing ordinances and resolutions by initiative petition shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and laws of Ohio now or hereafter in effect.

When an initiative petition has been determined sufficient by the Clerk of Council Finance Director and prior to submission to the Board of Elections of such proposed ordinance or resolution for the approval or rejection of the electors of this Municipality, the Clerk of Council Finance Director shall forthwith submit such proposed initiative ordinance or resolution to Council and the Council shall consider the proposed initiative ordinance or resolution. If the Council fails to adopt the proposed initiative ordinance or resolution without any change in substance within thirty (30) days after it receives the proposed initiative ordinance or resolution from the Clerk of Council Finance Director, the Clerk of Council Finance Director shall submit the proposed ordinance or resolution to the Board of Elections.

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## **SECTION 12.02 REFERENDUM.**

The electors of this Municipality shall have the power to approve or reject at the polls any ordinance or resolution enacted by Council that is eligible for referendum under the laws of the State of Ohio. Except as provided in this section, the procedures by which the electors of this Municipality shall have the power to approve or reject at the polls any ordinance or resolution enacted by Council shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio now or hereafter in effect.

When a referendum petition has been determined sufficient by the Clerk of Council Finance Director and, prior to the Clerk of Council's Finance Director's

certification to the Board of Elections for submission of such ordinance or resolution to the electors of this Municipality, the Clerk of Council Finance Director shall forthwith submit such referendum petition to Council and the Council shall have thirty (30) days to reconsider the referred ordinance or resolution by voting its repeal. If Council fails to repeal the referred ordinance or resolution within thirty (30) days after it receives the referred ordinance or resolution from the Clerk of Council Finance Director, the Clerk of Council Finance Director shall submit the ordinance or resolution to the Board of Elections.

Section 2. The ballot language for the amendments set forth in Section 1 of this Ordinance is recommended to read substantially as follows:

“CITY OF HUDSON  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
BALLOT ISSUE #1

Shall the proposed revisions to the Preamble and Sections 2.01, 3.01, 3.02, 3.08, 3.11, 4.01, 4.03, 5.02, 6.03, 6.04, 7.01, 12.01, and 12.02 of the City’s Charter, related to general administrative changes, as recommended by the 2025 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?

YES

NO”

Section 3. There is submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of Hudson at the November 4, 2025 General Election at the regular places of voting in Hudson during regular hours of voting on such date or dates as prescribed by general law, the recommended amendments of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to amend Section 4.01 and establish new Section 7.05 of the City’s Charter as follows, with the proposed deletions being shown by language stricken through and underlined and new proposed language being shown in **boldface** and underlined, while asterisks indicate that text of the particular Charter Section has been left out for the sake of brevity but the text is not being deleted:

#### **SECTION 4.01 TERM.**

The Mayor shall be elected at the regular Municipal election in 2003 and every fourth year thereafter, for a term of four (4) years, unless a vacancy is to be filled pursuant

to Section 4.03. The Mayor shall assume office at the first regular Council meeting in December following the election. Anyone holding the office of Mayor may run for re-election.

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## SECTION 7.05 TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

An elected officer of the Municipality may run for re-election or for another Municipal elective office, provided that no person shall serve more than three (3) full four-year terms or 12 years total, whichever is greater, as an elected officer of the Municipality, regardless of elected office. This section shall apply only to those terms of office which come into being as a result of the 2029 general election or thereafter.

Section 4. The ballot language for the amendments set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance is recommended to read substantially as follows:

**“CITY OF HUDSON  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
BALLOT ISSUE #2**

Shall the proposed revision to Section 4.01 and the creation of Section 7.05 of the City's Charter, establishing term limits for elected city officials, as recommended by the 2025 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?

YES

NO”

Section 5. There is submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of Hudson at the November 4, 2025 General Election at the regular places of voting in Hudson during regular hours of voting on such date or dates as prescribed by general law, the recommended amendments of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to amend Sections 8.04, 8.06, 8.07, 9.01, 9.04, 9.06, and 11.01 of the City's Charter as follows, with the proposed deletions being shown by language ~~stricken through~~ and underscored and new proposed language being shown in **boldface** and underscored, while asterisks indicate that text of the particular Charter Section has been left out for the sake of brevity but the text is not being deleted:

## **SECTION 8.04 PARK BOARD - COMPOSITION AND TERMS.**

The Park Board shall consist of five (5) or seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. No members~~s~~ shall serve **on the Park Board for** more than three (3) ~~consecutive~~ full four (4)-year terms **or 12 years, whichever is greater.** Meetings shall be open to the public, except as may be provided by State law.

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## **SECTION 8.06 CEMETERIES.**

Public cemeteries within the Municipality or owned by the Municipality shall be operated and maintained by the Municipality. Council shall provide for a Cemetery Board which shall advise the Municipality on cemetery matters. The Board shall consist of five (5) or seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. No members~~s~~ shall serve **on the Cemetery Board for** more than three (3) ~~consecutive~~ full four (4) year terms **or 12 years, whichever is greater.** Meetings shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State law.

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## **SECTION 8.07 TREE COMMISSION.**

The Tree Commission shall consist of five (5) or seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality, appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. No memberss shall serve on the Tree Commission for more than three (3) consecutive full four (4)-year terms or 12 years, whichever is greater. Meetings shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State law.

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## **SECTION 9.01 PLANNING COMMISSION - COMPOSITION AND TERMS.**

The Planning Commission shall consist of seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation, for staggered four (4)-year terms. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. At the time of the appointment or re-appointment of any member of the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission shall have no less than one (1) member from each ward in the Municipality. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. The City Manager or a designee shall serve as ex-officio Secretary of the Commission. No member of the Planning Commission shall serve on the Planning

Commission for more than three (3) ~~consecutive~~ full four (4)-year terms or 12 years, whichever is greater. Meetings shall be open to the public except as may be provided by state law.

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#### **SECTION 9.04 BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS - COMPOSITION AND TERMS.**

The Board of Zoning and Building Appeals shall consist of five (5) qualified electors of the Municipality, appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. No members shall serve on the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for more than three (3) ~~consecutive~~ full four (4)-year terms or 12 years, whichever is greater. Meetings shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State law.

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#### **SECTION 9.06 ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC BOARD OF REVIEW - COMPOSITION AND TERMS.**

The Architectural and Historic Board of Review shall consist of seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment, and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event

of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. No member shall serve on the Architectural and Historic Board of Review for more than three (3) consecutive full four (4)-year terms or 12 years, whichever is greater.

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#### **SECTION 11.01 PERSONNEL ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD - COMPOSITION AND TERMS.**

The Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board shall consist of three (3) qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered six (6)-year terms. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. No member shall serve on the Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board for no more than two (2) consecutive full six (6)-year terms or 12 years, whichever is greater. Meetings of the Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State law.

Section 6. The ballot language for the amendments set forth in Section 5 of this Ordinance is recommended to read substantially as follows:

**“CITY OF HUDSON  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
BALLOT ISSUE #3**

Shall the proposed revisions to Sections 8.04, 8.06, 8.07, 9.01, 9.04, 9.06, and 11.01 of the City's Charter, clarifying the term limits for appointed members of city boards and commissions, as recommended by the 2025 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?

YES

NO”

Section 7. There is submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of Hudson at the November 4, 2025 General Election at the regular places of voting in Hudson during regular hours of voting on such date or dates as prescribed by general law, the recommended amendments of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to amend Section 12.03 of the City's Charter as follows, with the proposed deletions being shown by language ~~stricken through~~ and underlined and new proposed language being shown in **boldface** and **underscored**, while asterisks indicate that text of the particular Charter Section has been left out for the sake of brevity but the text is not being deleted:

### **SECTION 12.03 RECALL.**

The electors shall have the power to remove from office by a recall election any elected officer of the Municipality. If an elected officer shall have served six (6) months of the term, a form of petition demanding the officer's removal may be filed with the Clerk of Council, who shall note thereon the name and address of the person filing the petition and the date of such filing, and deliver to such person a receipt and attach a copy thereof to the petition.

This petition may be circulated in separate parts, but the parts shall be bound together and filed as one instrument. Each part shall contain the name and office of the person whose removal is sought and a statement in not more than two hundred (200) words of the grounds for the removal. Such petition shall be signed by at least that number of electors which equals twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of electors who voted at the most recent municipal gubernatorial election in the applicable area of the Municipality from which the elected officer was elected.

Within ten (10) days after the day on which the petition has been filed, the Clerk of Council shall determine whether or not it meets the requirements of this Charter and, to

**the extent it does not conflict with this Charter, Ohio law hereof.** If the Clerk of Council shall find the petition insufficient, the Clerk shall promptly certify the particulars in which the petition is defective, deliver a copy of the certificate to the person who filed the petition and make a record of such delivery. The petitioner has a period of twenty (20) days after delivery of said certificate to make the petition sufficient. If the Clerk of Council shall find the petition sufficient, the Clerk shall promptly so certify to the Council, shall deliver a copy of such certificate to the officer whose removal is sought, and shall make a record of such delivery.

If such officer does not resign within five (5) days after delivery of the certificate, the Council shall fix a day for holding a recall election, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days after the date of such delivery.

At such recall election this question shall be placed upon the ballot: "Shall (naming the officer) be allowed to continue as (naming the office) ?," with provisions being made on the ballot for voting affirmatively or negatively on the question. If a majority of the votes cast at such election are affirmative, such officer shall remain in office. If a majority of the votes cast are negative, such officer shall be considered removed, and the office shall be declared vacant. Such vacancy shall be filled as provided in this Charter. The officer removed by such recall election shall not be eligible for appointment to the vacancy created.

**Section 8.** The ballot language for the amendments set forth in Section 7 of this Ordinance is recommended to read substantially as follows:

**"CITY OF HUDSON  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
BALLOT ISSUE #4**

Shall the proposed revisions to Section 12.03 of the City's Charter, changing the threshold needed to initiate a recall, as recommended by the 2025 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?

YES

NO"

Section 9. There is submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of Hudson at the November 4, 2025 General Election at the regular places of voting in Hudson during regular hours of voting on such date or dates as prescribed by general law, the recommended amendments of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to amend Section 3.10 of the City's Charter as follows, with the proposed deletions being shown by language ~~stricken through~~ and underlined and new proposed language being shown in **boldface** and underlined, while asterisks indicate that text of the particular Charter Section has been left out for the sake of brevity but the text is not being deleted:

### **SECTION 3.10 SALARIES AND BONDS.**

Council shall establish the salaries or compensation of the Mayor and each officer or employee of the Municipality. Members of Council shall be compensated monthly at the minimum amount required to allow the member to receive a full monthly service credit unit as provided in Ohio Revised Code 145.016(B)(1), as may be amended, rate of eighty dollars (\$80.00) for attendance at a meeting but shall not be compensated for attendance at more than four (4) meetings per month, plus such reasonable and necessary reimbursement of expenses as may be necessary. Members of any board or commission of the Municipality shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed such reasonable and necessary expenses as may be necessary. Any person may be required by Council to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of prescribed duties, and Council may provide for the payment of the premium for any such bond by the Municipality.

Any compensation of the Mayor shall be fixed not less than one hundred twenty (120) days immediately preceding the date of the next Municipal election and shall not be

changed during the term for which the Mayor was elected. The compensation of every other officer, or employee of the Municipality as fixed by Council shall be subject at all times to the power of Council to provide otherwise by ordinance or resolution, and may be changed at any time at the discretion of Council.

Section 10. The ballot language for the amendments set forth in Section 9 of this Ordinance is recommended to read substantially as follows:

**“CITY OF HUDSON  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
BALLOT ISSUE #5**

Shall the proposed revisions to Section 3.10 of the City’s Charter, changing City Council members’ salary to meet the state’s minimum retirement credit threshold, as recommended by the 2025 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?

- YES
- NO”

Section 11. There is submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of Hudson at the November 4, 2025 General Election at the regular places of voting in Hudson during regular hours of voting on such date or dates as prescribed by general law, the recommended amendments of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to create new Section 8.09 of the City’s Charter as follows, with the new language being shown in **boldface** and **underscored**:

**SECTION 8.09 MILITARY AND VETERANS’ COMMISSION.**

**The Military and Veterans’ Commission shall consist of five (5) or seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality, appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms. The Commission shall advise the Council on such issues as the Council shall deem relevant. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint**

a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. No member shall serve on the Military and Veterans' Commission for more than three (3) full four (4)-year terms or 12 years, whichever is greater. Meetings shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State law.

Section 12. The ballot language for the amendments set forth in Section 11 of this Ordinance is recommended to read substantially as follows:

“CITY OF HUDSON  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
BALLOT ISSUE #6

Shall the proposed creation of Section 8.09 of the City's Charter, establishing the Military and Veterans' Commission, as recommended by the 2025 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?

- YES
- NO”

Section 13. There is submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of Hudson at the November 4, 2025 General Election at the regular places of voting in Hudson during regular hours of voting on such date or dates as prescribed by general law, the recommended amendments of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to amend Sections 8.04, 8.05, 8.06, and 8.07, and the repeal of Section 8.08 of the City's Charter as follows, with the proposed deletions being shown by language stricken through and underlined and new proposed language being shown in **boldface** and underlined, while asterisks indicate that text of the particular Charter Section has been left out for the sake of brevity but the text is not being deleted:

**SECTION 8.04 PARK AND NATURAL RESOURCE BOARD - COMPOSITION AND TERMS.**

Effective January 1, 2027, the Park and Natural Resource Board shall replace the former Park Board, Cemetery Board, and Tree Commission. The Park and Natural Resource Board shall consist of an odd number of members of not less than seven (7) but not more than eleven (11) ~~five (5) or seven (7)~~ qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without

compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms. Notwithstanding, terms for the initial appointees shall be of varying lengths in order to achieve the staggering of terms.

Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. No members shall serve on the Park and Natural Resource Board for more than three (3) consecutive full four (4)-year terms or 12 years, whichever is greater. Meetings shall be open to the public, except as may be provided by State law.

#### **SECTION 8.05 PARK AND NATURAL RESOURCE BOARD - POWERS AND DUTIES MUNICIPAL PARKS.**

The Park and Natural Resource Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) advocate for the acquisition, conservation, preservation, and - where possible - sensitive development of land for public use and enjoyment;
- (b) educate the public about the value and importance of natural resources, trees, landscape, sustainable development, and environmental technology;
- (c) promote the establishment and operation of public facilities, programs, activities, and services that further the above purposes;
- (d) advise, upon request of the Council and, where applicable, the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning and Building Appeals, and Architectural

and Historic Board of Review, regarding questions and concerns relative to the above functions;

- (e) study, upon request of the Council, any issue that the Council deems relevant to the above duties;
- (f) recommend, upon request of the Council, actions concerning capital and operating budgets, revenues, and/or expenditures in furtherance of the above powers; and
- (g) alert the Council to any issue, question or concern that the Park and Natural Resource Board deems relevant to these powers and duties.

The Municipality shall operate and maintain public parks and public lands acquired or designated by Council. The Park Board shall, make recommendations as to the following matters: the operation of the parks, an annual budget with the advice of the City Manager for the Council's approval and appropriation of funds, park expenditures in accordance with the appropriation therefor, conservation and recreation activities within the Parks System and it shall perform such other tasks as may be designated by Council.

Tax levies designated for the operation of the public park system shall be recommended by the Park Board and may be approved by Council for placement on the ballot. Funds collected and appropriated for park purposes shall be maintained as a Special Revenue Fund by the Finance Director of the Municipality.

With the approval of the Council, the Park Board shall provide for lands suitable for park activities and programs, and for lands suitable for natural preserves. Land acquisitions for park purposes shall be recommended by the Park **and Natural Resource** Board and may be approved by Council and shall conform to the Comprehensive Plan and enacting ordinances in effect at the time of the acquisition. Except by a vote of a majority

of the electors of the Municipality, land owned by the Municipality and devoted to public park purposes shall not be sold or otherwise transferred to another owner, nor used by the Municipality for purposes other than public park purposes, which would result in a net reduction of the land area of the public park, unless the reduction in land area would be for a public purpose that enhances the function of that particular park or for a public right-of-way for vehicular, pedestrian and/or utility purposes.

#### SECTION 8.06 CEMETERIES.

Public cemeteries within the Municipality or owned by the Municipality shall be operated and maintained by the Municipality. The Park and Natural Resource Board shall advise the Council on cemetery matters, and such duties are included among the Park and Natural Resource Board's powers and duties enumerated in Section 8.05, above. Council shall provide for a Cemetery Board which shall advise the Municipality on cemetery matters. The Board shall consist of five (5) or seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4) year terms. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. No members shall serve more than three (3) consecutive full four (4) year terms. Meetings shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State law.

#### SECTION 8.07 TREES COMMISSION.

The Park and Natural Resource Board shall advise the Council on any matters under the purview of a tree commission and/or are relevant to the

Municipality's designation as a Tree City USA, and such duties are included among the Park and Natural Resource Board's powers and duties enumerated in Section 8.05, above. The Tree Commission shall consist of five (5) or seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality, appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4) year terms. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. No members shall serve more than three (3) consecutive full four (4) year terms. Meetings shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State law.

#### SECTION 8.08 TREE COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES.

Consistent with other objectives, the Municipality's goal shall be to preserve the environment through proper maintenance of the trees in the Municipality.

As directed by Council, the Hudson Tree Commission shall provide guidance for the establishment and maintenance of municipal trees, shall educate Hudson citizens on the importance of proper tree care, and shall promote development of trees in the Municipality and surrounding communities.

The Commission, upon request of Council, the City Manager, City Boards such as the Planning Commission, the Architectural and Historic Board of Review or Park Board, shall make recommendations on any matter concerning trees and surrounding landscape.

~~In addition to such other powers and duties provided by Council, the Tree Commission may conduct studies and recommend policies to Council for issues involving trees in the Municipality.~~

Section 14. The ballot language for the amendments set forth in Section 13 of this Ordinance is recommended to read substantially as follows:

**“CITY OF HUDSON  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
BALLOT ISSUE #7**

Shall the proposed amendments to Sections 8.04, 8.05, 8.06, and 8.07, and the repeal of Section 8.08, of the City’s Charter, establishing the Park and Natural Resource Board, as recommended by the 2025 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?

- YES
- NO”

Section 15. There is submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of Hudson at the November 4, 2025 General Election at the regular places of voting in Hudson during regular hours of voting on such date or dates as prescribed by general law, the recommended amendments of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to create new Section 6.05 of the City’s Charter as follows, with the new language being shown in **boldface** and **underscored**:

**6.05 NO EXPENDITURES WITHOUT REPRESENTATION**

All funds received by the Municipality shall be expended in accordance with the provisions outlined in this Article VI, which is intended to ensure complete accountability to the taxpayers and voters of the Municipality. Additionally, funds received by the Municipality as the result of a voter-approved tax levy intended to specifically benefit another public entity or a private entity, as permitted under Ohio law, may be paid to or transferred to such entity, provided that such entity’s governing body is one of the following:

- (a) elected by the electors of the Municipality;**
- (b) elected by the electors of the local school district;**
- (c) appointed by the Council; or**
- (d) otherwise selected in a manner approved by an affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of the Council.**

**When requested by another public entity or a private entity and regardless of the type or duration of the requested levy, Council shall not submit a tax levy for the ballot without first determining that the requesting entity satisfies one of the foregoing four (4) requirements.**

**Section 16.** The ballot language for the amendments set forth in Section 15 of this Ordinance is recommended to read substantially as follows:

**“CITY OF HUDSON  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
BALLOT ISSUE #8**

Shall the proposed creation of Section 6.05 of the Charter of Hudson, related to expenditure accountability for tax levies benefiting other public and/or private entities, as recommended by the 2025 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?

YES

NO”

**Section 17.** The Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to submit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Summit County Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days prior to the November 4, 2025 General Election for submission to the qualified electors of Hudson.

**Section 18.** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 731.211, the Clerk of Council shall give notice of the foregoing proposed Charter amendments to the electors of Hudson.

**Section 19.** This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that this Ordinance must go into immediate effect in order to meet the deadline for submitting the same to the Summit County Board of Elections at least sixty (60) days before the General Municipal

Election on November 4, 2025; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council elected thereto or six (6) affirmative votes if all members of Council are present at the meeting at which it is passed; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

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Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 25-111 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council