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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO:

11544-2024

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE
PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE
OF AN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.04,
OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF
BROOK PARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of members concurring that:

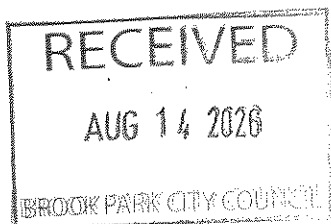
Section 1: That the following ballot language be, and is hereby certified to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections for consideration at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

A proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Brook Park, specifically to Section 4.04 of Article IV, Salaries and Bonds.

The Charter of the City of Brook Park, specifically, Article IV, Section 4.04, Salaries and Bonds, shall be amended from:

"The Council shall fix compensations, sick leave and annual vacation time for each employee of the City, whether elected, appointed, or chosen and establish bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office. ~~Any ordinance or resolution providing for any increase in salary or compensation for any Councilmen, the Mayor, the Law Director, the Finance Director, or any other elective office, of more than three percent (3%) shall not become effective, after passage thereof, until Council submits such ordinance or resolution to the electorate at a regular Municipal or general election occurring more than 60 days after the passage of the ordinance or resolution, and such ordinance or resolution is approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon in the City.~~



The compensation of all elected officials shall be fixed at least thirty (30) days prior to the filing date of nominating petitions for the terms beginning on the next succeeding first day of January, and shall not thereafter be changed in any respect during any such term or any part thereof. The Council may authorize any officer of the City to make such travel as the Council deems to be in the public interest, and may provide that the expense of such travel be paid by the City."

To read as follows:

"The Council shall fix compensations, sick leave and annual vacation time for each employee of the City, whether elected, appointed, or chosen and establish bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office. The compensation of all elected officials shall be fixed at least thirty (30) days prior to the filing date of nominating petitions for the terms beginning on the next succeeding first day of January, and shall not thereafter be changed in any respect during any such term or any part thereof. The Council may authorize any officer of the City to make such travel as the Council deems to be in the public interest, and may provide that the expense of such travel be paid by the City."

be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, at the regular places of voting in the City between the hours of 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Section 2: The ballots for said election shall, at the top thereof, be entitled "PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT," and the question to be submitted on said ballot shall be in words following:

"Shall Article IV, Section 4.04, be amended to remove the requirement that any increase over three percent (3%) in compensation for any elected City officials be approved by the electorate?"

Under said wording shall appear the words "Yes" and "No," and each voter shall indicate his vote by following the proper voting procedure for the voting instrument provided on that occasion.

Section 3: Public notice of the time and place of holding such election shall be given by publication of notice thereof at least ten (10) days prior to the day of such election, in a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City.

Section 4: The Clerk of Council be and is hereby directed to mail a copy of the above proposed Charter Amendment to each elector whose name appears upon the registration books of the last regular election held in the City, at least thirty (30) days before the date of such election, and to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections in Cuyahoga County.

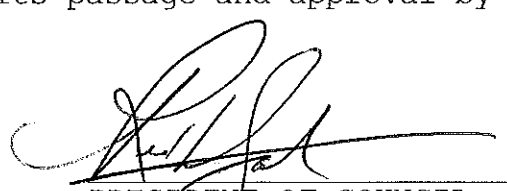
Section 5: To pay the cost of printing and mailing said copies of said proposed Charter Amendment and of publishing said notice, there be and hereby appropriated from the general fund such sum of money as may be needed.

Section 6: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption 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 action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 7: This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and for the further reason that there is an immediate need to submit this Ordinance to the Cuyahoga Board of Elections for it to be placed on the November 3, 2026, ballot: therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED:

August 18, 2026


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Ed M. Gurnea
MAYOR

I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN
INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM
AND CORRECTNESS


DIRECTOR OF LAW

8/19/26
DATE

CERTIFICATE

Carol Johnson, Clerk of Council, of the City of Brook
Park, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a
true and accurate copy of Ordinance Resolution

No. 11544-20-26
passed on the 18 day of August
20 26 by said council.

Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

	Yea	Nay
Gonzalez	☒	☐
Mencini	☒	☐
Roberts	☒	☐
Scott	☒	☐
McCorkle	☒	☐
Poindexter	☒	☐
Dufour	☒	☐