

ORDINANCE NO.: 08-2025

Vote Outcome: Passed
Yes: 7 No: 0
Adopted Date: 1-27-2025
Effective Date: 1-27-2025

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 58 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER TO ALLOW THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE TO GOVERN LAND USE CHANGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change; and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the May 6, 2025 election; and

WHEREAS, this Council has decided to submit to the electorate a proposed Charter change to amend Section 58 of the Charter so that the Planning and Zoning Code governs the rezoning process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 58 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio shall be amended as follows:

~~Notwithstanding anything in the Charter or laws of this City to the contrary, A any change to the existing land uses, or any legislation changing the existing Zoning Map, shall be governed by the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Garfield Heights. not become finally effective without approval of a majority of qualified electors of the City of Garfield Heights. Said issue shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the next primary or general election which shall occur not less than ninety (90) days after its passage by Council.~~

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment to Section 58 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held on May 6, 2025 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance and the following ballot language to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

SHALL SECTION 58 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CHANGE TO THE EXISTING LAND USES, OR ANY LEGISLATION CHANGING THE EXISTING ZONING MAP, BE GOVERNED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS?

YES 7 NO 0

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 1-27-2025

APPROVED: Mark Abel
MAYOR

Aug Johnson
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Lottie Overly
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO.: 03-2025

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE
CO-SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT AVERY JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Heights ("City") is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC"); and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive community event funding through the NOPEC Sponsorship Program; and

WHEREAS, as a member of NOPEC, the City is eligible for a \$3,500 sponsorship award to be used for community events in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to do all things necessary to apply for and accept the NOPEC Sponsorship Funding for Community Events for the year 2025.

SECTION 2. Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. Council declares this Resolution to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 1-27-2025

APPROVED: Matthew A. Burke
MAYOR

Avery Johnson
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Lottie Overly
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE
CO-SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT AVERY JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 2025 COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, The Community Recycling Awareness Grant was created by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District ("CCSWD") to help communities educate residents about recycling and create more awareness regarding proper disposal; and

WHEREAS, any village, city, or township located within Cuyahoga County is eligible to apply for the annual reimbursement grant, without obligation to provide matching funds; and

WHEREAS, funding from the CCSWD Community Recycling Awareness Grant can be used to purchase brochures, fliers, postcards, banners, yard signs, etc. to promote recycling. The grant award also can be used to pay the cost of (no more than) two document shredding events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Heights ("City") has used funds received in recent years to support the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's mission and promote their Recycle Right message and to finance two annual Community Shred Days, purchase recycling containers for municipal buildings, and develop promotional materials; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 grant will provide the funding for the city's two Community Shred Days; the cost of advertising the Household Hazardous Waste collection and the shred dates throughout the community; and to purchase materials to educate residents, which is a grant requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to apply for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's 2025 Community Recycling Awareness Grant.

SECTION 2. Council declares this Resolution to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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APPROVED: Matthew A. Burke
MAYOR

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Lotte Overly
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