

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

**STATE OF OHIO, ex rel.
BARRY BLANKENSHIP**

811 S. 1st Street

Trenton, Ohio 45067; and

**STATE OF OHIO, ex rel.
LORIE BLANKENSHIP**

811 S. 1st Street

Trenton, Ohio 45067; and

**STATE OF OHIO, ex rel.
STEVEN WALLACE**

403 E. Page Avenue

Trenton, Ohio 45067; and

**STATE OF OHIO, ex rel.
LESA DEROSIER**

905 Arthur Street

Trenton, Ohio 45067; and

**STATE OF OHIO, ex rel.
AMY HUMBERT**

701 Brelsford Avenue

Trenton, Ohio 45067

Relators,

vs.

CITY OF TRENTON COUNCIL

11 East State Street

Trenton, Ohio 45067; and

MAYOR RYAN PERRY

11 East State Street

Trenton, Ohio 45067; and

VICE MAYOR FLOYD CROUCHER

11 East State Street

Trenton, Ohio 45067; and

COUNCIL MEMBER MARCI BUTTS

11 East State Street

Trenton, Ohio 45067; and

CASE NUMBER _____

ORIGINAL ACTION

WRIT OF MANDAMUS

PEREMPTORY WRIT

EXPEDITED ELECTION

MATTER PURSUANT TO

S.CT.PRAC.R. 12.08

COUNCIL MEMBER	:
SHARON MONTGOMERY	:
11 East State Street	:
Trenton, Ohio 45067; and	:
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COUNCIL MEMBER	:
AUSTIN PROFFITT	:
11 East State Street	:
Trenton, Ohio 45067; and	:
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COUNCIL MEMBER	:
KENNETH ROARK	:
11 East State Street	:
Trenton, Ohio 45067; and	:
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COUNCIL MEMBER RAY NICHOLS	:
11 East State Street	:
Trenton, Ohio 45067	:
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Defendants.	:

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS
IN AN EXPEDITED ELECTION MATTER
AND REQUEST FOR PEREMPTORY WRIT**

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Counsel for Relators

Comes now the STATE OF OHIO, by and on relation to BARRY BLANKENSHIP, LORIE BLANKENSHIP, STEVEN WALLACE, LESA DEROSIER, and AMY HUMBERT, and in support of their claim for the issuance of a writ mandamus alleges as follows:

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1. Relator Barry Blankenship is a person, a qualified elector, is of at least eighteen years of age, and who lives in the City of Trenton, Butler County, Ohio.
2. Relator Lorie Blankenship is a person, a qualified elector, is of at least eighteen years of age, and who lives in the City of Trenton, Butler County, Ohio.
3. Relator Steven Wallace is a person, a qualified elector, is of at least eighteen years of age, and who lives in the City of Trenton, Butler County, Ohio.
4. Relator Lesa DeRosier is a person, a qualified elector, is of at least eighteen years of age, and who lives in the City of Trenton, Butler County, Ohio.
5. Relator Amy Humbert is a person, a qualified elector, is of at least eighteen years of age, and who lives in the City of Trenton, Butler County, Ohio.
6. Relators Barry and Lorie Blankenship, Steven Wallace, Lesa DeRosier, and Amy Humbert are the committee to represent the petitioners for a submitted amendment to the Charter of the City of Trenton to prohibit the construction of a data center.
6. Relators Barry and Lorie Blankenship, Steven Wallace, Lesa DeRosier, and Amy Humbert have all acted with the utmost diligence in bringing the instant action, there has been no unreasonable delay or lapse of time in asserting their rights, and there is no prejudice to Respondents.

7. This Court possesses subject matter jurisdiction over this original action pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution and Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 2731.02 to issue a writ of mandamus compelling the City of Trenton Council to comply with its constitutional duties.
8. This is an expedited election proceeding governed by the provisions of S.Ct.Prac. 12.08 because it is filed less than ninety days before the November 3, 2026 General Election.
9. The Council is the legislative authority for the City of Trenton, Butler County, Ohio,
9. Ryan Perry is the Mayor of the City of Trenton.
10. Floyd Croucher is the Vice Mayor of the City of Trenton.
11. Marci Butts is a Council Member of the City of Trenton.
12. Sharon Montgomery is a Council Member of the City of Trenton.
13. Austin Proffitt is a Council Member of the City of Trenton.
14. Kenneth Roark is a Council Member of the City of Trenton.
15. Ray Nichols is a Council Member of the City of Trenton.

BACKGROUND

16. Relators incorporate the preceding allegations as if fully re-written herein.
17. On July 8, 2026, Relators Barry and Lorie Blankenship, Steven Wallace, Lesa DeRosier, and Amy Humbert filed with the City of Trenton Clerk of Council a petition for submission of a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Trenton that included 464 signatures.
18. The proposed petition seeks to amend the City of Trenton Charter by adding Section 9.06 to Article IX to prohibit the construction of a data center, as more fully set forth therein. *See attached and incorporated Exhibit A.*
19. After submission from Relators, the City of Trenton transmitted the signatures to the Butler County Board of Elections for signature verification.

20. On July 27, 2026, the Butler County Board of Elections validated 336 of the 464 petition signatures, and provided that validation to the City of Trenton. *See attached and incorporated Exhibit B.*
21. The Butler County Board of Elections further stated in their results summary that 128 signatures was the required amount for the petition. *See attached and incorporated Exhibit B (last page).*
22. According to the Butler County Board of Election, 1,280 electors voted in the November 4, 2025, City of Trenton municipal election.
23. The Ohio Supreme Court has held the required amount of signatures for the proper submission of a proposed municipal charter amendment to the electorate “is ten percent of the electors of the municipality based upon the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general municipal election.” See *State ex rel. Huebner v. W. Jefferson Village Council*, 1996-Ohio-303, ¶ 12.
24. The Ohio Secretary of State has a prescribed the “Petition for Submission of Proposed Amendment to Charter,” Form No. 6-B, which states the petition is “To be signed by ten percent of the electors, based upon the total vote cast at the last preceding general municipal election.” *See attached and incorporated Exhibit A.*
25. Ten percent of 1,280 is 128, which figure is consistent with the Butler County Board of Election’s statement.
26. Article IX, Section 9.03, Amendments to the Charter, of the City of Trenton Charter, states “Any section of this Charter may be amended as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9, of the Ohio Constitution, by submission of proposed amendments to the electors of the Municipality. Such amendments may be initiated either by two-thirds vote of the members of the Council or by petition

to the Council by ten percent of the electors of the Municipality.” *See attached and incorporated Exhibit C.*

27. According to the Ohio Supreme Court, if a petition proposing a charter amendment contains enough valid signatures, the municipal legislature “must ‘forthwith’ provide by ordinance for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors.” *State ex rel. Commt. for Charter Amendment Petition v. Maple Hts.*, 140 Ohio St.3d 334, 2014-Ohio-4097, 18 N.E.3d 426, ¶ 3-4, quoting Article XVIII, Section 8, Ohio Constitution.

28. This is a legislative function that must be performed as an operation of law when the preceding conditions have been met, as they have been here.

29. The Ohio Supreme Court has also repeatedly ruled that when “the amendment provisions of a charter conflict with constitutional charter amendment provisions, the Constitution prevails because [t]he paramount authority must prevail over the subordinate authority.” *See State ex rel. Commt. for the Charter Amendment, City Trash Collection v. Westlake*, 2002-Ohio-5302, ¶ 30-32.

30. If the City of Trenton Charter directly conflicted with the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Constitution’s above-mentioned charter amendment requirements, as interpreted by this Court in *Huebner*, a right that has existed for over fifty years, shall prevail.

31. As Respondents have recognized, “[i]t is not the role of the city council to substitute its judgment for that of the voters as to which matters should appear on the ballot. Nor can the city council assess the constitutionality of a proposal, because that role is reserved for the courts.” *State ex rel. Ebersole v. Powell*, 2014-Ohio-4283, ¶ 6.

32. And *Ebersole* draws its authority from this Court’s previous, even more emphatic sentiment that:

None of the cases decided by this court should be construed to invest municipal legislative authorities with the power to determine what substantive errors, if any, are grave enough

to warrant the withdrawal of a whole issue from the electorate, whether the appear ‘on the face’ of the petitions or not. That is a judicial function, and Section 9, Article XVIII, does not contemplate that legislative authorities be clothed with that prerogative.

Id., citing *State ex rel. Polcyn v. Burkhardt*, 33 Ohio St. 2d 7, 292 N.E.2d 883 (1973).

33. On or about July 29, 2026, Relators caused to be hand-delivered to Respondents a correspondence setting forth the legal authority discussed above (minus the direct quote from *Polcyn*) and directing Respondents to perform their duty-bound function of legislatively advancing the proposed charter amendment to the ballot. *See attached and incorporated Exhibit D.*

34. Instead, Respondents have attempted to exercise exactly that which this Court has restricted them from using: the power to determine a legally substantial error grave enough to warrant the withdrawal of a whole issue from the electorate.

35. On August 3, 2026, the City of Trenton Council held a special meeting with a corresponding agenda. *See attached and incorporated Exhibit E.*

36. On August 3, 2026, the City of Trenton Council passed by emergency Ordinance 20-2026, entitled AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT THE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, OHIO, DOES NOT CONTAIN THE NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY SECTION 9.03 OF THE CHARTER.” *See attached and incorporated Exhibit F.*

37. Ordinance 20-2026, Section 2, state the following, “Council determines that it is the municipal body charged in the first instance with applying Section 9.03 of the Charter to the Petition...”

38. Ordinance 20-2026, Section 3, stated the following, “Council construes the phrase ‘ten percent of the electors of the Municipality’ in Section 9.03 according to its ordinary, person-based meaning and uses the fixed number of persons eligible to vote at the last preceding general

municipal election as the relevant denominator. The Board of Elections reported 8,197 eligible electors at the November 4, 2025 general municipal election; ten percent is 819.7, and because a fraction of a signature cannot satisfy the requirement, 820 valid signatures are required.”

39. Ordinance 20-2026, Section 4, stated the following, “The Board of Elections certified only 336 valid signatures on the Petition. Council determines that the Petition is deficient by 484 valid signatures and is not a sufficient petition under Section 9.03 of the Charter as construed in this Ordinance.”

40. Sections 3 and 4 of Ordinance 20-2026 demonstrate Respondent’s attempt to (i) make a “determination” of its own powers (Section 2); (ii) “construe[]” a law based on a judicial canon of legal interpretation (Section 3); (iii) and “determine[] that the Petition is deficient by 484 valid signatures and is not a sufficient petition under Section 9.03 of the Charter as construed in this Ordinance.” (Section 4). This sequence of events purports to withdraw the whole issue of Relators’ petition from the ballot.

41. This conduct constitutes an attempt by Respondents to use the prohibited power to determine a legally substantial error grave enough to warrant the withdrawal of a whole issue from the electorate. This is regardless of whatever boilerplate language is artificially ascribed to the ordinance.

42. In addition to that, Respondents’ determination that the City of Trenton Charter (however construed) can prevail over the Ohio Constitution, as interpreted by the Supreme Court of Ohio, to dictate the means by which the voters duly exercise their reserved judgment as to what issues get put on the ballot is incorrect.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF: WRIT OF MANDAMUS

43. Relators incorporate the preceding allegations as if fully re-written herein.

44. A writ of mandamus requires “(1) a clear legal right to the requested relief, (2) a clear legal duty on the part of the Respondent to provide it, and (3) the lack of an adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law.” *State ex rel. Waters v. Spaeth*, 131 Ohio St. 3d 55, 2012-Ohio-69, ¶ 6.
45. Relators’ petition contained a sufficient number of validated signatures under the governing Ohio law to warrant the proposed charter amendment’s placement on the November 3, 2026 ballot.
46. Relators have a legal right pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 8 of the Ohio Constitution to have their proposed charter amendment submitted by ordinance from Respondents for placement on the November 3, 2026 ballot.
47. Respondents have a clear legal duty to carry out that legal right by issuing an ordinance for the petition’s placement on the November 3, 2026 ballot.
48. Respondents have failed and/or refused to carry out that legal duty.
49. Relators have no adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law aside from a writ of mandamus because Relators’ sole remedy – having the proposed charter amendment placed on the November 3, 2026 ballot, hinges on Respondents’ carrying out of their legal duty, and Respondents, upon information and belief, will only carry out their legal duty pursuant to a writ of mandamus issued by this Court.
50. Further, Respondents’ adoption of Ordinance 20-2026 in contravention of the clear light of the legal authority presented to them constitutes an act in bad faith.
51. Attorney fees may be awarded in a mandamus case when the party against whom the fees would be taxed acted in bad faith. *See State ex rel. Kabatek v. Stackhouse*, 6 Ohio St.3d 55, 451 N.E.2d 248 (1983).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Relators Barry and Lorie Blankenship, Steven Wallace, Lesa DeRosier, and Amy Humbert respectfully pray this Court grant the following relief:

A. Issue a Peremptory Writ, Alternative Writ, or Writ of Mandamus ordering the City of Trenton Council members to enact forthwith an ordinance certifying Relators' petition to the Butler County Board of Elections and providing for the submission of the proposed charter amendment to the electors of the City of Trenton on November 3, 2026; and

B. Attorneys' fees to Relators; and

C. Assess the costs of this action against Respondents; and

D. Award such other and additional relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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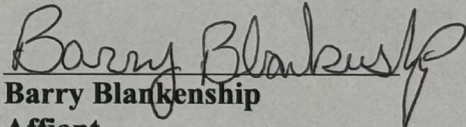
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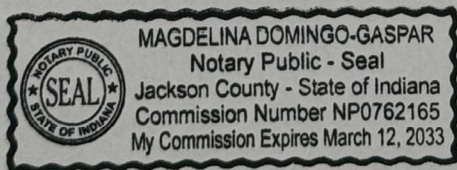
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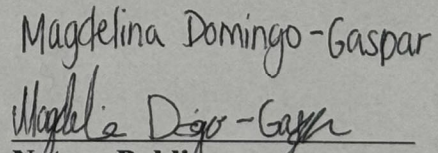
Now comes, Barry Blankenship, having been duly cautioned and sworn and declares that he has personal knowledge of the factual allegations in the above complaint for writ of mandamus and such allegations are true and accurate. Additionally, he states the following:

- 1.) I am at least eighteen years of age and competent to testify to all matters stated in this affidavit of verification.
- 2.) All attached and incorporated exhibits to this complaint for a writ of mandamus are true and accurate copies.


Barry Blankenship
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Indiana, on this 5th day of August, 2026.



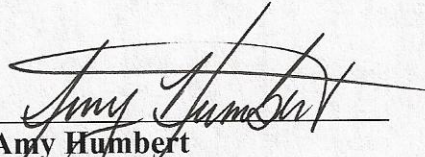

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AFFIDAVIT OF VERIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF Butler, ss:

Now comes, Amy Humbert, having been duly cautioned and sworn and declares that she has personal knowledge of the factual allegations in the above complaint for writ of mandamus and such allegations are true and accurate. Additionally, she states the following:

- 1.) I am at least eighteen years of age and competent to testify to all matters stated in this affidavit of verification.
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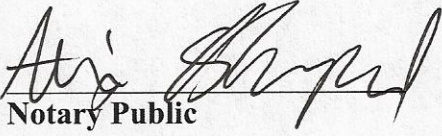


Amy Humbert
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, on this
5th day of August, 2026.



ALEXIS SHEPARD
Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires
September 7, 2030



Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF VERIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF BUTLER, ss:

Now comes, Steven Wallace, having been duly cautioned and sworn and declares that he has personal knowledge of the factual allegations in the above complaint for writ of mandamus and such allegations are true and accurate. Additionally, he states the following:

- 5.) I am at least eighteen years of age and competent to testify to all matters stated in this affidavit of verification.
- 6.) All attached and incorporated exhibits to this complaint for a writ of mandamus are true and accurate copies.


Steven Wallace
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, on this
5th day of August, ²⁰²⁶~~2025~~. **END**



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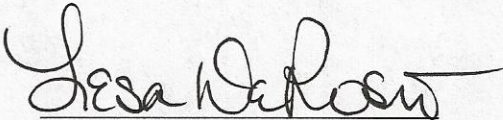

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STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF Butler, ss:

Now comes, Lesa DeRosier, having been duly cautioned and sworn and declares that she has personal knowledge of the factual allegations in the above complaint for writ of mandamus and such allegations are true and accurate. Additionally, she states the following:

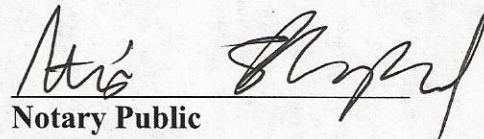
- 1.) I am at least eighteen years of age and competent to testify to all matters stated in this affidavit of verification.
- 2.) All attached and incorporated exhibits to this complaint for a writ of mandamus are true and accurate copies.


Lesa DeRosier
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, on this
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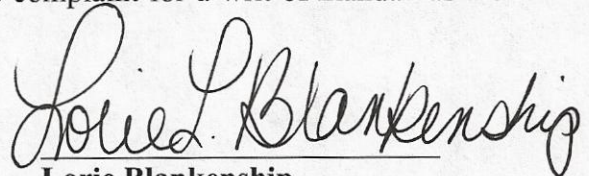

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AFFIDAVIT OF VERIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF Butler, ss:

Now comes, Lorie Blankenship, having been duly cautioned and sworn and declares that she has personal knowledge of the factual allegations in the above complaint for writ of mandamus and such allegations are true and accurate. Additionally, she states the following:

- 1.) I am at least eighteen years of age and competent to testify to all matters stated in this affidavit of verification.
- 2.) All attached and incorporated exhibits to this complaint for a writ of mandamus are true and accurate copies.


Lorie Blankenship
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, on this
5th day of August, 2026.



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Notary Public

Petition for Submission of Proposed Amendment to Charter

EXHIBIT A

Constitution of Ohio, Art. XVIII, Section 9 and 14; R.C. 731.28 - .41, 3503.06

To be signed by ten percent of the electors, based upon the total vote cast at the last preceding general municipal election.

(NOTE – The below notice must be printed in red.)

NOTICE – Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his own, or signs when not a legal voter is liable to prosecution.

To the Council, the legislative authority of the Trenton of
(City or Village)

Butler County, Ohio.

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the Trenton of
(City or Village)

Butler County, Ohio respectfully petition the legislative authority to forthwith provide by

Ordinance, for the submission to the electors of said city or village, the following proposed amendment to the Charter of said city or village to-wit:

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

Be it Resolved by the People of the City of Trenton that the Charter of the City of Trenton is hereby amended to add Section 9.06 to Article IX to read as follows:

Article IX, Section 9.06. Prohibition of Construction of a Data Center

(A) The construction of a data center is hereby prohibited.

(B) As used in this Section, “construction” shall mean the erection of one or more buildings, infrastructure, facilities, and related activities, which include preparations and modifications for same, for a common purpose.

(C) As used in this Section, “data center” shall mean one or more buildings or physical facilities or infrastructure, located on a single real property parcel or on contiguous, adjacent, or otherwise aggregated real property parcels that:

(1) Are used primarily or exclusively for digital information services such as the management, storage, processing, and dissemination of electronic data and information through the use of computer systems, servers, networking equipment, and related components, including equipment cooling systems; and

(2) Has an aggregate monthly demand or peak load of greater than twenty-five (25) megawatts, however derived from any energy source, or a combination thereof.

(D) This Section is self-executing.

We hereby designate the following persons as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to this petition or its circulation:

Name	Residence
Barry Blankenship	811 S. 1st St. Trenton, OH 45067
Lorie Blankenship	811 S. 1st St. Trenton, OH 45067
Steven Wallace	403 E. Page Ave. Trenton, OH 45067
Amy Marie Humbert	701 Brelsford Ave. Trenton, OH 45067
Lesa DeRosier	905 Arthur St. Trenton, OH 45067

Signatures on this petition must be from only one county and must be written in ink.

	Signature	Voting Residence, Street Number and Address	City, Village or Township	County	Date of Signing
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Circulator Statement

Must be completed and signed by the circulator.

I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside at the address
Printed Name of Circulator
 appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing _____ signatures;
Number
 that I witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief
 qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person
 whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION
FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE**

 Signature of Circulator

 Permanent Residence Address

 City or Village

 State

 Zip Code

_____, Ohio

Form 6-B

Petition for the submission of a
proposed amendment to charter

Filed _____, _____ (Month, Day), _____ (Year)

 City Auditor or Village Clerk

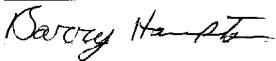
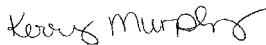
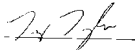
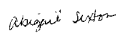
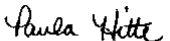
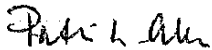
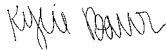
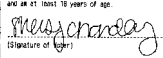
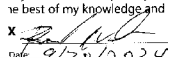
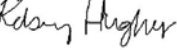
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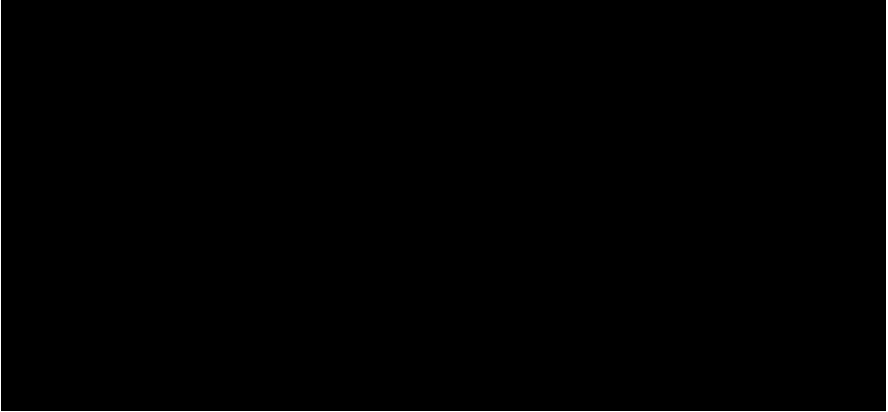
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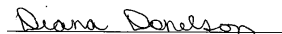
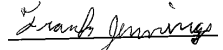
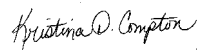
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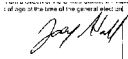
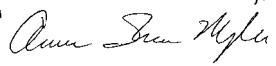
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I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.
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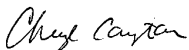
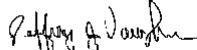
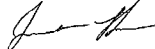
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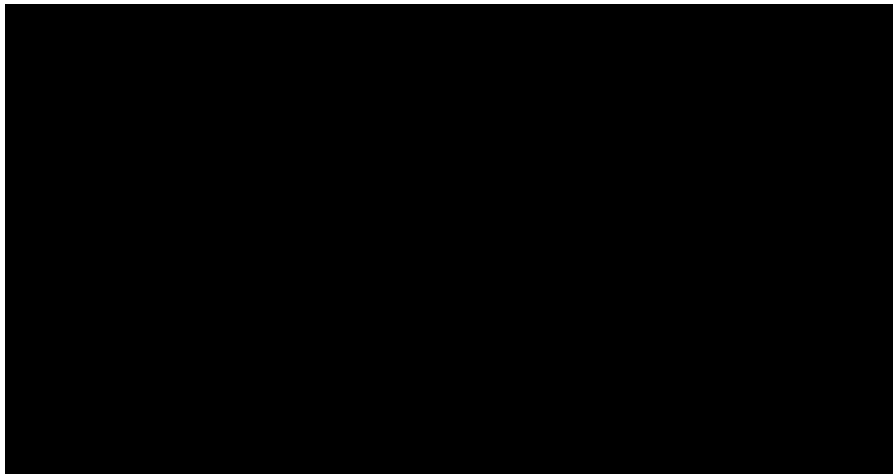
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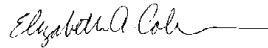
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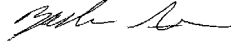
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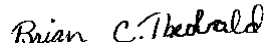
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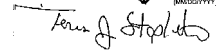
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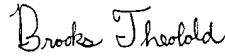
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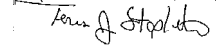
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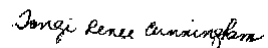
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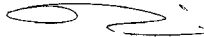
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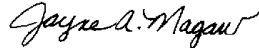
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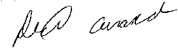
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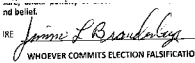
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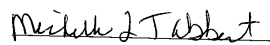
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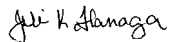
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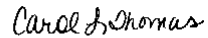
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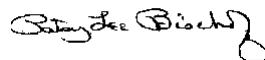
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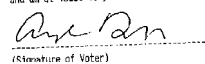
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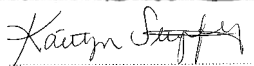
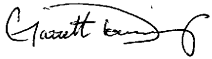
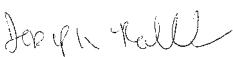
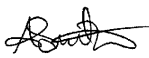
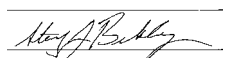
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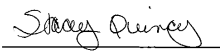
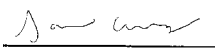
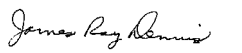
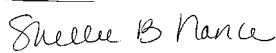
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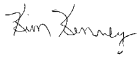
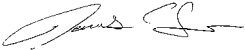
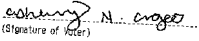
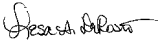
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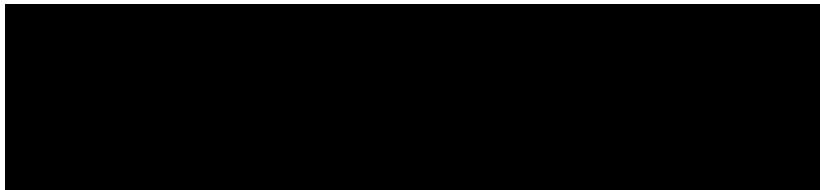
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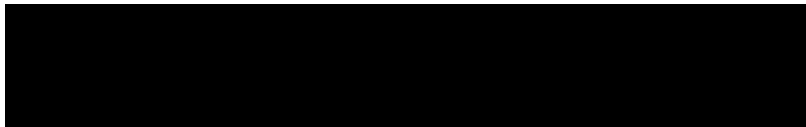
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Leigh Ann Haskins

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Brandon Lee Haskins

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Adam Brown

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Hasan Young

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R. K. M.

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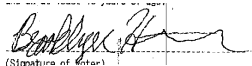
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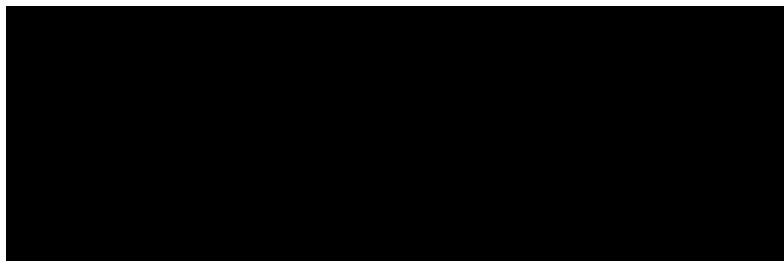
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Bruce Butler

VAL

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Shirley M. Brown

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Jan Hunt

INVSIG

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Quincy D. Young

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Cliff Thomas Ward

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Ronald G. Morris

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M. M. L. Young

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Dr. A. D. D.

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Cheryl D. Young

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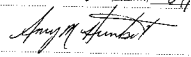
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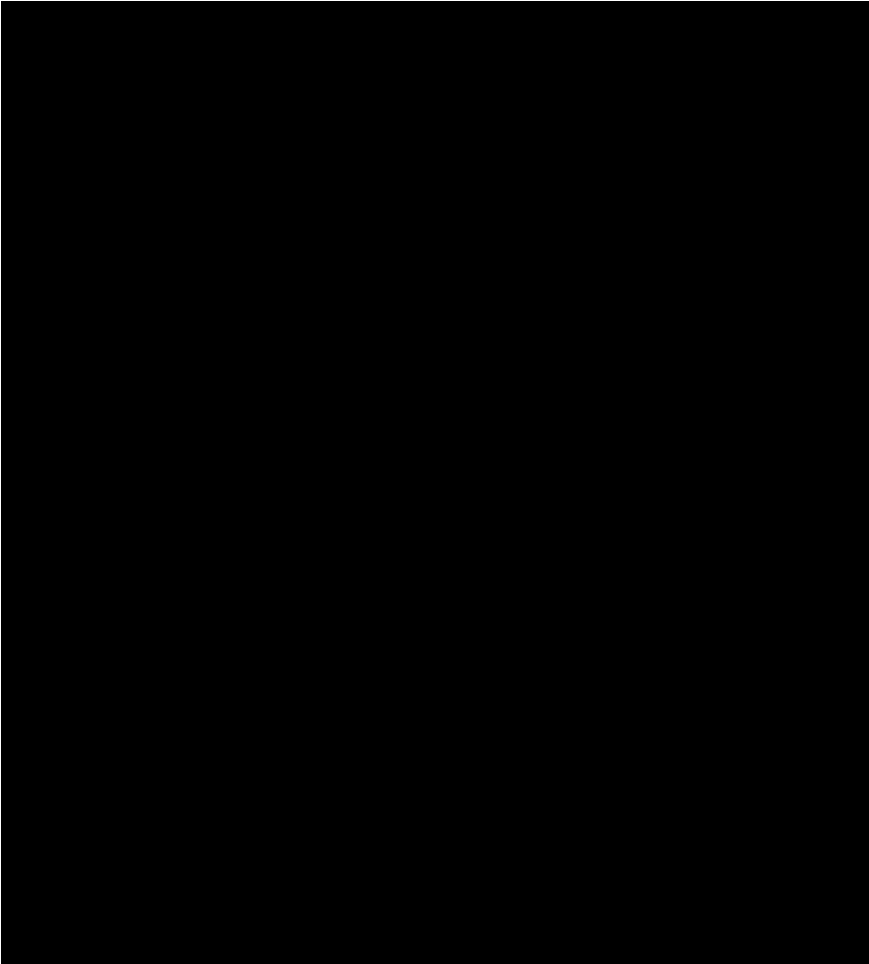
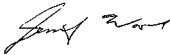
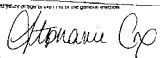
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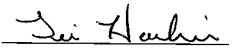
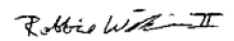
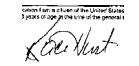
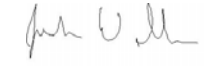
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Total Petition Parts:	0

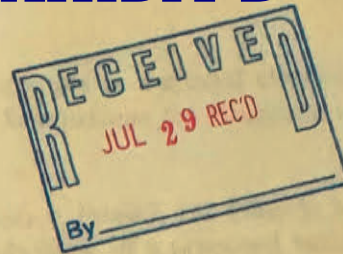
EXHIBIT C

Section 9.03. Amendments to the Charter.

Any section of this Charter may be amended as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9, of the Ohio Constitution, by submission of proposed amendments to the electors of the Municipality. Such amendments may be initiated either by two-thirds vote of the members of the Council or by petition to the Council by ten percent of the electors of the Municipality.

EXHIBIT D

July 29, 2026



VIA HAND DELIVERY

Stanislav Beresford, Clerk of Council
City of Trenton
11 East State Street
Trenton, Ohio 45067

RE: SUBMITTED PETITION FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TRENTON

Clerk Beresford:

On July 6, 2026, myself, and fellow petitioners, submitted to you a petition to amend the Charter of the City of Trenton to ban data centers in the City of Trenton pursuant to the Ohio Constitution, Article XVIII, Section 9 and the City of Trenton Charter, Article IX, Section 9.03. On July 27, 2026, the Butler County Board of Elections provided to you, via email, that our charter amendment petition contained 336 verified signatures.

The Ohio Supreme Court has held the required amount of signatures for the proper submission of a proposed municipal charter amendment to the electorate "is ten percent of the electors of the municipality based upon the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general municipal election." See *State ex rel. Huebner v. W. Jefferson Village Council*, 1996-Ohio-303, ¶ 12.

Additionally, the Ohio Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that when "the amendment provisions of a charter conflict with constitutional charter amendment provisions, the Constitution prevails because [t]he paramount authority must prevail over the subordinate authority." See *State ex rel. Comm. for the Charter Amendment, City Trash Collection v. Westlake*, 2002-Ohio-5302, ¶ 30-32. As a result, if the City of Trenton Charter directly conflicted with the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Constitution's above-mentioned charter amendment requirements would prevail.

As reported by the Butler County Board of Elections, 1,280 electors voted in the 2025 City of Trenton municipal election. Therefore, the petitioners have the legal right, pursuant to the Ohio Constitution, to have their proposed charter amendment submitted to the voters of the City of Trenton.

According to the Ohio Supreme Court, if a petition proposing a charter amendment contains enough valid signatures, the municipal legislature "must 'forthwith' provide by ordinance for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors." *State ex rel. Comm. for Charter Amendment Petition v. Maple Hts.*, 140 Ohio St.3d 334, 2014-Ohio-4097, 18 N.E.3d 426, ¶ 3-4, quoting Article XVIII, Section 8, Ohio Constitution. And under Article XVIII, Section 8 of the Ohio Constitution, "[t]he ordinance must require that the matter be submitted at the next regular municipal election if one will occur no more than 120 days, and no less than 60 days, after passage of the ordinance." *Maple Hts.* at ¶ 5. If there is no election within that time

frame, the municipal legislature must submit the question to the electors at a special election occurring within the same time frame. *Id.* See also *State ex rel. Sanduskians for Sandusky v. Sandusky*, 169 Ohio St.3d 702, 2022-Ohio-3362, ¶ 10.

Further, the Ohio Supreme Court held in *State ex rel. Ebersole v. Powell*, 141 Ohio St.3d 17, 2014-Ohio-4283, that a city has no authority to review the substance of a proposed ballot measure. "It is not the role of the city council to substitute its judgment for that of the voters as to which matters should appear on the ballot. Nor can the city council assess the constitutionality of a proposal, because that role is reserved for the courts." *Id.*

On August 6, 2026, the City of Trenton has their next regular council meeting. At this meeting, the City of Trenton shall forthwith pass the required legislation, pursuant to the Ohio Constitution and the City of Trenton Charter, placing the proposed charter amendment on the upcoming November 3, 2026 ballot. Otherwise, the petitioners will immediately seek expedited election relief through a mandamus action filed with the Ohio Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barry Blankenship
Petition Committee-Member

cc: Mayor Ryan Perry
Councilmember Floyd Croucher
Councilmember Marci Butts
Councilmember Sharon Montgomery
Councilmember Austin Proffitt
Councilmember Kenneth Roark
Councilmember Ray Nichols
City Attorney Nick Ziepfel, Esq.
Butler County Board of Elections

EXHIBIT E

City of Trenton
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
August 3rd, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

City of Trenton
11 E State St | Trenton OH 45067
513.988.6304 | www.trentonoh.gov

Floyd Croucher	Ray Nichols	Austin Proffitt	Ryan Perry	Marci Butts	Sharon Montgomery
Vice Mayor	Council Member	Council Member	Mayor	Council Member	Council Member

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER

1. TBD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC BODY CONCERNING DISPUTES INVOLVING THE PUBLIC BODY THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION

LEGISLATION

1. AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT THE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, OHIO, DOES NOT CONTAIN THE NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY SECTION 9.03 OF THE CHARTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading, Suspend Rules)**
2. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9.06 TO THE ELECTORS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026. DIRECTING CERTIFICATION TO THE BULER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading, Suspend Rules)**

REPORTS

AUDIENCE OF COUNCIL

ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026

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WHEREAS, the City of Trenton, Ohio (the "City") is a charter municipal corporation possessing the powers of local self-government conferred by Article XVIII, Sections 3 and 7 of the Ohio Constitution and Section 1.02 of the Charter of the City of Trenton (the "Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.03 of the Charter provides that any section of the Charter may be amended as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and states, as a separate local requirement, that a petition-initiated amendment must be presented "by petition to the Council by ten percent of the electors of the Municipality"; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2026, the Clerk of Council received, date-stamped, and secured the original petition papers entitled "Petition for Submission of Proposed Amendment to Charter," proposing to add Article IX, Section 9.06, "Prohibition of Construction of a Data Center," to the Charter (the "Petition"), a true and accurate copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Petition was transmitted to the Butler County Board of Elections (the "Board of Elections") for signature examination under R.C. 3501.11(K)(1), and on July 20, 2026, the Board of Elections reported that 464 signatures had been submitted and that 336 signatures were valid signatures of City electors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections reported that 1,277 ballots were cast in the City at the November 4, 2025 general municipal election and that 8,197 persons were eligible registered electors of the City for that election; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3501.01(N) defines an "elector" or "qualified elector" as a person having the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote, while R.C. 3501.01(O) separately defines a "voter" as an elector who votes at an election; and Section 8.05 of the Charter directs that state election law shall govern where the Charter is silent; and

WHEREAS, applying the ordinary meaning of "electors" in Section 9.03 to the fixed 8,197 eligible electors at the November 4, 2025 general municipal election requires 820 valid signatures; the Petition contains only 336 valid signatures and is deficient by 484 signatures; and

WHEREAS, Council's determination is limited exclusively to the number of signatures required by Section 9.03 and does not rest upon the substance, constitutionality, enforceability, or policy of the proposed amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Trenton, County of Butler, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance as findings of Council. The Petition is incorporated by reference and attached as Exhibit A. The Clerk shall preserve the original Petition, the Board of Elections' signature report, and the election-data correspondence as part of the official legislative record.

SECTION 2. Council determines that it is the municipal body charged in the first instance with applying Section 9.03 of the Charter to the Petition. In making that determination, Council exercises the City's local self-government and charter authority under Article XVIII, Sections 3 and 7 of the Ohio Constitution and Sections 1.02, 8.05, and 9.03 of the Charter.

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- SECTION 3.** Council construes the phrase "ten percent of the electors of the Municipality" in Section 9.03 according to its ordinary, person-based meaning and uses the fixed number of persons eligible to vote at the last preceding general municipal election as the relevant denominator. The Board of Elections reported 8,197 eligible electors at the November 4, 2025 general municipal election; ten percent is 819.7, and because a fraction of a signature cannot satisfy the requirement, 820 valid signatures are required.
- SECTION 4.** The Board of Elections certified only 336 valid signatures on the Petition. Council determines that the Petition is deficient by 484 valid signatures and is not a sufficient petition under Section 9.03 of the Charter as construed in this Ordinance.
- SECTION 5.** Council does not decide whether the proposed amendment is constitutional, preempted, sufficiently definite, enforceable, or lawful as applied to any person, property, permit, approval, contract, public-utility facility, development, or project. Council does not adopt, reject, endorse, oppose, or make findings on the merits of the proposed data-center prohibition.
- SECTION 6.** The Clerk of Council shall promptly provide a certified copy of this Ordinance and Exhibit A to the petitioning committee and the Board of Elections, shall identify the signature deficiency determined by Council, and shall preserve the original Petition without alteration in accordance with R.C. 3501.38 and applicable records-retention requirements.
- SECTION 7.** All formal actions of this Council related to this Ordinance and all deliberations of 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 Revised Code. delay would impair orderly election administration and judicial review.
- SECTION 8.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the reason that it provides for the immediate preservation of public health, safety, and general welfare and for the reasons that it provides prompt notification to the petition committee and promotes orderly election administration, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED _____
AYES _____ NAYS _____
ABSENT _____
First Reading _____
Second Reading _____

ATTEST:

Stanislav Beresford /s/ _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Ryan Perry /s/ _____
Mayor
Rules Suspended _____
AYES _____ NAYS _____
ABSENT _____

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council for the City of Trenton, Ohio, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 20-2026 is a true and correct copy as passed by the Council of the City of Trenton, Ohio on the 3rd day of August, 2026 and that at least two-thirds of the elected members voted in the affirmative on said motion.

Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2026

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9.06 TO THE ELECTORS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, DIRECTING CERTIFICATION TO THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton, Ohio (the "City") is a charter municipal corporation possessing the powers of local self-government conferred by Article XVIII, Sections 3 and 7 of the Ohio Constitution and Section 1.02 of the Charter of the City of Trenton (the "Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.03 of the Charter provides that any section of the Charter may be amended as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and states, as a separate local requirement, that a petition-initiated amendment must be presented "by petition to the Council by ten percent of the electors of the Municipality"; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Elections reported that 1,277 ballots were cast in the City at the November 4, 2025 general municipal election and that 8,197 persons were eligible registered electors of the City for that election; and

WHEREAS, under current Ohio precedent, the signature threshold for a proposed amendment to a charter under Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution is ten percent of the total vote cast at the last preceding general municipal election, requiring only 128 valid signatures in this instance; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3501.02(F) requires the question or issue to be certified to the Board of Elections no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 5, 2026, and immediate effectiveness is necessary to satisfy that deadline and to permit the Board of Elections and Secretary of State to complete ballot preparation and review.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Trenton, County of Butler, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance as findings of Council. The Petition is incorporated by reference and attached as Exhibit A. The Clerk shall preserve the original Petition, the Board of Elections' signature report, and the election-data correspondence as part of the official legislative record.

SECTION 2. Solely for purposes of election submission and in compliance with the authorities identified above, Council determines that the Petition is valid and sufficient as to the number of signatures required by Article XVIII, Sections 9 and 14 of the Ohio Constitution and Section 9.03 of the Charter. Based upon 1,277 ballots cast at the last preceding general municipal election, only 128 valid signatures were required; the Board of Elections certified 336 valid signatures.

SECTION 3. Council hereby provides for and orders submission of the proposed charter amendment set forth in Section 4 and Exhibit A to the electors of the City at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Council finds that November 3, 2026 is not less than sixty nor more than one hundred twenty days after passage of

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this Ordinance, as required by Article XVIII, Sections 8 and 9 of the Ohio Constitution.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to certify to the Board of Elections, no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 5, 2026, a certified copy of this Ordinance, the Petition attached as Exhibit A, and all other certificates, forms, and materials required by the Board of Elections or the Secretary of State. The Clerk, City Manager, Law Director, and other appropriate City officials are authorized to make non-substantive corrections requested by election officials that do not alter the proposed amendment or Council's findings.

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SECTION 6. All formal actions of this Council related to this Ordinance and all deliberations of 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 Revised Code. delay would impair orderly election administration and judicial review.

SECTION 7. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the reason that it provides for the immediate preservation of public health, safety, and general welfare and for the reason that R.C. 3501.02(F) requires certification of the proposed amendment to the Board of Elections by 4:00 p.m. on August 5, 2026, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED _____
AYES _____ NAYS _____
ABSENT _____
First Reading _____
Second Reading _____

ATTEST:

Stanislav Beresford /s/ _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Ryan Perry /s/ _____
Mayor
Rules Suspended _____
AYES _____ NAYS _____
ABSENT _____

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2026

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Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT F

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026

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PASSED 8/3/2026

AYES 1 NAYS 3

ABSENT 0

First Reading 8/3/2026

Second Reading _____

ATTEST:

Stanislav Beresford /s/ _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Ryan Perry /s/ _____
Mayor

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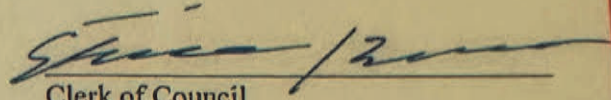
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ABSENT 0

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council for the City of Trenton, Ohio, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 21-2026 is a true and correct copy as passed by the Council of the City of Trenton, Ohio on the 6th day of August, 2026 and that at least two-thirds of the elected members voted in the affirmative on said motion.


Clerk of Council