



July 25, 2024

WHITEHOUSE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Administrative Conference Room

July 30, 2024

6:30 P.M.

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Notice is hereby given that the Whitehouse Village Council will meet on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Welcome and thank you for attending the Whitehouse Village Council meeting. The purpose of the Village Council meeting is to conduct the official business of the Village of Whitehouse and to hear citizen's comments pertaining to items that appear on the agenda and comments for future consideration. We welcome and encourage your participation. If you wish to make a comment, please wait to be recognized then state your name and address for the record. Please make your comments as concise as possible to allow time for others who wish to make comments. The Mayor presides over the Council meeting and has the authority to take the actions necessary to maintain order and proper decorum among those present. Thank you for your cooperation.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Discussion of Primary Dates To Be Incorporated in the Final Ballot Language for the Charter Amendment to Article XIII, Nominations and Elections for the Village of Whitehouse
- V. Adjournment

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO CHANGE ARTICLE XIII, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the present Charter for the Village of Whitehouse provides for a nomination and election process that includes a possible primary; and

WHEREAS, the procedure now in place, under certain circumstances, may not allow proper time for Federal and State law to be followed and therefore is in need of amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Village of Whitehouse has determined that it would be in the best interests of the public that the Charter for the Village of Whitehouse be amended to change the dates for nominations and elections in order to comply with Federal and State Elections laws.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Ordained By The Council Of The Village Of Whitehouse, Lucas County Ohio, That:

Section 1. The question of the change of Article XIII, Nominations and Elections, shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the Village of Whitehouse at the general election to be held on the 5th day of November, 2024, at the regular places of voting in the Village of Whitehouse between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Article XIII, Nominations and Elections, shall be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 13.01 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

All elections provided for by this Charter, whether for the choice of officials or for the submission of questions to the voters, shall be conducted by the election authorities prescribed by the laws of the State of Ohio, which laws shall apply to all such elections except as provision is otherwise made by this Charter. A regular municipal election for the choice of all elective offices of the Municipality shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, or as otherwise established by the Lucas County Board of Elections, in the odd-numbered years. The nominating petitions and ballots to be used in all municipal elections shall bear no party marks or designations.

SECTION 13.02 NOMINATING PROCEDURE

Nominations for elective offices of the Municipality shall be made only by petition filed with the election authorities at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of holding of the primary election with respect to which such petition is filed and signed by electors of the Municipality not less in number than two percent (2%) of the number of electors voting at the last general municipal election with a minimum of twenty-five (25) signatures. The nomination of each candidate shall be made by a separate petition accompanied by the written acceptance of nomination by the candidate.

SECTION 13.03 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

In the event valid nominating petitions are filed in accordance with Nominating Procedure Section of this Article by candidates for any elective office of the Municipality for a

full term in excess of three (3) times the number to be elected at any regular municipal election, a non-partisan primary election for the nomination of candidates for such offices to be voted for at said regular municipal election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in _____ immediately preceding such regular municipal election, or as otherwise provided for by the Lucas County Board of Elections. At such primary election, the names of all candidates for office who have filed nominating petitions in accordance with the provisions of Nominating Procedure Section of this Article shall be placed upon the ballot.

Council may, by resolution, order a special election to be held at any time, the purpose and date of which shall be set forth in the resolution.

SECTION 13.04 CANDIDATES AT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

If a primary election is not required by this Article, the candidates for elective offices of the Municipality to be voted for at the regular municipal election in 1993 and at regular municipal elections thereafter shall be the candidates filing valid nominating petitions in compliance with the Nominating Procedure Section hereof.

If such primary election is so required, the candidates for any elective office of the Municipality for a full term to be voted for at the regular municipal election shall be those, equal in number to twice the number to be elected to such office at the regular municipal election, receiving the largest number of votes at such primary election.

SECTION 13.05 WHO SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED

The candidates for any elective office, equal in number to the places to be filled, who shall receive the largest number of votes at such regular municipal election shall be declared elected.

Section 2 The ballot for the election shall be entitled; “Village Charter Amendment Ballot” and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall be: “Shall the proposed amendment of Article XIII, Nominations and Elections, of the Charter of the Village of Whitehouse be adopted?” This shall be followed by the text set forth in Section 1 above. To the left of said wording, in boxes, with the appropriate place for marking, shall appear the words, “Yes”, and “No”, and each voter shall indicated his/her vote by appropriate marking on the ballot.

Section 3. The Clerk of Council is directed to publish the full text of the proposed charter amendment, as set forth above, for not less than two consecutive weeks in the Mirror and Toledo Blade with the first publication being at least fifteen days prior to the election, in accordance with Section 9 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution, and ORC 731.211.

Section 4. To pay the cost of printing copies of the proposed charter amendment and the publishing of notice, there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$500.00, or so much thereof as may be needed.

Section 5. The Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Lucas County, Ohio no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 5, 2024.

Section 6. Council hereby repeals Ordinance 7-2024.

Section 7. It is found and determined that all formal actions of Council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the Village of Whitehouse and the State of Ohio.

Section 8. This ordinance is deemed an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that it is necessary to promptly submit this matter to the Board of Elections and to allow sufficient time to notify the citizens of Whitehouse of the proposed amendment.

VOTE ON EMERGENCY MEASURE: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

FINAL VOTE ON THE MEASURE: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE: _____, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Duly Appointed Clerk of Council

Solicitor