

**ISSUE SYNOPSIS  
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

**90-DAY FILING DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020**

**60-DAY FILING DEADLINE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020**

**ISSUE**

1. **AKRON 5-E – Proposed Local Option** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Midwest Market, Inc., dba Midwest Market an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a carry-out/grocery store at 944 Brown St., Unit A, Akron, Ohio 44311, in this precinct?
  
2. **AKRON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 141a of the Charter of the City of Akron be adopted to mandate legislation requiring the release of body worn or dashboard camera recordings that document uses of force by police officers resulting in death or serious bodily injury, so long as the release is permissible under state and federal law?
  
3. **AKRON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Charter sections 71, 72, 103, 106, 108, 110, 111, 114 and 116 be amended and a new Section 103a adopted to expand the selection pool for hiring to increase access to opportunity; define the duties and functions of the Human Resources Commission and the Director and Department of Human Resources; clarify the process for hearings and appeals for classified employees and the hiring process based upon principles of merit and fitness; and update rules related to probationary and temporary employees; all while preserving protections against political patronage in City hiring?
  
4. **AKRON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 95 of the Charter of the City of Akron be amended to provide the City with greater flexibility to obtain goods and services from local vendors at competitive prices; update the minimum purchases requiring Board of Control and City Council approval; and provide for greater access to bidding opportunities and reduce administrative costs by allowing for publication online?

5. **AKRON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 106a of the Charter of the City of Akron be amended to direct the City Human Resources Department to award appropriate preference points to every Akron resident and veteran seeking employment with the City of Akron through an entry level exam?
  
6. **AKRON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Sections 33, 38, and 141 of the Charter of the City of Akron be amended to change the procedures for special meetings of Council, establish rules for executive sessions and meeting by video/teleconference that comply with state law, and enhance public access to City records by updating the procedures for publication of ordinances and resolutions to include publication online?
  
7. **AKRON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Sections 17, 19 and 136 of the Charter of the City of Akron be amended to extend the deadline for submission of ordinances and petitions for proposed initiatives, referendums and Charter amendments from 60 to 100 days in order to provide the Board of Elections with sufficient time to prepare ballots for military and overseas voters, in compliance with state and federal law?
  
8. **BARBERTON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 7.02 of the Charter of the City of Barberton be amended to: move the primary election date for municipal elections to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May to be consistent with the primary election date established by state law and reduce the cost of the primary election?
  
9. **BARBERTON – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – An additional tax for the benefit of the City of Barberton for the purpose of **current operating expenses** at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 30 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 3 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.
  
10. **BARBERTON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 4.02 of the Charter be amended to eliminate the Division of Engineering?

- 11. **BARBERTON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 6.04 of the Charter be amended to eliminate the Board of Health?
  
- 12. **BARBERTON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 12.02 of the Charter be amended to require the Mayor to appoint the Charter Review Commission by March 1 and have recommendations to Council for timely consideration?
  
- 13. **CUYAHOGA FALLS – Proposed Charter Amendment – ARTICLE VIII – Planning Commission**

**Section 1.1 Membership**

There is hereby created and established a Planning Commission which shall consist of one member of Council and a designated alternate, also a member of Council, selected by Council **as a nonvoting member of the Planning Commission** for such term as Council determines, but not to exceed two (2) years, and ~~six (6)~~ **seven (7)** electors of the municipality appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of a majority of the members of Council. Members appointed by the Mayor shall hold no other municipal office or employment. The Mayor shall have the right to remove any member whom he appointed but only in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 11 of this Charter. The Council, by a majority vote of its members, shall have the right at any time to remove the member or alternate selected by Council. ~~The additional members and the alternate of Council~~ **All members added in 2001 shall be appointed for terms beginning January 1, 2001. The additional, seventh member added in 2020 shall be appointed for a term beginning January 1, 2021.**

- 14. **FAIRLAWN – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 4.16 “NOTICE OF UTILITY RATE INCREASE” of Article IV “COUNCIL” of the Charter of the City of Fairlawn be amended to provide for notice of Public Hearing to be given by posting notice on the City’s website, and by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation, as well as notification to all utility customers with their billing statement?
  
- 15. **FAIRLAWN – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 4.08 “RECORD AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES AND OTHER MATTERS” of Article IV “COUNCIL” of the Charter of the City of Fairlawn be amended to provide for public notice of the enactment of ordinances and the adoption of resolutions to be published on the City’s website and in at least two public places within the City?

16. **HUDSON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall the proposed revisions to Article III, Section 3.05, of the Charter of Hudson related to the powers of Council in order to clarify the required number of votes to suspend the three-reading rule for voting upon legislation and to seek to achieve broad geographical representation for Council’s appointments to boards, commissions, and committees, as recommended by the 2020 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?
  
17. **HUDSON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall the proposed revisions to Article IX, Section 9.01, of the Charter of Hudson related to the Planning Commission’s composition, its members’ terms, ward representation of its members, and being subject to the state open meetings law, as recommended by the 2020 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?
  
18. **HUDSON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall the proposed revision to Article IX, Section 9.02 of the Charter of Hudson prohibiting any increase in the maximum net density in any zoning district for any dwelling type unless it is formally changed in the text of a regulation or the zoning map, and requiring such change to be adopted by at least the affirmative vote of six (6) members of Council, as recommended by the 2020 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?
  
19. **HUDSON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall the proposed amendments to Section 3.02, 3.08, 3.09, 3.10, 3.11, 3.13, 4.03, 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, 5.04 (former 5.03), 5.05 (former 5.04), 5.06 (former 5.05 re-numbered), 6.04, 7.01, 7.04, 8.03, 8.04, 8.06, 8.07, 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 10.01, 11.01, 12.01, 12.02, 12.03 and 13.02 of the Charter of Hudson, as recommended by the 2020 Hudson Charter Review Commission, be adopted?
  
20. **MACEDONIA – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Macedonia for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 5.07 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 50.7 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

21. **NORTON – Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement and Increase)** – A replacement of 4.6 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 1 mill, to constitute a tax for the benefit of the City of Norton for the purpose of **providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites therefor, sources of water supply and materials therefor, the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative and communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, and the provision of ambulance, paramedic and other emergency medical services operated by the fire department** at a rate not exceeding 5.6 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 56 cents for each one hundred dollars in valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.
  
22. **STOW 1-B – Proposed Local Option** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Meijer Stores Limited Partnership, doing business as Meijer Gas Station #307 an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating family-owned grocery and home goods superstores at 4303 Kent Rd., Stow, OH 44224, in this precinct?
  
23. **STOW – Proposed Resolution: “Whether the City of Stow should join a regional dispatch center”** – Shall the City of Stow be authorized to enter into an agreement to transfer control of the Safety Services Communication Center from the City of Stow to a regional dispatch center for the purpose of providing safety services communications?
  
24. **TWINSBURG – Proposed Charter Amendment (By Petition)** - Shall Section 6.01 of the Charter of the City of Twinsburg be amended to place a further restriction on the 10-Mill limitation set forth in Section 2, Article XII of the Ohio Constitution by limiting City Council’s ability to generate revenue for all purposes of the municipality from the current 7 mills to 2 mills?
  
25. **VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Boston Heights for the purpose of **providing and maintaining fire operations, to wit: the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company** at a rate not exceeding 0.75 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 7.5 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 3 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

26. **VILLAGE OF PENINSULA – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Peninsula for the purpose of **general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of Village streets and roads** at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 30 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.
  
27. **VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 4.04 of the Charter of the Village of Richfield be amended to change the time for Council’s organizational meeting from 8:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.?
  
28. **VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 10.01 of the Charter of the Village of Richfield be amended to change the composition of the Board of Zoning Appeals and authorize the Mayor to appoint two (2) alternate members to terms of five (5) years?
  
29. **VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 13.04 of the Charter of the Village of Richfield be amended to clarify the power and duties of the Park and Recreation Board to accept financial and land donations for park and recreational purposes only?
  
30. **VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall the Charter of the Village of Richfield be amended to add new Section 19.14 to provide Council with the authority to make typographical and non-substantive corrections to the Charter?
  
31. **BOSTON TOWNSHIP – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Boston Township for the purpose of **providing and maintaining the payment of contract costs incurred and other costs incurred to obtain police protection for Boston Township** at a rate not exceeding 7 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 70 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

32. **COPLEY TOWNSHIP** – **Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement & Increase)** – A replacement of 3.3 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 0.2 mill, to constitute a tax for the benefit of Copley Township for the purpose of **providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs** at a rate not exceeding 3.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 35 cents for each one hundred dollars in valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.
33. **COPLEY TOWNSHIP** – **Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)** – A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Copley Township for the purpose of **general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads, and bridges** at a rate not exceeding 2.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 25 cents for each one hundred dollars in valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.
34. **COVENTRY TOWNSHIP** – **Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)** – A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Coventry Township for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 0.95 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 9.5 cents for each one hundred dollars in valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.
35. **NORTHFIELD CENTER TOWNSHIP** – **Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Northfield Center Township for the purpose of **general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the Township** at a rate not exceeding 1.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 14 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

36. **CUYAHOGA FALLS CSD – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Cuyahoga Falls City School District for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 7.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 79 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.
37. **STOW-MUNROE FALLS CSD – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the school district** in the sum of \$6,500,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 6.53 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 65.3 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022?
38. **STOW-MUNROE FALLS CSD – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the school district** in the sum of \$4,631,284 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 4.61 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 46.1 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022?
39. **GREEN LSD – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Green Local School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the school district** in the sum of \$4,800,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 5.71 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 57.1 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022?



40. **SPRINGFIELD LSD** – **Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Springfield Local School District for the purpose of

**providing for the emergency requirements of the school district**

in the sum of \$1,500,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 3.86 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 38.6 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022?

41. **SPRINGFIELD LSD** – **Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Springfield Local School District for the purpose of **general permanent improvements** at a rate not exceeding 1.8 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 18 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

42. **SPRINGFIELD LSD** – **Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – Shall a levy be imposed by the

Springfield Local School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the school district**

in the sum of \$3,000,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 7.7 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 77 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021?

43. **WOODRIDGE LSD** – **Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – Shall the Woodridge Local School District be authorized to renew a tax for **current expenses** which will raise \$1,055,996, estimated by the county fiscal officer to be 2.09 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 20.9 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation? The tax shall be in effect for 10 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

44. **BARBERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY** – **Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Barberton Public Library for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 1.95 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 19.5 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

45. **CUYAHOGA FALLS LIBRARY – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Cuyahoga Falls Library for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 1.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 19 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.
46. **PORTAGE COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – An additional tax for the benefit of Portage County District Library for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 10 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 10 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.
47. **SUMMIT COUNTY – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal & Increase)** – A renewal of 0.8 mill and an increase of 0.4 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of Summit County for the purpose of **providing sufficient funds to the Akron Zoo to maintain and operate existing facilities and to expand educational programs and physical facilities in order to continue to provide zoological park services and facilities at the Akron Zoo** at a rate not exceeding 1.2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 12 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 10 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.