

**ISSUE SYNOPSIS
SUMMIT COUNTY**

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 8, 2022

90-DAY FILING DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022

60-DAY FILING DEADLINE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

ISSUE

STATE ISSUE 1 – To require courts to consider factors like public safety when setting the amount of bail

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly

To amend Section 9 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Require Ohio courts, when setting the amount of bail, to consider public safety, including the seriousness of the offense, as well as a person’s criminal record, the likelihood a person will return to court, and any other factor the Ohio General Assembly may prescribe.
- Remove the requirement that the procedures for establishing the amount and conditions of bail be determined by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately.

STATE ISSUE 2 – To prohibit local government from allowing non-electors to vote

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly

To amend Section 1 of Article V, Section 3 of Article X, and Section 3 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Require that only a citizen of the United States, who is at least 18 years of age and who has been a legal resident and registered voter for at least 30 days, can vote at any state or local election held in this state.
- Prohibit local governments from allowing a person to vote in local elections if they are not legally qualified to vote in state elections.

If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately.

3. **COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Bond Issue** – Shall bonds be issued by the Copley-Fairlawn City School District, Summit County, Ohio for the purpose of **renovating, repairing, improving, and constructing improvements and additions to existing school buildings, athletic complex facilities, and infrastructure; furnishing and equipping the same; and improving the sites thereof** in the principal amount of \$50,000,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 30 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside of the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county fiscal officer to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 2.98 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to 29.8 cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

4. **CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)**
 – Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Cuyahoga Falls City School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the School District** in the sum of \$3,600,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 4.11 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 41.1 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023?

5. **NORDONIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Bond Issue** – Shall bonds be issued by the Nardonias Hills City School District for the purpose of **constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving school district buildings and facilities and acquiring, clearing, improving and equipping their sites** in the principal amount of \$165,000,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 37 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside of the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county fiscal officer to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 7.75 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to 77.5 cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

6. **STOW-MUNROE FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – Shall a levy be imposed by the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District, Summit and Portage Counties, Ohio for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the School District** in the sum of \$7,922,893 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 6.93 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 69.3 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023?

7. **TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Twinsburg City School District for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 6.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 69 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

8. **COVENTRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Coventry Local School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the School District** in the sum of \$2,880,700 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 7.88 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 78.8 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024?
9. **SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – An additional tax for the benefit of the Springfield Local School District for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 3.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 39 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.
10. **AKRON – Proposed Charter Amendment – (By Petition)** – Shall the Charter of the City of Akron be amended by enacting Section 68a, Police-Community Relations, in order to establish a citizens' police oversight board and the office of the independent police auditor consisting of a full-time Independent Police Auditor, a full-time Deputy Independent Police Auditor, and at least one other full-time staff member, with funding appropriated on an annual basis in an amount sufficient to pay for the personnel services and other expenses necessary for the effective operation of both the oversight board and the independent police auditor, including an initial appropriation of \$100,000?
11. **AKRON 2-L – Local Liquor Option** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by North Hill Gameday Grille, L.L.C., an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a restaurant/bar at 1019 N. Main Street, 1st Floor & Basement, Akron, Ohio 44310 in this precinct?

12. **AKRON 6-F – Local Liquor Option** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by Ohio Springs Inc. d/b/a Sheetz 765 an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a convenience store at 2133 East Waterloo Road, Akron, OH 44312 in this precinct?

13. **AKRON 7-H – Local Liquor Option** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Fraternal Order of Police Akron Lodge #7 an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a fraternal organization at 2610 Ley Drive & Patio, Akron, Ohio 44319 in this precinct?

14. **AKRON 8-I – Local Liquor Option** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by Mac’s Convenience Stores, LLC DBA: Circle K 5604 an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating family-oriented, full-service convenience stores at 1985 W. Market St. & Drive Thru, Akron, OH 44313 in this precinct?

15. **AKRON 9-B – Local Liquor Option** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Neabar, Inc., dba Gatsby’s North an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of a bar/restaurant at 2500 Romig Road & Patio, Akron, Ohio 44320 in this precinct?

16. **BARBERTON – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – An additional tax for the benefit of the City of Barberton for the purpose of **the acquisition, construction, improvement, or maintenance of buildings, equipment, and supplies for police** 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 10 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.

17. **BARBERTON 1-A – Local Liquor Option** – Shall the sale of spiritous liquor be permitted by Magic City’s Remarkable Diner an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of a diner at 451 Fairview Ave Barberton OH 44203, in this precinct?

18. **BARBERTON 1-A – Local Liquor Option** – Shall the sale of spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Magic City’s Remarkable Diner an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of a breakfast & lunch diner at 451 Fairview Ave Barberton OH 44203 in this precinct?

19. **BARBERTON 4-A – Local Liquor Option** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverage/spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Sassy Dog LLC an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of a Tavern/Bar/Restaurant at 105 2nd St. NW Barberton, OH 44203 in this precinct?

20. **CUYAHOGA FALLS 5-E – Local Liquor Option** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by First Watch Restaurants, Inc. a holder of a D-5i liquor permit and applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of a restaurant at 2051 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223 in this precinct?

21. **MUNROE FALLS – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall the Charter of the City of Munroe Falls, Article V, Council, be amended to authorize public bodies of the municipality to hold virtual meetings when the public body determines, by assent of at least two-thirds of its members, that meeting virtually is necessary due to either a public health emergency or an emergency caused by inclement weather, and that such meetings shall continue to be open to the public in accordance with ordinance?

22. **MUNROE FALLS – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall the Charter of the City of Munroe Falls, Article IX, Department of Public Safety, Section 9.04 (b) Division of Fire, be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 9.04 DIVISION OF FIRE.

(b) The Fire Chief shall ~~have successfully completed at least the minimum required State Volunteer Firefighters Training, have knowledge and experience in fire suppression and prevention, have knowledge of Ohio and local fire codes~~ **be certified by the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services in accordance with Section 4765.55 of the Ohio Revised Code to the State of Ohio’s minimum requirements for the levels of Firefighter II as set forth in the Standards for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, for the level of Fire Safety Inspector as set forth in the Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner, for the level of Fire Service Instructor, and in accordance with Section 4765.30 of the Ohio Revised Code to the State of Ohio’s minimum requirements for the level of Paramedic, and for the level of EMS Instructor, and have the ability to supervise subordinates and fire department functions.**

23. **MUNROE FALLS – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall the Charter of the City of Munroe Falls, Article XI, Parks and Recreation, Section 11.01, "Organization," be amended to reduce the number of members of the Parks and Recreation Board from 9 (nine) to 7 (seven) and provide for the appointment by the mayor of four (4) electors to the Parks and Recreation Board, subject to Council confirmation, for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and for the appointment by the mayor of three (3) electors to the Parks and Recreation Board, subject to Council confirmation, for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2024?

24. **NORTON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article VIII, Section 8.02 of the Charter of the City of Norton, Ohio be changed and amended to read as follows:

SECTION 8.02 PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

In the event it is necessary to hold a primary election, such nonpartisan primary election shall be held in the Municipality on the ~~eight~~ first Tuesday after the first Monday in May prior to such Municipal election. Those persons receiving the highest vote totals, and equal in number to twice the number offices for which such election is held, shall be designated candidates for such office, subject to applicable provisions of this Charter.

25. **STOW – Proposed Charter Amendment (By Petition)** – Shall Section 21.08 “TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS” of Article XXI “GENERAL PROVISIONS” of the Charter of the City of Stow be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 21.08 TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

A. Mayor, Finance Director and Law Director

~~Commencing with the term of January 2, 2012 no elected official shall serve more than eight consecutive years in the same elected office or be elected to more than two consecutive four year terms in the same elected office for the offices of~~ With the exception of completing an unexpired term the Mayor, Finance Director and Law Director and shall serve no more than two consecutive four year terms in the same elected office for the offices of City Council, Ward or At-Large and no more than a total of ten consecutive years. For the purpose of this section, the office of ward councilperson and the office of at-large councilperson shall be considered the same public office. Any elected person disqualified from holding public office due to the aforementioned term limitation shall become eligible to hold the same public office upon the expiration of two years.

B. City Council

No member of Council shall serve more than eight consecutive years in the same elected office or serve more than four consecutive two year terms in the same elected office for the City Council, Ward or At-Large. For the purpose of this section, the office of ward councilperson and the office of at-large councilperson shall be considered the same public office. Any elected person disqualified from holding public office due to the aforementioned term limitation shall become eligible to hold the same public office upon the expiration of two years.

26. **STOW – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 21.08, Term Limits for Elected Officials, of the Charter of the City of Stow be amended to read as follows (language to be added is in **bold and underlined**):

SECTION 21.08 TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Commencing with the term of January 2, 2012 no elected official shall serve more than eight consecutive years in the same elected office or be elected to more than two consecutive four year terms in the same elected office for the offices of Mayor, Finance Director and Law Director and no more than four consecutive two year terms in the same elected office for the offices of City Council, Ward or At-Large. For the purpose of this section, the office of ward councilperson and the office of at-large councilperson shall be considered the same public office. Any elected person who is disqualified from holding public office due to the term limitation shall become eligible to hold the same public office upon the expiration of two years.

Any elected official who is appointed or elected to serve an unexpired term, and the unexpired term is less than or equal to half of the standard term for said office, the unexpired term shall not count towards the term limit referenced in this section.

Any elected official running for a full term or unexpired term that they would be unable to complete due to the term limits referenced in this section shall be ineligible to run for said office.

27. **STOW – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article XXII “BUDGETING PROCEDURES” of the Charter of the City of Stow be established (as listed below):

ARTICLE XXII BUDGETING PROCEDURES

SECTION 22.01 GENERAL.

The laws of the State of Ohio relating generally to budgets, appropriations, taxation, debts, bonds, assessments, deposit and investment of funds and other fiscal matters of the City shall be applicable except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by City Council, hereinafter called the Council.

SECTION 22.02 OPERATING BUDGET.

(a) *PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION.*

The mayor, with the assistance of the Department of Finance, shall prepare and submit to the Council an operating budget in accordance with the annual budget calendar as established by the Council.

(b) *PROVISIONS AND FORM.*

The operating budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all City funds and activities for the ensuing annual period, and except to the extent required by law or this Charter shall be in a form acceptable to the Council.

(c) *COUNCIL ACTION.*

The Council shall adopt by resolution the operating budget with or without amendments on or before the date of submission of the annual appropriations ordinance in accordance with the annual budget calendar as established by the Council.

SECTION 22.03 CAPITAL PROGRAM.

(a) *PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION.*

The mayor, with the assistance of the Department of Finance, shall prepare and submit to the Council a five-year capital improvement plan in accordance with the annual budget calendar as established by the Council.

(b) *PROVISIONS AND FORM.*

The capital improvement plan shall provide a complete capital plan showing the City’s capital priorities and needs for the ensuing five-year period, except to the extent required by law or this Charter shall be in a form acceptable to the Council.

(c) *COUNCIL ACTION.*

The Council shall by resolution adopt the capital improvement plan with or without amendments and on or before the date of submission of the annual appropriations ordinance in accordance with the annual budget calendar as established by the Council.

SECTION 22.04 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.

To implement the adopted operating budget and capital improvement plan, the Council shall adopt with or without amendments for the ensuing year, an appropriations ordinance. The appropriations ordinance shall authorize an appropriation for each program and/or activity by department and shall be adopted on or before the last working day in December of every year.

28. TWINSBURG – Proposed Zoning Amendment – (Referendum) - TBD

29. MOGADORE VILLAGE – Proposed Charter Amendment – Shall Section 4.02 of the Charter of the Village of Mogadore be amended, effective January 1, 2023, to prevent the Mayor from holding any other elective office, public office, or any other employment with any other local, state, or federal government body, except volunteer positions with any political subdivision for which he or she receives no compensation?

30. MOGADORE VILLAGE – Proposed Charter Amendment – Shall Section 10.01 of the Charter of the Village of Mogadore be amended, effective January 1, 2023, to remove the requirement that one member of the Board of Zoning Appeals be a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and replace it with the requirement that one member of the Board of Zoning Appeals be a member of Council, who will serve for the remainder of his/her term on Council and, in the case of a vacancy of that member, the vacancy shall be filled by Council appointing a different member of Council to serve for the remainder of his/her term on Council?

31. **SILVER LAKE VILLAGE** – **Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 8.01 of the Charter of the Village of Silver Lake be amended to change the title of “Solicitor” to “Director of Law”?
32. **COPLEY TOWNSHIP** – **Proposed Bond Issue** – Shall bonds be issued by Copley Township for the purpose of **constructing, furnishing and equipping a new Township safety facility and clearing, improving, equipping and improving access to its site and otherwise renovating and improving existing Township safety facilities and improving and equipping their sites** in the principal amount of \$20,500,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 26 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside of the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county fiscal officer to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 2.11 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to 21.1 cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?
33. **COPLEY TOWNSHIP** – **Proposed Resolution (By Petition)** – Shall the township of Copley adopt a limited home rule form of township government, under which form the board of township trustees, by resolution, may exercise limited powers of local self-government and limited police powers?
34. **COVENTRY TOWNSHIP** – **Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement & Increase)** – A replacement of 0.5 mill of an existing levy and an increase of 0.25 mill, to constitute a tax for the benefit of Coventry Township for the purpose of **purchasing, appropriating, operating, maintaining, and improving lands for parks or recreational purposes** 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 in valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

35. **NORTHFIELD CENTER TOWNSHIP – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – An additional tax for the benefit of Northfield Center Township for the purpose of **providing fire equipment, for the payment of firefighting companies, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic and other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company** at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 20 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.
36. **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 and roads** at a rate not exceeding 2.78 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 27.8 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.