

# THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 08-105

INTRODUCED BY: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, McKee  
Antoskiewicz, Kasaris, Mayor Stefanik

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON A CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, THE COUNCIL, SUBSECTION (f) MEETINGS, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PERTAINING TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: The 2008 North Royalton Charter Review Commission has determined to recommend that the requirement that City Council must hold its first meeting of a newly elected Council on a Monday be deleted from the Charter; and

WHEREAS: The Charter Review Commission believes that it is not necessary to reference a particular day of the week in the Charter but rather to allow the first meeting of a newly elected Council to be held as prescribed by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS: In order to provide for the above, it is necessary to recommend an amendment to Article III, The Council, Subsection (f) Meetings, of the Charter of the City of North Royalton; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Article XVIII, Subsection (f) of the Charter, the Council is obligated to submit the Charter Review Commission recommendations to the electors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution, and Article XVIII, Subsection (e) of the Charter of the City of North Royalton, this Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the City of North Royalton, at an election to be held in the usual places of voting in said City on November 4, 2008, a proposed amendment to Article III, The Council, Subsection (f) entitled Meetings which shall upon adoption read as follows:

## ARTICLE III, THE COUNCIL

(f) MEETINGS.

~~At 8:00 p.m. on the first or third Monday of the month after certification and oath of office is received, following the regular Municipal election, [t]~~The Council shall meet at the Municipal Building of the Municipality and thereafter the Council shall meet at such time as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution, but shall meet at least twice each month, except that the Council may designate one month in the summer season for vacation. Meetings of the Council shall be open to the public in accordance with State law.

Section 2. The ballot for said issue shall be in substantially the following form:

### PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

SHALL THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, ARTICLE III, THE COUNCIL, SUBSECTION (f), MEETINGS, BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF A NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MUST BE HELD ON A MONDAY.

	YES
	NO

Section 3. The foregoing proposed amendment, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at the aforesaid election to be held on November 4, 2008, shall become a part of the Charter of this City and shall be effective as of the date that said amendment has been certified by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections as having been approved by a majority of the voters.

Section 4. The Director of Legislative Services in her capacity as Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately deliver to the Board of Elections a certified copy of this Ordinance.

Section 5. The Director of Legislative Services in her capacity as Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to the laws passed by the General Assembly, to give notice of this proposed Charter amendment by newspaper advertising.

Section 6. There shall be and hereby is appropriated from the General Fund a sufficient sum of money to pay the cost of printing and mailing copies of said proposed Charter amendment, for publishing an election notice, and for other costs incidental to carrying out the terms of this Ordinance.

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

Section 8. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that this Ordinance must be effective immediately in order to permit necessary arrangements to be made in sufficient time for said election.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Vincent A. Gentile  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik  
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: June 3, 2008

DATE APPROVED: June 4, 2008

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended  
Second reading suspended  
Third reading June 3, 2008

YEAS: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey,  
McKee, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris

NAYS: none