

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON A CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, THE COUNCIL, PARAGRAPH (c) TERM; WARDS, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON IN ORDER TO ABOLISH TERM LIMITS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: Council desires to provide a ballot issue to amend Article III Council, Paragraph (c) Term; Wards, of the Charter of the City of North Royalton in order to abolish term limits for Council representatives; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to provide for this amendment for placement on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

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, the Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the City of North Royalton, at an election to be held in usual places of voting in said city on November 6, 2018, an amendment to Article III The Council, Paragraph (e) Term; Wards, of the Charter of the City of North Royalton which shall upon adoption read as follows:

ARTICLE III THE COUNCIL

(c) TERM; WARDS.

Each Ward Councilperson is to serve for a term of two (2) years. ~~with the November election of 1979 and every two (2) years thereafter. No person elected Ward Councilperson shall hold the office for a period longer than six (6) consecutive terms or more than twelve (12) consecutive years, unless one (1) full term or more has elapsed since that person last held the position of Ward Councilperson~~

Not later than February 28, 1979, the then incumbent Council shall by ordinance establish six (6) wards for election purposes, each of which shall be as nearly equal in population to each of the others as shall be practicable. Each ward shall be composed of contiguous and compact territory within the Municipality bounded by street lines and natural boundaries. Such equality of population shall be maintained by the Council by an adjustment of such boundaries as follows: Each four (4) years, commencing in the year of 1978, the Council shall make or cause to be made a survey of the population changes in the respective wards and enter a written report thereof upon its journal. In the event such survey discloses a decrease or an increase of population amounting to fifteen percent (15%) or more in any ward, an equalizing adjustment of boundaries shall be made by an ordinance of Council. Equalizing adjustments of boundaries may be made at more frequent intervals, if desired by Council, but no adjustment shall be effective with respect to any Municipal election unless the ordinance providing for such adjustment has been passed and publication or posting thereof has been completed at least ninety (90) days prior to the last date for filing nominating petitions for candidates in such election.

Section 2. The ballot for said question 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, PARAGRAPH (e) TERM; WARDS, BE AMENDED TO ABOLISH TERM LIMITS?

	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 6, 2018, shall become a part of the Charter of this city and shall be effective as of the date that said amendment or amendments have 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 deliver immediately to the Board of Elections a certified copy of this Ordinance.

