

ORDINANCE 2025-23

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVIII §8 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK THE QUESTIONS OF WHETHER A COMMISSION SHALL BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A MUNICIPAL CHARTER AND WHO SHALL BE THE COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 7 of the Ohio Constitution permits any municipality to frame and adopt a Charter for its government and exercise all powers of local self-government; and

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 8 of the Ohio Constitution states that the legislative authority of any municipality may, by a two-thirds vote of its members, provide by ordinance for the submission to the electors at the next regular municipal election the question of “Shall a Commission be chosen to frame a charter?”; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Minerva Park is currently a non-charter municipal corporation subject to the general statutes established by state law with limited home rule authority; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a municipal charter provides an opportunity to define the Village’s form and structure of government and its procedures related to a broad range of matters; and

WHEREAS, a charter commission must first be established to develop a charter for the Village of Minerva Park; and

WHEREAS, the resulting charter will later be voted on by the electors of the Village of Minerva Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Village hereby desires to proceed with placing on the ballot the questions of whether a commission shall be chosen to frame a municipal charter and who shall be the commission members.

Section 2. The proposed language on the ballot shall read as follows or in a manner similar to the following:

PROPOSED CHARTER COMMISSION BALLOT FOR THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA
PARK, OHIO

A majority vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a commission be chosen to frame a charter?

YES

NO

FOR MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER COMMISSION
(Vote for not more than 15)

CANDIDATE A

CANDIDATE B
CANDIDATE C
CANDIDATE D
CANDIDATE E
CANDIDATE F
CANDIDATE G
CANDIDATE H
CANDIDATE I
CANDIDATE J
CANDIDATE K
CANDIDATE L
CANDIDATE M
CANDIDATE N
CANDIDATE O

Section 3. The questions of approving the charter commission and the selection of the commission members shall be submitted to the electors of the Village of Minerva Park at the May 5, 2026 Primary/Special Election at the usual voting places for the Village of Minerva Park.

Section 4. All nominations for members of the Commission shall be made by nomination petitions signed by not less than ten and not more than thirty persons eligible to vote at municipal elections, and the nominations shall be filed with the Board of Elections no later than February 17, 2026.

Section 5. The Village Fiscal Officer be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections of Franklin County, Ohio, as provided by law, and to notify the Board of Elections to cause notice of the election on the questions of approving the charter commission to be given as required by law.

Section 6. It is hereby 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 any and 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 of the laws of the State of Ohio

Section 7. That this ordinance shall be effective immediately and is hereby declared an emergency necessary to protect the public’s health, safety, and welfare: to wit, it must be effective prior to February 5 to guarantee the questions are placed on the May 5 ballot.

First Reading: December 11, 2025
Second Reading: January 15, 2026
Third Reading: January 29, 2026
Passed: January 29, 2026

Tiffany Southard, Mayor

ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Jeffrey Wilcheck, Fiscal Officer

Jesse Shamp, Solicitor