

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2018-0142

<p>Sponsored by: Council President Brady on behalf of Charter Review Commission and Councilmember Conwell</p>	<p>A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article XI, Section 11.04 of the County Charter to provide the Department of Internal Auditing discretion to bill departments for the cost of conducting audits and in adopting auditing standards; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.09 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that “The Charter Review Commission may propose to the Council such amendments to this Charter as it shall deem appropriate” and “Council shall vote within sixty days after the proposals are received on whether or not to submit the proposals to the electors at the next general election held more than sixty days after its vote on the proposed amendments”; and

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that “[p]roposed amendments to this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County in the manner provided for by the Ohio Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution provides that the “legislative authority” “of any county may by a two-thirds vote of its members” submit by resolution charter amendments to the electors of the county “to be voted upon at the first general election occurring not sooner than sixty days after their submission”; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter as provided hereinafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Sections 12.09 and 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby authorizes and directs that there shall be submitted to a vote of qualified electors of the County of Cuyahoga, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 2018, the question of amending Article XI,

Section 11.04 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, the respective text to be set forth herein (additions bolded and underlined and deletions stricken):

ARTICLE XI – INTERNAL AUDITING

SECTION 11.04 AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITING.

The Department of Internal Auditing shall:

- (1) Prepare its annual budget and the work program for the Department of Internal Auditing;
- (2) Develop a schedule of department audit fees, which ~~may~~ shall be billed to each department as it is audited;
- (3) Guide the internal audit process through employment of:
 - (a) Government Auditing Standards, United States General Accounting Office developed by the Comptroller General of the United States; and/or
 - (b) Professional Standards of the Institute of Internal Auditors, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, generally accepted auditing standards or generally accepted successor to such standards;
- (4) Prepare a preliminary financial and performance auditing report for the department being audited; and
- (5) Perform any other duties or responsibilities prescribed by the County Audit Committee.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.09 and 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby directs that the proposed amendment of Article XI, Section 11.04 shall be submitted to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall read as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CHARTER

Shall Article XI, Section 11.04 be amended to provide the Department of Internal Auditing discretion to bill departments for the cost of conducting audits and in adopting auditing standards?

SECTION 3. If the foregoing proposal receives the affirmative vote of a majority of electors voting thereon, the existing provisions of Article XI, Section 11.04 which are inconsistent herewith, shall be and the same are hereby repealed effective as of the date on which such amendment becomes effective.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days and not later than sixty (60) days before the November 6, 2018 election. The Clerk is further directed to take all other actions required by law relative to the submission of said amendment for said election, including, if required by law, mailing or otherwise distributing a copy of said proposed amendment to each of the electors of the County as far as may be reasonably possible prior to thirty (30) days before said election.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendments to be properly placed on the November 6, 2018 election. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members of Council, it shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Brown, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Houser, Simon, Baker and Brady

Nays: None

County Council President Date

Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: July 10, 2018

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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