

New or amended language in BOLD *Italics*.
Language deletions appear as strikethroughs.

Proposed Charter Amendment City of Wooster:

This amendment, if passed would:

- a. Allows for the transfer of unencumbered appropriation balances to be transferred among accounts within a fund.
- b. Changes the term “Councilman” to “Member of Council” and adds feminine pronouns.
- c. Clarifies residency requirements for elected officials to match state law.
- d. Changes the procedure for filing an initiative petition in order to make the process more efficient.

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall Article VI, Article VII, Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Wooster be changed and amended as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TAXATION AND FINANCE

SECTION 6.05. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Any time during the fiscal year, the Mayor may transfer part of any unencumbered appropriation balance among accounts within a ~~fund.~~~~division.~~ Any such transfer shall be reported in writing to Council. Upon written request by the Mayor, Council may by ordinance transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department to another, or from one division to another in accordance with law.

ARTICLE VII
NOMINATION, ELECTIONS, QUALIFICATIONS, INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

SECTION 7.03. QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED OFFICERS.

Each elected officer of the Municipality shall be an elector of the Municipality and shall have resided therein or in a territory annexed thereto for a period of at least one year prior to nomination for such office and shall continue to reside therein during his term.

Each *Member of Council*~~man~~ elected to represent a ward shall be a continuous resident and qualified elector of the ward s/he represents, or territory annexed thereto, during his/her term of office *as defined in Section 3503.02 of the Ohio Revised Code*.

Any elected officer who ceases to possess such qualifications shall forfeit his/her office.

SECTION 7.08. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

The powers of initiative and referendum are reserved to the people. Ordinances and other measures may be proposed by initiative petition and adopted by election, and ordinances and other measures adopted by the Council shall be subject to referendum, to the extent and manner

now or hereafter provided by the general laws of Ohio, except as otherwise provided in this Charter.

Whoever seeks to propose an ordinance or measure by initiative petition or files a referendum petition against any ordinance or measure adopted by Council, shall, before circulating such petition, file a certified copy of the proposed ordinance or measure with the **Clerk of Council.** ~~municipal Director of Finance.~~

As used in this section, “certified copy” means a copy containing a written statement attesting that it is a true and exact reproduction of the original proposed ordinance or measure or of the original ordinance or measure.

ARTICLE VIII **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 8.05. OATH OF OFFICE.

Any officer or employee of the Municipality who is required by law to take an oath of office shall also be required to pledge his *or her* support of the Charter and the ordinances of the City of Wooster.