

**THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

To the Electors of the City of North Royalton:

Pursuant to Ordinance 23-69 passed by the Council of the City of North Royalton on June 20, 2023 the following amendment to the Charter of the City of North Royalton, Ohio shall be submitted to a vote in the election to be held on November 7, 2023.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

This provision, if adopted, would allow each Ward Councilperson to serve for a term of four (4) years commencing January 1, 2026 and every four (4) years thereafter. No person elected shall hold the office for more than three (3) consecutive terms.

TEXT OF ARTICLE III, THE COUNCIL, SUBSECTION (c) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON AS PROPOSED:

ARTICLE III, THE COUNCIL

(c) TERM; WARDS.

*Beginning with the November general election of 2025, each Ward Councilperson shall serve for a term of ~~two (2)~~ four (4) years commencing with the November election of 1979 **January 1, 2026** and every ~~two (2)~~ four (4) 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. **more than three (3) consecutive terms. Council service prior to January 1, 2026 shall not be counted for purposes of these term limits. Existing Charter provisions shall apply through December 31, 2025.***

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.

This notice is being given in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 731.211.

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