

# CITY OF GAHANNA CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

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TO: Members of the City of Gahanna Charter Review Commission

FROM: Ethan Charles Barnhardt, Chair

DATE: April 3, 2026

RE: Proposal Inventory Review for April 9, 2026, CRC Meeting

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Attached is an updated proposal log reflecting all submissions received as of April 3, 2026.

I have organized the log to catalog each submitter, the relevant charter section, a brief description of the proposed change, potential drafting questions to consider, and cascade effects the change may have on other sections of the Charter.

I have also begun grouping proposals into a tentative ballot architecture. The groupings identify proposals that may be consolidated under a single ballot question without running afoul of the single-subject requirements for ballot items.

The ballot architecture should be treated as a working framework at this stage — it will likely require review by the City Attorney before it is finalized, but it provides a useful structure for organizing our deliberations.

For the April 9 meeting, I propose the Commission take the following actions under this agenda item:

- Identify any proposals received to date that are not charter-level and should be referred to the Administration or Council for administrative or legislative consideration.
- Determine whether any proposal requires additional education or engagement before the Commission begins deliberations, and whether additional stakeholders should be heard.
- Review each proposal and apply the prioritization matrix to determine whether it presents a housekeeping change that may be advanced by an up-or-down vote, or a structural change requiring scored deliberation.

I have offered preliminary categorizations for each of these determinations — these are starting-point suggestions, not recommendations. The Commission retains full authority to classify proposals as it sees fit.

Substantive deliberation and votes will begin at our April 23 meeting and continue into our May 7 meeting as needed.