

City of Gahanna - Charter Review Commission

Draft Ballot Measures - Updated April 24, 2026

Article III - Mayor - Draft Ballot Measure One

An Amendment to Reform Gahanna's Non-Partisan Primary Election Process

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 001	Mularski	§3.01	Article III – Mayor: Nonpartisan Primary	The purpose of the change is to eliminate an unnecessary primary election when only two candidates file, reducing administrative burden and aligning with ORC §3513.02 adapted for Gahanna's nonpartisan framework.

Article III - Mayor - Draft Ballot Measure Two

An Amendment to Require a Strategic Plan for the City of Gahanna and to Provide for Regular Review and Update

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 004	Administration	§3.04	Article III – Mayor: Strategic Plan Embedding	The purpose of the change is to embed a strategic planning requirement in the Mayor's executive duties, ensuring Council and the public have a formal opportunity to review and comment on the City's long-term direction.

Article III - Mayor - Draft Ballot Measure Three

An Amendment to Align Residency and Conflict of Interest Requirements Across Elected Offices

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 002	Wester	§3.02 / §4.03 / §10.02	Articles III, IV, X – Residency Requirement Consistency	The purpose of the change is to standardize the continuous qualified elector requirement across Mayor, Council, and City Attorney.
CRC 003 / CRC 026	Wester / Weaver	§3.02 / §4.03 / §10.02	Articles III, IV, X – Public Office Conflict; Standardization and Simplification	The purpose of the change is to align the public-office conflict prohibition for Mayor, City Attorney, and Council so that all three offices are governed by the same disqualification standard, removing anomalous carve-outs in §10.02.

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An Amendment to Adopt a Council-Manager Form of Government for the City of Gahanna

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 027	Padova	Article III (multi-article if advanced)	Article III – Form of Government	The purpose of the change is to initiate examination of whether a council-manager form of government would better support implementation of the City's long-term planning documents than the current strong-mayor structure.

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Article IV - Council - Draft Ballot Measure Five

An Amendment to Provide for Modernizing City Council Processes and Procedures

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 005 / 012	Admin / Bowers	§4.13	Article IV – Council: Public Notice Modernization	The purpose of the change is to modernize the public notice requirement in §4.13 by replacing the outdated physical-posting standard with outcome-based language that accommodates current and future communication practices.
CRC 009	Bowers	§4.10	Article IV – Council: Regular Meetings	The purpose of the change is to provide scheduling flexibility by shifting the organizational meeting anchor date and simplifying the standard for relocating a regular meeting to an alternate venue.
CRC 011	Bowers	§4.12	Article IV – Council: Legislative Procedure (Quorum Clause)	The purpose of the change is to remove a Robert's Rules of Order carry-over clause from the quorum provision that is unnecessary in a seven-member Council and may create confusion about adjournment authority.
CRC 021	Schnetzer	§4.07 / §4.12	Article IV – Council: Voting Abstention / Due Process Consistency	The purpose of the change is to align the consequence for an improper voting abstention with the due process framework in §4.07, replacing an automatic self-executing removal trigger with a notice-and-hearing procedure.

Article IV - Council - Draft Ballot Measure Six

An Amendment to Adopt Resident-Population Ward Apportionment Language

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 025	Weaver	§4.02	Article IV – Council: Ward Composition Apportionment Basis	The purpose of the change is to shift ward boundary equalization from a registered-voter basis to a resident-population basis, aligning apportionment with total-population.

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Article IV - Council - Draft Ballot Measure Seven

An Amendment to Establish Term Limits for Council Leadership and Align Voting Procedure

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 008	Bowers	§4.04	Article IV – Council: President and Vice President Term	The purpose of the change is to authorize a two-year term for Council President and Vice President, providing continuity in the leadership role that supervises the Clerk of Council and carries significant administrative responsibilities.

Article IV - Council - Draft Ballot Measure Eight

An Amendment to Modernize Special Meeting Notice Requirements

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 010	Bowers	§4.11	Article IV – Council: Special Meetings	The purpose of the change is to add the City Attorney to the list of officials who may request a special meeting and to modernize the notice language to reflect current communication practice.

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Article IV—Council—Draft Ballot Measure Nine				
<i>An Amendment to Strengthen Council Oversight of Real Property, Contracts, and Development Agreements</i>				
CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 013	Pollyea	Art. IV (new)	Article IV—Council: Authorization of Real Property Transactions	The purpose of the change is to require Council authorization by ordinance before the City may purchase, sell, transfer, or lease real property, codifying existing practice as an explicit structural safeguard.
CRC 014		Art. IV (new)	Article IV—Council: Oversight of Development Agreements	The purpose of the change is to require Council authorization before any development agreement involving City property, public infrastructure, or financial incentives becomes binding on the City.
CRC 015		Art. IV / XI (new)	Articles IV, XI—Transparency in Zoning Decisions	The purpose of the change is to require Council to state the basis for its decision on rezoning and major land use actions, creating a transparent record of the planning considerations that drove each determination.
CRC 016		Art. IV (new)	Article IV—Council: Authorization of Major Contracts	The purpose of the change is to require Council authorization by ordinance before the City executes any contract above a threshold amount, with an anti-splitting provision to prevent evasion of the approval requirement.

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Article V - Administrative Departments - Draft Ballot Measure Ten An Amendment to Restructure the Article V Enumeration of Administrative Departments

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 006	Administration	§5.01 / §5.02 / §5.04–5.11	Article V – Administrative Departments Restructuring	The purpose of the change is to resolve the internal conflict between the Mayor's 2021 reorganization authority in §5.02 and the enumerated department list in §§5.04–5.11 by removing the fixed enumeration from the Charter.

Article XI - Planning Commission - Draft Ballot Ballot Eleven An Amendment to Reform Planning Commission Attendance, Removal, and Member Accountability Standards

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 017	Pollyea	§11.02	Article XI – Planning Commission: Percentage-Based Attendance Requirement	The purpose of the change is to replace the current fixed-number absence threshold with a percentage-based attendance standard, creating a more equitable and adaptable measure of Planning Commission member participation.
CRC 018		§11.02	Article XI – Planning Commission: Elimination of Automatic Consecutive-Absence Removal	The purpose of the change is to eliminate the automatic removal trigger for consecutive absences, ensuring that all attendance-based removal decisions are evaluated under the overall percentage standard rather than a separate automatic rule.
CRC 019		§11.02	Article XI – Planning Commission: Clarification of Excused Absences	The purpose of the change is to define what constitutes an excused absence and establish a process for making that designation, filling a gap in the current charter that references excused absences without defining them.
CRC 020		§11.01 / §11.02	Article XI – Planning Commission: Clarification of Removal Authority and Just Cause	The purpose of the change is to define "just cause" for Planning Commission removal and require notice and an opportunity to respond before removal, establishing a due process standard consistent with the seriousness of that action.

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Article XII - Board of Zoning and Building Appeals - Draft Ballot Measure Twelve *An Amendment to Repeal the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals and Transfer Its Authority*

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 007	Administration	Article XII	Article XII – BZBA Repeal	The purpose of the change is to repeal the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals, which has experienced a significant decline in caseload, and transfer its appeals authority to the Planning Commission.

Article XXII - Charter Review Commission - Draft Ballot Measure Thirteen *An Amendment to Revise the Frequency and Scope of Mandatory Charter Review*

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 022 / 023	Schnetzer / Jones	Article XXII	Article XXII – Charter Review Commission: Convening Frequency and Scope	The purpose of the change is to amend the mandatory five-year convening cycle for the Charter Review Commission, either by extending the interval, eliminating the automatic trigger, or requiring Council to specify a targeted scope.

Article XXIII - General Provisions - Draft Ballot Measure Fourteen *An Amendment to Update the Charter's Non-Discrimination Protections*

CRC No.	Submitter	Section(s)	Short Title	Rationale / Reasoning
CRC 024	Jones	§23.07	Article XXIII – Non-Discrimination Clause Enumeration Modernization	The purpose of the change is to align the Charter's non-discrimination enumeration with the City's existing Equal Employment Opportunity statement, updating protected categories to reflect current legal standards and administrative practice.