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The election of 2019 had 2 people running for the office of Mayor. Since we have non-partisan elections, Article III Section 3.01 of the Charter requires a primary for the Mayoral election in order that municipal election only has 2 people on the ballot. That way the Mayor will receive at least 50% of the votes instead of a situation where, let's say 5 people run and the Mayor only receives 22% of the vote. However, due to the way Section 3.01 is worded, the attorneys for the Board of election determined that a primary was necessary even though only 2 people were running and they were both assured to be in the municipal election. It was a waste of time, and most importantly, a waste of taxpayer money. Thus, I am proposing to amend the Section to mirror Section 3513.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. This statute refers to partisan primaries. My attachment took the language from this statute and changed it to reflect a non-partisan primary. Basically, this wording will state that if there are 2 or fewer people running for Mayor, we do not need to have a primary election and both ( or the individual) will automatically be eligible to run in the Municipal election.