

# CITY OF GAHANNA CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

## CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL LISTING - UPDATED MARCH 19, 2025

No.	Submitter	Role / Affiliation	Charter Section(s)	Article / Title	Brief Description
1	Raymond Mularski	Commissioner	§3.01	Article III – Mayor: Nonpartisan Primary	Add ≤2-candidate carve-out to mayoral primary requirement. If two or fewer candidates file, no primary shall be held; both advance automatically to the municipal election. Modeled on ORC §3513.02 (adapted for nonpartisan elections).
2	Carrin Wester	Vice Chair / Commissioner	§3.02, §4.03, §10.02	Articles III, IV, X – Residency Requirement Consistency	Standardize residency/elector qualifications across Mayor (§3.02), Council (§4.03), and City Attorney (§10.02). Current §10.02 language is the least restrictive and inconsistent with the other two sections.
3	Carrin Wester	Vice Chair / Commissioner	§10.02	Article X – City Attorney: Political Party / Intergovernmental Cooperation	Review whether the City Attorney's allowance to hold party office or serve as a political party delegate, and the specific reference to 'intergovernmental cooperation,' are appropriate outliers relative to other elected officials. May warrant removal or harmonization.
4	Administration	City of Gahanna Administration	§3.04	Article III – Mayor: Strategic Plan Embedding	Add strategic planning requirement to §3.04 (Executive and Administrative Powers). Mayor to prepare and submit a strategic plan to Council with public comment opportunity; issue annual progress report; update plan as needed. Modeled on Bexley Charter §8 (amended Nov. 6, 2001).
5	Administration	City of Gahanna Administration	§4.13	Article IV – Council: Public Notice Modernization	Remove requirement to post notice in a conspicuous place in the Municipal Building. Modernize to reference Gahanna.gov. Allow charter to defer to best government practices for notice methods.
6	Administration	City of Gahanna Administration	§5.01, §5.02, §§5.04–5.11	Article V – Administrative Departments Restructuring	Revise §5.01 to better define city administrative functions. Revise §5.02 to clarify department creation process and director qualifications, building on 2021 amendment. Remove §§5.04–5.11 (enumerated department list) to eliminate conflicts with org charts and §§5.01–5.02.

7	Administration	City of Gahanna Administration	Article XIII	Article XIII – BZBA Repeal	Repeal Article XIII (Board of Zoning and Building Appeals) in its entirety. BZBA caseload: 4 (2019), 1 (2020), 0 (2021–2022), 2 (2023), 3 (2024), 2 (2025).
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