



CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND ENTIRE COUCIL

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 OF THE BROADVIEW HEIGHTS CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE TWO FIRE STATIONS IN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to place on the ballot a charter amendment requiring two fire stations within the City, with each fire station having at least one fire truck and one EMS vehicle in the City of Broadview Heights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. Article V, Section 5(c) shall be added to Broadview Heights Charter as follows:

Section 5(c). The City of Broadview Heights shall maintain two fire stations within the City, with each fire station having at least one fire truck and one EMS vehicle.

SECTION 2. The Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County is authorized and directed to cause an appropriate notice to be duly given of the regular municipal election to be held on November 3, 2026 on the proposed amendment to the Charter of this City that is to be submitted pursuant to the Ordinance referred to in the preamble to this Ordinance and otherwise to provide for such election in the manner provided by the general laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to cause the full text of such proposed Charter Amendment to be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Broadview Heights, with the first publication to be made at least fifteen (15) days prior to the regular municipal election to be held on November 3, 2026, as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio and in Section 731.211 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. The ballot to be used in the election on the question of the adoption of such proposed amendment shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

SHALL ARTICLE V SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION (c) TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS SHALL MAINTAIN TWO FIRE STATIONS WITHIN THE CITY WITH EACH FIRE STATION HAVING AT LEAST ONE FIRE TRUCK AND ONE EMS VEHICLE.

_____ FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

_____ AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

SECTION 5. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund a sufficient sum of money to pay the costs of carrying out the authorizations and directions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. The Clerk of this Council is hereby authorized and directed promptly to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County and to certify to the Ohio Secretary of State within thirty (30) days after the date of the election the text of such Charter Amendment if it is approved by a majority of the voters who vote on that amendment.

SECTION 7. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety for the reasons stated in the Preamble herein, and in that it is necessary that it become effective to make all required preparations immediately in order for the question of such proposed Charter Amendment to appear on the ballot at the regular municipal election to be held on the date provided for herein; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor as otherwise provided by law

Passed and Adopted by the Council on this _____ day of _____, 2025

Robert Boldt, President of Council

Samuel J. Alai, Mayor Date

Attest: Robin Parsons, Clerk of Council Date