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OFFERED BY: MAYOR HORRIGAN AND PRESIDENT SOMMERVILLE

ORDINANCE NO. 228-2020 authorizing and directing the submission to the electors of the City of Akron of a proposal to amend and supplement Section 106a of the Charter of the City of Akron, to be voted upon at the next general citywide election on November 3, 2020; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the 2020 City of Akron Charter Review Commission met in open meetings as required by Charter Section 142 and made recommendations for amendments to the Charter as agreed upon by a majority of Commission members, and has presented those recommendations to Akron City Council; and

WHEREAS, to provide enhanced opportunities for City employment to Akron residents and veterans while rewarding on the job performance during promotions, the Charter of the City of Akron should be amended to direct the City of Akron Human Resources Department to award appropriate preference points to every Akron resident and veteran seeking employment with the City of Akron through an entry level exam.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the City of Akron, Ohio:

Section 1. That this Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the City of Akron at the next regular citywide election to be held at the usual places of voting in said City on November 3, 2020, between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time of said day, of a proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Akron.

Section 2. That the ballots for said election shall, at the top thereof, be entitled “City of Akron Proposed Charter Amendment,” and the question to be separately submitted on said ballot shall be as follows:

Charter Issue No. _____ - Shall the proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Akron amending and supplementing Section 106a thereof be adopted so that, as amended, and supplemented, the said section shall provide as follows:

A. SECTION 106a. – VETERANS AND AKRON RESIDENT PREFERENCE POINTS.

Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America who receive a passing grade on any non-promotional examination and Akron residents who received a passing grade on any non-promotional examination shall be awarded preference points by the Department of Human Resources. In order to receive the veterans preference points, the candidate must have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America for more than 180 days, and submit proof of honorable discharge. In order to receive the preference points for being an Akron resident, the candidate must have been a resident citizen for at least one year immediately prior to the examination and remain a resident citizen of Akron throughout the selection process.

Section 3. That it is the desire and request of this Council that the ballot for said question shall be substantially in the following form:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

CITY OF AKRON

A Majority Affirmative Vote Is
Necessary For Passage

Shall Section 106a of the Charter of the City of Akron be amended to direct the City Human Resources Department to award appropriate preference points to every Akron resident and veteran seeking employment with the City of Akron through an entry level exam?

YES

NO

Section 4. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of this ordinance to the Board of Elections of Summit County, Ohio forthwith upon the passage of this ordinance.

Section 5. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed and authorized to have the full text of the above proposed Charter amendment published once a week for not less than two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published and of general circulation in said City with the first publication being at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election at which said amendment is to be submitted to the electors of this City.

Section 6. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that its immediate effectiveness is necessary to place the amendment to the Charter on the November ballot, and provided this ordinance receives the vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, as may be required by law; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed July 27, 2020

Diana R. Biviano, Deputy
Clerk of Council

Chris Tomme
President of Council

Approved: 7/30, 2020

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