

**ISSUE SYNOPSIS  
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

**90-DAY FILING DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018**

**60-DAY FILING DEADLINE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018**

**ISSUE**

1. **STATE ISSUE** - [https://www.sos.state.oh.us/globalassets/ballotboard/2018/2018-11\\_issue1\\_certifiedballotlanguage.pdf](https://www.sos.state.oh.us/globalassets/ballotboard/2018/2018-11_issue1_certifiedballotlanguage.pdf)
  
2. **NORDONIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)**  
– An additional tax for the benefit of the Nordonia Hills City School District for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 6.98 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 69.8 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019.
  
3. **NORTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Income Tax with a Property Tax Reduction** – Shall an annual income tax of one-half of one percent (0.50%) on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by Norton City School District, for a continuing period of time, beginning January 1, 2019, for the purpose of **current expenses**, and shall the rate of an existing tax on property, currently levied for the purpose of **current expenses** at the rate of 1.9 mills, be REDUCED to 0.0 mill until any such time as the income tax is repealed?
  
4. **TALLMADGE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – An additional tax for the benefit of the Tallmadge City School District for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 7.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 74 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019.

5. **MANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Manchester Local School District for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 6.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 69 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.
  
6. **WOODRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – Shall a levy be imposed by the Woodridge Local School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the school district** in the sum of \$4,000,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 8.19 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 81.9 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019?
  
7. **STARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – An additional tax for the benefit of the Stark County Library District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 2.2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 22 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 8 years, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019.
  
8. **SUMMIT COUNTY – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal and Increase)** – A renewal of 2.25 mills and an increase of 1 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of Summit County **to support children services and the care and placement of children by the Summit County Children Services Board** at a rate not exceeding 3.25 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 32.5 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 6 years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.
  
9. **AKRON – Proposed Charter Amendment (By Petition)** – Shall Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Akron be amended to move the primary election date for municipal elections to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May?
  
10. **AKRON 5-I – Local Liquor Option – Withdrawn**

11. **AKRON 8-J – Local Liquor Option (By Petition)** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Papa Gyros 105 LLC doing business as Papa Gyros, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a family owned restaurant at 1 North Hawkins Street, Suite 1, Akron, Ohio 44313 in this precinct?
  
12. **CUYAHOGA FALLS – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article V, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Cuyahoga Falls be amended to move the primary election date for municipal elections to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May consistent with the primary election date established by state law; reduce the cost of the primary election; and uphold the rights of military service members and overseas citizens?
  
13. **GREEN – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article 5 Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Green be amended to move the primary election date for municipal elections to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May?
  
14. **GREEN – Proposed Charter Amendment (By Petition)** – Shall Article 6 Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Green be amended to make the City of Green’s Law Director an elected position and require that the Law Director be an elector of the City of Green?
  
15. **Green 4-A – Local Liquor Option (By Petition)** – Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Latino Bar and Grill LLC doing business as Latino Bar and Grill, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a restaurant at 3430 South Arlington Road, Unit E, Green, Ohio 44319 in this precinct?

16. **MACEDONIA** – **Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 3.03 of the Charter of the City of Macedonia be amended to make the Mayor responsible for breaking tie-votes of Council?
  
17. **MACEDONIA** – **Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 4.13 the Charter of the City of Macedonia be amended to include an option for Council to suspend and take away or reduce pay from other members for misconduct upon a two-thirds vote of the remaining members?
  
18. **MACEDONIA** – **Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 10.01 of the Charter of the City of Macedonia be amended to change the composition of the Planning and Zoning Commission by appointing the Mayor or his/her designee as a member of the Commission, and allowing the Mayor to substitute for any member of the Commission who is absent from a meeting?
  
19. **MACEDONIA** – **Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall the Charter of the City of Macedonia be amended to remove the requirement for Council to confirm the appointment or removal of certain City employees, but allowing an appeal to Council for certain removed employees?
  
20. **MACEDONIA** – **Proposed Municipal Income Tax** – Shall the Ordinance providing for a one quarter per cent (1/4%) levy increase on income for fire, police, and service department operations, effective on January 1, 2019 for a continuing period of time be passed?

21. **NORTON** – **Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article II, Section 2.04 of the Charter of the City of Norton, Ohio be changed and amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2.04 VACANCY.

In the event of the death, resignation, recall, or removal of the Mayor, the President of Council shall thereupon become the Mayor until a successor is elected and qualified in the next Municipal election. In the event the President of Council shall decline the office of Mayor due to the vacancy, he or she may remain as President of Council and the Vice-President of Council shall thereupon become the Mayor until a successor is elected and qualified in the next Municipal election. In the event the Vice-President of Council shall decline the office of Mayor due to vacancy, he or she may remain as Vice-President of Council. The Council shall then appoint a member of Council to fill the vacancy. If a Mayor-elect fails to qualify for office, a vacancy shall be deemed to exist and the President of Council elected at the organization meeting following such regular Municipal election shall become Mayor in the manner provided in this section.

22. **NORTON** – **Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article II, Section 2.09 of the Charter of the City of Norton, Ohio be changed and amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2.09 COMPENSATION.

The compensation of the Mayor will be set at the annual salary rate equal to 20% in excess of the salary rate of the President of Council, as determined in Section 3.08 herein. ~~The compensation of the Mayor will be set at the 01-01-07 salary rate unless submitted to and approved by ballot by the electors of the Municipality for the next term of office commencing January 1 of the ensuing year, and such compensation shall not thereafter be changed with respect to such period.~~

23. **NORTON – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article III, Section 3.06 of the Charter of the City of Norton, Ohio be changed and amended to read as follows:

SECTION 3.06 VACANCIES.

Whenever the office of a Councilperson shall become vacant for any reason and the unexpired term of office of the vacant Councilperson shall be greater than or equal to nine calendar months, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term at the next general election or primary election occurring not less than 90 days after the date of such vacancy. The nominating petitions for candidates to fill such vacancy shall be submitted to the Board of Elections not less than 60 days prior to the date of such general election or primary election to fill such vacancy. Pending the general election or the primary election to fill such vacancy, Council shall make an appointment to temporarily fill such vacancy by a majority vote of all remaining members of Council within 30 days after the next regular meeting following receipt of official notification by Council of such vacancy (a “Temporary Appointment”). If Council fails to fill the vacancy with a Temporary Appointment within said 30 day period the Mayor shall make the Temporary Appointment to fill such vacancy. The Councilperson appointed by Temporary Appointment shall serve until the result of the general election or primary election shall be certified by the Summit County Board of Elections. by a special municipal election. The special election required under this section shall be called for by the Council and otherwise administered at the nearest available time. The Council shall remain vacant until the result of the special election shall be certified by the Summit County Board of Elections.

Whenever the office of a Councilperson shall become vacant for any reason, and the unexpired term of office of the vacant Councilperson shall be less than nine calendar months, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a majority vote of ~~the members elected and appointed to Council~~ of all remaining members of the Council ~~after the effective date of the vacancy.~~ Such appointment shall be made within 30 days after the effective date next regular meeting following receipt of official notification by Council of such vacancy. If Council fails to fill the vacancy within said 30 day period the Mayor shall make the appointment.

If the vacancy is in an office of a Councilperson representing a ward, such vacancy must be filled from that ward. If the vacancy occurs in the office of a Council-at-large, such vacancy can be filled from any ward within the Municipality.

If the office of President becomes vacant because of the succession of the President of Council to the office of Mayor or for any other reason, the Vice-President of Council shall become President of Council and Council shall elect by a majority vote of the members elected and appointed to Council a new Vice-President from its members. If the President of Council declines to serve as Mayor, he or she may remain as President of Council and the Vice-President of Council shall thereupon become the Mayor until a successor is elected and qualified in the next Municipal election. In the event the Vice-President of

Council shall decline the office of Mayor due to vacancy, he or she may remain as Vice-President of Council and Council shall then appoint one of its remaining members to the office of Mayor.

The person elected or appointed to fill a vacancy on the Council shall have the qualifications for the particular office specified in Section 3.03 of this Charter.

24. **NORTON** – **Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article III, Section 3.08 of the Charter of the City of Norton, Ohio be changed and amended to read as follows:

SECTION 3.08 COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENTS.

The compensation of the Council members will be set at the salary rate equal to \$12,000 per year to equal the minimum salary rate required by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System to earn service credit for health care coverage; provided, the compensation of the Council member serving as President of Council will be set at a salary rate equal to \$2,000 per year in excess of the salary rate paid to other Council members. ~~the 01-01-07 salary rate unless submitted to and approved by ballot by the electors of the Municipality for the next term of office commencing January 1 of the ensuing year, and such compensation shall not thereafter be changed with respect to such period.~~

Council shall set by ordinance the compensation of each officer and employee, or member of any board or commission, of the Municipality, excluding the Mayor and members of Council except as specifically provided otherwise in this Charter. The compensation of every other officer, employee and member of any board or commission of the Municipality, as set by Council, may at any time be changed by ordinance at the discretion of Council.

Council may authorize the payment or reimbursement of expenses incurred by any officer, employee or member of any board or commission of the Municipality, for traveling or other expenses incidental to the authorized furtherance of the interests of the Municipality.

25. **NORTON** – **Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article V, Section 5.02.D. of the Charter of the City of Norton, Ohio be changed and amended to read as follows:

SECTION 5.02 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND FINANCES.

D. COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

Any purchase of or contract for supplies, materials, labor, services or equipment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the general laws of Ohio, including those relating to competitive bidding, to the extent not inconsistent with this Charter and ordinances of the Council, provided that Council shall not have power to change the dollar amount limit provided by the laws of Ohio below which competitive bidding is not required by municipalities. Any purchase of or contract for supplies, materials, labor, services or equipment by the Municipality in accordance with procedures established in the Ohio Revised Code for cooperative purchasing by the State of Ohio shall satisfy the competitive bidding requirements of this paragraph D. No contract involving an expenditure in excess of ten thousand dollars shall be awarded without the approval of a majority vote of Council. The Board of Control shall have the power to reject all bids and re-advertise. Alterations in any contract may be made, when authorized by the Board of Control, in accordance with procedures established by the general laws of Ohio.

26. **NORTON** – **Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article V, Section 5.03.B. of the Charter of the City of Norton, Ohio be changed and amended to read as follows:

SECTION 5.03 BOARD OF CONTROL.

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS.

No contract involving an expenditure in excess of five thousand dollars shall be awarded without the approval of the Board of Control. No contract involving an expenditure in excess of twenty five thousand dollars shall be awarded without competitive bidding and the approval of the Board of Control and the approval of not less than two thirds of the elected and appointed members of Council. No expenditures below the competitive bidding level and in excess of ten thousand dollars shall be awarded without the approval of the Board of Control and a majority of the elected and appointed members of Council.



27. **STOW – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 21.08 of the Charter of the City of Stow be amended as follows:

ARTICLE XXI GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 21.08 TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commencing with the term of January 2, 2012 no elected official shall serve more than eight consecutive years in the same elected office **or be elected to more than two consecutive four-year terms in the same elected office for the offices of Mayor, Finance Director and Law Director and no more than four consecutive two-year terms in the same elected office for the offices of City Council, Ward or At-Large.** For the purpose of this section, the office of ward councilperson and the office of at-large councilperson shall be considered the same public office. Any elected person disqualified from holding public office due to the aforementioned term limitation shall become eligible to hold the same public office upon the expiration of two years.

28. **STOW 1-B – Local Liquor Option (By Petition)** – Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Meijer Stores Limited Partnership dba Meijer, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit and a potential operator of a state liquor agency store who is engaged in the business of operating a grocery store and general merchandise store at 4303 Kent Road, Stow, OH 44224 in this precinct?
29. **TALLMADGE – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 15.01 of the Charter of the City of Tallmadge be amended to move the municipal primary election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May?
30. **TWINSBURG – Proposed Zoning Amendment** – Shall Ordinance 64-2018 rezoning certain property located at 9101 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg, Ohio (Parcel #64-01553) from R-3 (Residential) use to C-2 (Commercial) use be approved?
31. **TWINSBURG – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article III of the Charter of the City of Twinsburg be amended to require sitting members of Council who have two years or more left in their Council terms to resign their Council seat before filing petitions to run for any other Council seat; eliminate references to the defunct “Twinsburg Development Foundation”; allow for Council members to be notified of special Council meetings by electronic mail; and require legislation that specifically authorizes the expenditure of money to be read on three (3) different days unless five (5) members of Council vote to suspend this rule?

32. **TWINSBURG – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article IV of the Charter of the City of Twinsburg be amended to provide for a vacancy in the office of Mayor to be filled by election if more than six months remain in the term when the vacancy occurs, such election to be held on the day of the next primary or general election that occurs more than 90 days after the vacancy occurs; provide for any individual who becomes Acting Mayor as a result of a vacancy to be compensated as an elected Mayor would be or to serve part time with pro rata compensation; entitle the Mayor to the benefits of other full time employees; establish the compensation of the Mayor at 5% above the highest paid Department Head except the Law Director; and require that the Mayor’s compensation be increased only at the same percentage rate granted all other Department Heads?
33. **TWINSBURG – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 6.02 of the Charter of the City of Twinsburg be amended to eliminate the power of Council to fix the compensation of the Mayor?
34. **TWINSBURG – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Article VII of the Charter of the City of Twinsburg be amended to require vacancies on Boards and Commissions that are less than full term be filled from the most recent list of applicants for a full-term appointment; eliminate the requirements that the terms of office of the Finance Director and Law Director be concurrent with that of the Mayor, that the appointments be made within sixty (60) days after the Mayor’s term begins, and that the Finance Director and Law Director serve until a successor is appointed; to empower the Mayor to appoint the Police and Fire Chiefs, to eliminate the requirement that the Council approve the promotion, hiring, and appointment of personnel in the Police and Fire Divisions other than the Chiefs; eliminate the duty of the Public Safety Director to make and publish, with the approval of Council, rules for government of the Police and Fire Divisions and for the conduct and discipline of the members and personnel thereof; and eliminate references to the defunct “Twinsburg Development Foundation”?
35. **TWINSBURG – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 8.01 of the Charter of the City of Twinsburg be amended to eliminate the current prohibition on circulating nominating petitions for City Council more than 150 days before the Election; reduce from two years to one year the length of time a candidate for Council must have resided in the City; and move the primary election for Mayor from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August?

36. **TWINSBURG – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Twinsburg be amended to allow only residents of the ward to vote in a recall election of a Ward Councilmember?
37. **BOSTON HEIGHTS VILLAGE – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Boston Heights Village for the purpose of **providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites** at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 5 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.
38. **MOGADORE VILLAGE – Proposed Municipal Income Tax** – Shall the Ordinance providing for a one-quarter percent (0.25%) levy increase on income, from two and one-quarter percent (2.25%) to two and a half percent (2.5%), for the purposes provided in Sections 37.10 and 37.23 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Mogadore, effective January 1, 2019, for a continuing period of time, be passed?
39. **MOGADORE VILLAGE – Proposed Charter Amendment** – Shall Section 18.01 of the Charter of the Village of Mogadore be amended, effective January 1, 2019, to increase the interval between the empanelling of charter review commissions from four to seven years, with the next charter review commission to be empanelled in 2025?
40. **BATH TOWNSHIP – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)** – A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Bath Township for the purpose of **operation and maintenance of the Bath Township Park System and Facilities** at a rate not exceeding 0.75 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 7.5 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.
41. **COPLEY TOWNSHIP – Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement and Increase)** – A replacement of 2 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 1.5 mills, to constitute a tax for the benefit of Copley Township for the purpose of **providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Ohio Revised Code Sections 145.48 or 742.33** at a rate not exceeding 3.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 35 cents for each one hundred dollars in valuation, for 3 years, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019.

42. **COVENTRY TOWNSHIP – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – An additional tax for the benefit of Coventry Township for the purpose of **purchasing, appropriating, operating, maintaining, and improving lands for parks or recreational purposes** at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 5 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019.
43. **NORTHFIELD CENTER TOWNSHIP – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal and Increase)** – A renewal of 2.42 mills and an increase of 0.36 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of Northfield Center Township for the purpose of **general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of roads** at a rate not exceeding 2.78 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 27.8 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019.
44. **RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP – Proposed Zoning Amendment (By Petition)** – The proposed amendment would replace Article IV, Section 420 of the Richfield Township Zoning Resolution with the text included in Resolution #09-2018. This would result in various changes to the LI-O Light Industrial-Office District, including but not limited to the following: increasing the number of permitted uses and decreasing the number of conditionally permitted uses, in part by reclassifying formerly conditionally permitted uses and permitted uses; reducing the building and structure setbacks from residential property lines; changing the stated purpose of the LI-O District by eliminating mention of environmental impact considerations and the existing emphasis on natural, open space retention when feasible; eliminating regulations on the number and size of accessory buildings; altering the requirements for buffer wall and buffer yard; and altering nuisance/performance standards regarding noise, vibrations, odors, air quality and emissions.

Shall the zoning amendment as adopted by the Richfield Township Board of Trustees be approved?

45. **SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)** – An additional tax for the benefit of Sagamore Hills Township for the purpose of **general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges** at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 10 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019.

46. **SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal and Increase)** – A renewal of 1 mill and an increase of 0.5 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of Springfield Township for the purpose of **general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges** at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 15 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.