

**PETITION FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO CHARTER**

Constitution of Ohio, Art. XVIII, Section 9 and 14; Revised Code 731.28 - .41, 3503.06

To be signed by ten percent of the electors, based upon the total vote cast at the last preceding general election.
(NOTE - The below notice must be printed in red.)

NOTICE - Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his own, or signs when not a legal voter, is liable to prosecution.

To the Council, the legislative authority of the _____ County _____ of _____ Summit _____, Ohio:

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the _____ County _____ of _____ Summit _____, Ohio respectfully petition the legislative authority to forthwith provide by Ordinance, for the submission to the electors of said county, the following proposed amendment to the Charter of said county to-wit:

Section 3.01.4 of the Charter of the County of Summit, Ohio shall be changed and amended as follows, by adding those portions which are underlined below and by deleting those portions that are struck through below:

“SECTION 3.01.4 APPORTIONMENT

~~Beginning in July of 1991, the County Council by ordinance shall apportion the County into legislative districts. Every district shall be of substantially equal populations, compact and composed of contiguous territory and formed by combining the areas of governmental units giving preference in the order named to townships, municipalities and city wards and precincts. In making any new apportionment, district boundaries established by the preceding apportionment shall be adopted to the extent reasonably consistent with the other requirements of law. No later than December 31st of the publication year of each recurring decennial Federal census, except when a County Council district election falls the year after publication of the census in which case no later than October 1st of the year of publication of the census, the County Council shall apportion the County into districts as herein provided. If the County Council fails to apportion the County into districts by the deadlines set forth herein, the County Executive shall within thirty days thereafter submit to the County Council a plan for apportionment of the County. The County Council shall within thirty (30) days after receiving the County Executive's plan apportion the County as herein provided, and if it does not apportion the County within thirty (30) days the County Executive's plan shall become effective until the next recurring decennial Federal census when the County shall be again apportioned as herein provided. The County Council may at any time, by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the County Council, make minor adjustments to the legislative districts to make the boundaries of the districts identical to precinct boundaries as established by the Board of Elections to facilitate the administration of elections within the County of Summit between each recurring decennial Federal census.~~

- (A) Initial Districts. The eight districts from which the members of the Council shall be elected at the November 8, 2016 general election are described in detail in Appendix A, which is attached to this Charter and made a part hereof.
- (B) Redistricting. Immediately following each decennial Federal census commencing with the census of 2020, the Council shall appoint five electors of the County, not more than three of whom shall be members of the same political party and none of whom shall hold public office or be an officer of a political party, who shall constitute a Council Districting Commission. The Commission shall, not later than one hundred twenty days following its appointment, prepare and certify to the Board of Elections of the County of Summit a detailed apportionment of the Council districts in accordance with the principles provided for in this section. The County Executive shall provide for the Commission such facilities and assistance as shall be required for the Commission to carry out its duties as provided for herein. That apportionment shall be completed by the same date as the apportionment for the Ohio General Assembly and shall be effective for the first regular County election thereafter.
- (C) Principles for Establishing District Boundaries. All districts shall be of substantially equal population, compact and composed of contiguous territory and formed by combining existing areas of governmental units, giving preference, in the order named, to townships, municipalities and city wards and precincts. All portions of a district must be contiguous. When a political subdivision has a non-contiguous portion, it shall be considered contiguous to the remainder of the political subdivision for the purposes of redistricting. Precincts shall not be divided for the purpose of creating Council districts. No political subdivision may be divided between more than one Council district with the exception of a political subdivision with a population in excess of 105% of the total population of the County when divided by the number of Council districts, in which case the political subdivision shall be divided into as few districts as possible. To the degree allowable by federal and state law, consideration will be given to district boundaries that broaden the opportunities for historically under-represented and minority communities to elect representatives to the Council. The Council may establish additional criteria for the Council Districting Commission to use for the purpose of drawing district boundaries, in order to achieve a government that is effective, efficient, and at the same time, accountable, responsive, and fairly representative, as long as such criteria do not conflict with the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio and applicable federal or state law.”

Appendix A

District	Included Municipalities, Townships, City Wards and Precincts
1	Bath Township, Village of Boston Heights, Boston Township, City of Macedonia, Northfield Center Township, Village of Northfield, Village of Peninsula, Richfield Township, Village of Richfield, Sagamore Hills Township, City of Twinsburg
2	City of Akron Ward 1, City of Akron Ward 3 Precincts C, E, F, G, H, City of Akron Ward 4, City of Akron Ward 8
3	City of Hudson, City of Monroe Falls, Village of Reminderville, Village of Silver Lake, City of Stow, Twinsburg Township
4	City of Akron Ward 2, City of Akron Ward 3 Precincts D, I, L, M, N, City of Akron Ward 5, City of Akron Ward 10
5	City of Akron Ward 3 Precincts A, B, J, K, City of Akron Ward 6, City of Akron Ward 7, City of Akron Ward 9
6	City of Cuyahoga Falls, Village of Mogadore, City of Tallmadge
7	City of Barberton, Copley Township, City of Fairlawn, City of Norton
8	Village of Clinton, Coventry Township, City of Green, Village of Lakemore, City of New Franklin, Springfield Township

We hereby designate the following persons as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to this petition or its circulation:

NAME	RESIDENCE
Bill C. Roemer	3616 Southern Road, Richfield, OH 44286
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Gloria J. Rodgers	4562 Newcomer Road, Stow, OH 44224
Rose Mary Snell	7965 Jill Drive, Northfield, OH 44067
Christopher R. Long	475 E State Street, Barberton, OH 44203

Signatures on this petition must be from only one county and must be written in ink.

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CIRCULATOR STATEMENT – Must be completed and signed by circulator.

I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside at the address
(Printed Name of Circulator)

appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing _____ signatures; that I
(Number)

witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE

(Signature of Circulator)

(Permanent residence address)

(City or Village, State and Zip Code)

County of Summit Ohio	Form 6-B Petition for the submission of a proposed amendment to charter	_____ Filed	_____ Clerk of County Council
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