

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-46

**DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO
SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AT THE
NOVEMBER 6, 2012, GENERAL ELECTION, A CHARTER AMENDMENT
TO SECTION 8.01 REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF
COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Mason for the Mason Charter provisions regarding the filing deadline for nominations for members of Council to conform with the state law filing deadline and to assist in the timely ballot preparation for overseas and military voters; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Mason to place on the ballot an issue regarding a Charter Amendment of Section 8.01 regarding nominations for members of Council; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to place this issue on the ballot for consideration of the electors of the City of Mason at the November 6, 2012, general election; and

WHEREAS, Council has the prerogative to place a matter of the Charter Amendment on the ballot by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of Council, with or without petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, 7 members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That Section 8.01 Nominations, of the Charter of the City of Mason, be revised as follows:

SECTION 8.01 NOMINATIONS

Nominations for members of Council shall be made only by petition signed by qualified electors of the Municipality not less in number than twenty-five. Such petitions shall be accompanied by a declaration of candidacy and shall be filed with the election authorities not later than 4:00 p.m. of the ninetieth day before the date of the regular Municipal election.

If the nominating petition or declaration of candidacy is found by the election authorities to contain any defect that would prevent the candidate's name from being placed on the ballot, the election authorities shall immediately notify the candidate who shall then have ten days to correct any such defect.

No primary election shall be held for Council candidates.

Section 2. That this matter shall be placed on the November 6, 2012, general election ballot for consideration by the electors of the City of Mason.

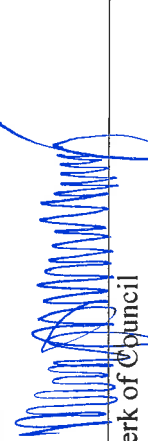
Section 3. That this Ordinance is found to be the submission of a question to the electorate, and pursuant to Section 4.08 of the Charter of the City of Mason, shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed this 9th day of July, 2012.



Mayor

Attest:


Clerk of Council

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Clerk of Council of the City of Mason, hereby certifies the foregoing Ordinance to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. _____ adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Clerk of Council