

ORDINANCE 2020-74

**DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO
SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AT THE
NOVEMBER 3, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION, A CHARTER AMENDMENT
TO SECTION 3.02 (COUNCIL QUALIFICATIONS)**

WHEREAS, Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Mason for a Mason Charter provisions to be modified; 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 Revision of Sections 3.02, related to Council qualifications; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to place this issue on the ballot for consideration of the electors of the City of Mason at the November 3, 2020, general election; and

WHEREAS, Council has the prerogative to place a matter of the Charter Revision 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, five members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That Sections 3.02 of the Charter of the City of Mason, be amended as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. That this matter shall be placed on the November 3, 2020, 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 10th day of August, 2020.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

SECTION 3.02 QUALIFICATIONS.

All members of Council shall have been qualified electors of the Municipality for such period of time as may be required, from time to time, by the ~~election~~ laws of the Ohio Revised Code immediately ~~prior to the time of filing for office~~preceding their election, and shall continue to be qualified electors of the Municipality during their respective terms of office. No member of Council shall hold any other public office except the offices of notary public, member of the National Guard, or member of the regular or reserve armed forces of the United States, unless otherwise provided for or permitted by this Charter.

Any member of Council who shall cease to possess or who violates any of the qualifications of office herein provided; who is finally convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; or who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Council, unless such absence is excused by a majority vote of the members present at such meetings or a subsequent meeting of the Council, shall be subject to forfeiture of his office in the manner provided by Section 11.04 of this Charter. A member of Council shall not vote upon the question of his removal or whether his absence from a regular meeting shall be excused. Failure to maintain such qualifications shall not render void or ineffective any action of the Council in which such member participated.