

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTIONS 3.02 AND 4.03 OF THE CHARTER TO INCREASE THE TERMS WHICH MAY BE SERVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FROM TWO TO THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission of the Village of Richfield has recommended amending Sections 3.02 and 4.03 of the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That there be, and hereby is, submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the Village of Richfield at the November 7, 2000 general election at the regular places of voting in the Village during the regular hours of voting on such date as prescribed by general law the proposal of the Charter Review Commission to amend Sections 3.02 and 4.03 of the Charter of the Village of Richfield increasing the number of consecutive terms that the Mayor and Members of Council can serve from two to three consecutive terms which proposal shall read as follows:

**“Section 3.02 Election and Term; Run-off Election.**

(a) The Mayor shall be elected at the regular municipal election held in the year 1971 and every four (4) consecutive years thereafter for a term of four (4) years commencing on January 1 next following such election and shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified. The Mayor shall serve for not more than ~~two (2)~~ three (3) consecutive elected terms.

(b) In the event no candidate for Mayor received either a majority of the votes cast for that office or at least forty percent (40%) of the votes cast for that office and five percent (5%) of the votes cast for that office greater than the votes cast for the next highest candidate for that office, there shall be a run-off election on the first Tuesday in December between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for that office in the regular election.

**Section 4.03 Composition and Term**

The Council shall consist of seven (7) members, elected at large for terms of four (4) years, except as herein provided, beginning on the first day of January next following their election. A Council member shall not serve more than ~~two (2)~~ three (3) consecutive elected terms. The terms of members of Council shall be staggered with four (4) members elected to Council at the regular municipal election in 1989 and three (3) members elected at the regular municipal election in 1991, or any

successor appointed to fill a vacancy in such term. Thereafter, at each regular municipal election, members of Council shall be elected to fill expiring terms.”

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to submit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Summit County Board of Elections not less than sixty (60) days prior to the November 7, 2000 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the Village of Richfield.

SECTION 3. That the ballot language for said issue shall read substantially as follows:

“VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD  
CHARTER AMENDMENT

Shall the Charter of the Village of Richfield be amended to increase the number of consecutive terms that the Mayor and Council may serve from two (2) to three (3)?

YES

NO”

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 731.211, the Clerk of Council shall give notice of the foregoing proposed Charter amendment to the electors of the Village of Richfield.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: August 15, 2000

Michael Lyons  
President of Council

Donald S. Larsen  
Mayor

Dated: 8/16/2000

ATTEST:

Carole Gibson  
Clerk of Council