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6 CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

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8 ORDINANCE NO. 41 - 2025

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10 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
11 CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO,
12 ORIGINALLY ADOPTED BY THE ELECTORATE ON
13 NOVEMBER 3, 1959, AND AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME,
14 TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION ON
15 NOVEMBER 4, 2025, WHICH AMENDMENT WILL REVISE
16 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2, "COMPOSITION AND TERM," AND
17 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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20 WHEREAS, Article XI of the Charter of the City of Cuyahoga Falls provides that the
21 Charter Review Commission may recommend to Council such amendments to the
22 Charter, if any, as in its judgment are conducive to the public interest; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission recommends such a Charter
25 amendment, the text of which is set forth in Section 2, to be submitted to the electorate
26 at the next general election on November 4, 2025.
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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls,
29 County of Summit, and State of Ohio:
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31 Section 1. That the question of the proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of
32 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, as adopted by the electorate on November 3, 1959, and amended from
33 time to time, such amendment being to Article IV, "City Council" Section 2, "Composition And
34 Term" in the form set forth in the ballot text appearing in Section 2 of this ordinance, is hereby
35 directed to be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors of the City of Cuyahoga Falls,
36 Ohio at the next general election to be held on November 4, 2025, at the regular places of
37 voting in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, during hours provided by law.
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39 Section 2. That the ballots for said election shall, at the top thereof, be entitled "City of
40 Cuyahoga Falls Proposed Charter Amendment," and the question to be separately submitted
41 on said ballots shall be as follows:
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43 Charter Issue No. _____. Shall an amendment to the Charter of the City of Cuyahoga
44 Falls be adopted to provide for a change in council ward seats from two to four-year
45 terms as follows:
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47 ARTICLE IV CITY COUNCIL
48 SECTION 2 COMPOSITION AND TERM
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50 The City shall be divided into wards in the manner set forth by the laws of the
51 State of Ohio. Beginning with terms commencing in 2030, the term of office for ward
52 councilmembers shall be four (4) years.

53 Three (3) councilmembers at-large shall be elected in addition to the various ward
54 councilmembers previously specified herein. The councilmembers at-large shall be
55 elected by the vote of the electors of the City as a whole and shall serve for a term of four
56 (4) years.

57 This section shall not be construed to limit the number of councilmembers at-large
58 to three (3), but the number of said councilmembers at-large shall be governed by the
59 provisions of the laws of the State of Ohio.

60 In the regular municipal election in 2027, the councilmember at-large seat elected in
61 2023 and all ward seats shall be elected to a term of two (2) years. In the regular
62 municipal election in 2029, and every four years thereafter, all of the city council seats
63 shall be elected to a term of four (4) years.

64 The elective office of President of Council shall be abolished upon the completion of
65 the term expiring December 31, 1961.

66 The Council shall organize as provided by the laws of the State of Ohio within ten (10)
67 days from the commencement of their term. The Council, after organizing as hereinbefore
68 provided shall, by a majority vote of its members, elect from its Council members, a
69 Council President who shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. Any vacancy in the Office
70 of President of Council shall be filled by a majority vote of its members to be selected from
71 its members.

72 The Council President shall have a full vote in all business of the Council and shall
73 be free to enter debate on any subject brought before the Council, provided that the rules
74 of procedure as established by Council are followed.

75 After organization, Council shall also elect one of its members as President Pro Tem
76 who shall act as the President of Council in the absence of the President of Council or in
77 the event the latter becomes the Acting Mayor or is unable for any reason to perform his
78 duties as President of Council. The President Pro Tem shall conduct the affairs of the
79 Council in accordance with the rules of Council.

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81 Section 3. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of this ordinance
82 to the Board of Elections of Summit County, Ohio, immediately upon the passage of this
83 ordinance.

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85 Section 4. That the Board of Elections of Summit County, Ohio, shall cause an
86 appropriate notice to be duly given of the election to be held on November 4, 2025, on the
87 foregoing amendment to the Cuyahoga Falls Charter and otherwise to provide for such election
88 in the manner provided by the general laws of the State of Ohio.

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90 Section 5. That any ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions
91 inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and
92 resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby
93 ratified and confirmed.

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95 Section 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council
96 concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open
97 meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its
98 committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in
99 compliance with all legal requirements, to the extent applicable, including Chapter 107
100 of the Codified Ordinances.


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102 Section 7. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary
103 for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of
104 Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of
105 two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force
106 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be
107 in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

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121 Approved 7-14-2025
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President of Council



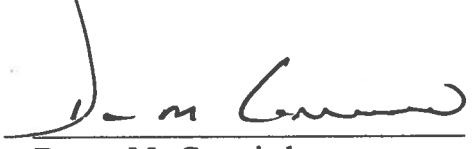
Clerk of Council



Mayor

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of this Council hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance 41 duly adopted by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio on July 14, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana M. Capriulo", written over a horizontal line.

Dana M. Capriulo
Clerk of Council