

# Proclamation - Notice of General Election

R.C. 3501.03

The Board of Elections of Butler County, Ohio, issues this Proclamation and Notice of Election.

A **General Election** will be held on **Tuesday**, the 3rd day of **November**, 2020, at the usual place of holding elections in each and every precinct throughout the County or at such places as the Board may designate, for the purpose of choosing the following offices:

(See attached)

and determining the following question or issue:

(See attached)

The polls for the election will open at 6:30 a.m. and remain open until 7:30 p.m. on election day.

By Order of the Board of Elections,

Butler County, Ohio



*[Signature]*  
Chair

Attest: *[Signature]*  
Director

## **Races of Offices Sought**

- For President/Vice President
- For Representative to Congress (8th District)
- For State Senator (4th District)
- For State Representative (51st District)
- For State Representative (52nd District)
- For State Representative (53rd District)
- For State Representative (54th District)
- For County Commissioner 1/2/2021
- For County Commissioner 1/3/2021
- For Prosecuting Attorney
- For Clerk of Courts of Common Pleas
- For Sheriff
- For County Recorder
- For County Treasurer
- For County Engineer
- For Coroner
- For Justice of the Supreme Court 01/01/2021
- For Justice of the Supreme Court 01/02/2021
- For Judge of the Court of Appeals (12th District) 01/01/2021
- For Judge of the Court of Appeals (12th District) 02/09/2021
- For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas 01/01/2021
- For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas 01/03/2021
- For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas 02/09/2021
- For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Juvenile Division) 01/02/2021
- For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Probate Division) 02/09/2021

## **Issue 1**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article III, Section 3.01(A)(4) and Article V, Section 5.09 of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to give the City Manager the authority to set the number of employees in City departments and offices and remove such authority from the legislative process and powers of approval of City Council?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 2**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article III, Section 3.05 of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to expand and clarify City Council's benefits to recognize City Council members as employees of the City for health and other benefits?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 3**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article III, Sections 3.07 and 3.08, Article V, Section 5.04, and Article XVIII, Section 18.02 of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to expand and clarify City Council's ethical responsibilities to clarify that Council Members are not expelled but removed from Office if they violate State of Ohio Ethics Laws or other ethics violations, to expand the definition of when Council Members must abstain from voting as to not have a family member benefit from such vote, to reaffirm that if Council interferes with City Manager related appointments that this may constitute as a removable offense from Office even if it does not result in a misdemeanor conviction if a violation is found by a vote of not less than five (5) out of the seven (7) City Council Members, and to reaffirm that Council cannot financially benefit from contracts of the City or be removed from Office with a vote of not less than five (5) out of the seven (7) City Council Members?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 4**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article III, Sections 3.11 be amended and a new Section 3.13 of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be established to clarify that resolutions of City Council are generally effective immediately and to establish the ability of the City to publish public hearing notices on the City's website or other electronic media instead of publication via newspaper when allowed by law?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 5**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article V, Section 5.03 of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to remove language implying that unclassified City of Hamilton employees have notice and appeal rights related to termination decisions?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 6**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article VII, Section 7.01 of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to specify that the Director of Finance shall serve as City Auditor for the purposes of applicable general laws of the State of Ohio?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 7**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article IX of the Charter of the City of Hamilton regarding public work or improvement by the City be amended to allow individual contracts and change orders, if within already budgeted and appropriated amounts, to be handled administratively without further legislative action by Council?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 8**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article X, Sections 10.01 – 10.07, Sections 10.10, 10.11, and 10.20 and any other references of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to rename the Department of Civil Service and Personnel to the Department of Human Resources?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 9**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article X, Sections 10.01(D) and 10.02 of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to give the City Manager the authority to hire and remove the Director of Civil Service and Personnel and not the Civil Service Commission?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 10**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article X, Section 10.03(H) of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to increase the number of temporary employment hours from 1,040 to 1,560 hours?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 11**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall a new Article XI of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be established to create a Department of Economic Development administered by the Director of Economic Development to oversee the City's economic development program and related operations and activities, business retention and attraction efforts, workforce development, and collaborating with agencies that support the growth of the City's economy, and the remaining Articles of the Charter be renumbered?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 12**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article XII, Section 12.03 of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to omit specified fire force scheduling requirements from the Charter?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 13**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article XVIII, Section 18.10 of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to include language prohibiting discrimination in city government employment based on sexual orientation and gender identity in addition to existing prohibitions against city government employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, ancestry, or age, except that age limitations may be required for original appointments to the positions of police officer and firefighter to the extent permitted by law?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 14**

### **Proposed Charter Amendment**

#### **City of Hamilton**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall Article XVIII, Section 18.11 of the Charter of the City of Hamilton be amended to permit City Council to submit a proposed charter amendment for approval by voters without a Regular or Special Charter Review Commission when it has been determined an issue in the Charter is immediately hindering the City or City related operations, and to specify the required procedures that City Council and the City Clerk must follow when an amendment to the Charter is proposed by Regular or Special Charter Review Commission or by Council?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 15**

### **Proposed Municipal Income Tax**

#### **City of Middletown**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the Ordinance providing for an additional one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) levy on income for the purpose of **construction, repair, improvement, and maintenance of streets and roadways and appurtenances thereto**, in the City of Middletown, Counties of Butler and Warren, Ohio, effective January 1, 2021, for a period of ten (10) years, be passed?

**For the Income Tax**

**Against the Income Tax**

## **Issue 16**

### **Proposed Resolution**

#### **Electric Aggregation**

#### **Village of New Miami**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the Village of New Miami have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the Village of New Miami, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 17**

### **Proposed Resolution**

#### **Gas Aggregation**

#### **Village of New Miami**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the Village of New Miami have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the Village of New Miami, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

**Yes**

**No**



## Issue 18

### Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

#### Milford Township

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Milford Township for the purpose of **providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employers' contribution required under section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company**, at a rate not exceeding two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents (\$0.20) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## Issue 19

### Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

#### Morgan Township

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Morgan Township for the purpose of **providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employers' contribution required under section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company**, at a rate not exceeding two and seventy-five hundredths (2.75) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty-seven and five-tenths cents (\$0.275) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## Issue 20

### Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)

#### West Chester Township Fire District

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of the West Chester Township Fire District for the purpose of **providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs** at a rate not exceeding two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents (\$0.20) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## Issue 21

### Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)

#### West Chester Township Police District

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of the West Chester Township Police District for the purpose of **providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs** at a rate not exceeding two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents (\$0.20) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## Issue 22

### Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

#### MIAMI VALLEY CAREER TECHNOLOGY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Operated by the Montgomery County Joint Vocational District)

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Miami Valley Career Technology Vocational School District, for the purpose of **current operating expenses and improvement to school buildings and sites, including equipment and furnishings** at a rate not exceeding 2.18 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.218 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 10 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

## Issue 23

### Proposed Decrease of the Rate of Tax Levied For Continuing Period of Time

**By Initiative Petition**

**Mason City School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

At the election held on November 5, 1968 voters approved a tax levy of 16.10 mills for a continuing period of time for the benefit of the Mason City School District for the purpose of **current expenses**. A petition filed by electors proposes a decrease in the rate of the tax to 16.09 mills; being a reduction of 0.01 mill.

**Shall the tax be reduced from 16.10 mills to 16.09 mills?**

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 24**

### **Proposed Decrease of the Rate of Tax Levied For Continuing Period of Time**

#### **By Initiative Petition**

#### **Mason City School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

At the election held on December 11, 1969 voters approved a tax levy of 4.9 mills for a continuing period of time for the benefit of the Mason City School District for the purpose of **current expenses**. A petition filed by electors proposes a decrease in the rate of the tax to 4.89 mills; being a reduction of 0.01 mill.

**Shall the tax be reduced from 4.9 mills to 4.89 mills?**

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 25**

### **Proposed Decrease of the Rate of Tax Levied For Continuing Period of Time**

#### **By Initiative Petition**

#### **Mason City School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

At the election held on November 8, 1977 voters approved a tax levy of 4.0 mills for a continuing period of time for the benefit of the Mason City School District for the purpose of **current expenses**. A petition filed by electors proposes a decrease in the rate of the tax to 3.99 mills; being a reduction of 0.01 mill.

**Shall the tax be reduced from 4.0 mills to 3.99 mills?**

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 26**

### **Proposed Decrease of the Rate of Tax Levied For Continuing Period of Time**

#### **By Initiative Petition**

#### **Mason City School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

At the election held on March 14, 1978 voters approved a tax levy of 6.5 mills for a continuing period of time for the benefit of the Mason City School District for the purpose of **current expenses**. A petition filed by electors proposes a decrease in the rate of the tax to 6.49 mills; being a reduction of 0.01 mill.

**Shall the tax be reduced from 6.5 mills to 6.49 mills?**

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 27**

### **Proposed Decrease of the Rate of Tax Levied For Continuing Period of Time**

#### **By Initiative Petition**

#### **Mason City School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

At the election held on May 3, 1988 voters approved a tax levy of 8.60 mills for a continuing period of time for the benefit of the Mason City School District for the purpose of **current expenses**. A petition filed by electors proposes a decrease in the rate of the tax to 8.59 mills; being a reduction of 0.01 mill.

**Shall the tax be reduced from 8.60 mills to 8.59 mills?**

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 28**

### **Proposed Decrease of the Rate of Tax Levied For Continuing Period of Time**

#### **By Initiative Petition**

#### **Mason City School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

At the election held on March 19, 1996 voters approved a tax levy of 9.79 mills for a continuing period of time for the benefit of the Mason City School District for the purpose of **current expenses**. A petition filed by electors proposes a decrease in the rate of the tax to 9.78 mills; being a reduction of 0.01 mill.

**Shall the tax be reduced from 9.79 mills to 9.78 mills?**

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 29**

### **Proposed Decrease of the Rate of Tax Levied For Continuing Period of Time**

#### **By Initiative Petition**

#### **Mason City School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

At the election held on May 8, 2001 voters approved a tax levy of 9.95 mills for a continuing period of time for the benefit of the Mason City School District for the purpose of **current expenses**. A petition filed by electors proposes a decrease in the rate of the tax to 9.94 mills; being a reduction of 0.01 mill.

**Shall the tax be reduced from 9.95 mills to 9.94 mills?**

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 30**

### **Proposed Decrease of the Rate of Tax Levied For Continuing Period of Time**

#### **By Initiative Petition**

#### **Mason City School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

At the election held on May 3, 2005 voters approved a tax levy of 9.94 mills for a continuing period of time for the benefit of the Mason City School District for the purpose of **current expenses**. A petition filed by electors proposes a decrease in the rate of the tax to 9.93 mills; being a reduction of 0.01 mill.

**Shall the tax be reduced from 9.94 mills to 9.93 mills?**

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 31**

### **Proposed Decrease of the Rate of Tax Levied For Continuing Period of Time**

#### **By Initiative Petition**

#### **Mason City School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

At the election held on March 17, 2020 voters approved a tax levy of 9.96 mills for a continuing period of time for the benefit of the Mason City School District for the purpose of **current expenses**. A petition filed by electors proposes a decrease in the rate of the tax to 9.95 mills; being a reduction of 0.01 mill.

**Shall the tax be reduced from 9.96 mills to 9.95 mills?**

**Yes**

**No**

## Issue 32

### Proposed Additional Income Tax Preble Shawnee Local School District

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall an annual income tax of 0.75% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Preble Shawnee Local School District, for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2021, for the purpose of **current expenses**?

**For the Tax**

**Against the Tax**

## Issue 33

### Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

#### Butler County

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Butler County for the purpose of **operating mental health service programs and maintaining and operating mental health facilities by the Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board** at a rate not exceeding one (1) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to ten cents (\$0.10) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## Issue 34

### Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

#### Butler County

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Butler County for the purpose of **providing and maintaining senior citizens services** at a rate not exceeding one and three-tenths (1.3) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirteen cents (\$0.13) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**