



Cuyahoga County Council – Procedures for Public Comment at Council and Committee Meetings

- Requests to speak must be submitted in writing **prior** to the scheduled meeting start time on the Request Form provided by the Clerk immediately prior to each meeting.*
- Request Forms must be submitted in-person and may not be submitted on behalf of others (one per person).
- A maximum of thirty speakers will be selected at random during the public comment section at each meeting.
- Each speaker will receive two minutes to address the council or committee. A bell will ring to signal that speaking time has ended. Speakers may not yield their time to others.
- In lieu of verbal public comment, written testimony may be submitted to Council or the applicable committee through the Clerk of Council at CouncilPublicComment@cuyahogacounty.us prior to the adjournment of each meeting.
- The Council and committee meeting schedule can be found [on the Council website](#).

** Council chambers will open to the public 30 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.*



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 — 1: 00P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0080: A Resolution amending the 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget for 2026 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, amending Resolution No. R2025-0350 dated 12/09/2025; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- b) R2026-0167: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article I, Section 1.02 of the County Charter to provide that no tax levied, extended, or renewed by the County shall go into effect until such question has been submitted to, and approved by, the electors of the County, and to provide for the manner of submitting such question to the electors.
- c) R2026-0168: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article III, Section 3.09 of the County Charter to require the County Council to establish campaign laws by ordinance including, without limitation, campaign finance regulation, donor disclosure requirements, and enforcement.
- d) R2026-0169: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article XVI of the County Charter to provide that the Sheriff be elected quadrennially commencing at the 2028 countywide general election, and providing for the qualifications and powers and duties for the office of the Sheriff.
- e) R2026-0170: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article II, Section 2.03 and Article VI, Section 6.04 of the County Charter to require that County Council confirm the County Executive's removal of members of boards, agencies, commissions and authorities as are (1) created by or pursuant to the Charter or (2) as are provided by general law to be appointed by boards of county commissioners.

- f) R2026-0181: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article XVI of the County Charter to provide the County Executive the power to suspend, discipline, or remove the Sheriff; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- g) R2026-0182: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Sections 4.01 and 5.06 of the County Charter to delineate the powers and duties of the Prosecuting Attorney and Director of Law; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0080

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmembers Gallagher and Simon</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Sweeney, Kelly & Houser</p>	<p>A Resolution amending the 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget for 2026 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, amending Resolution No. 2025-0350 dated 12/09/25; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, on December 9, 2025, the Cuyahoga County Council adopted the Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program for 2026/2027 (Resolution No. R2025-0293) establishing the 2026/2027 biennial budget for all County departments, offices and agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the Biennial Operating Budget for 2026 to reflect budgetary funding increases, funding reductions, to transfer budget appropriations and to transfer cash between budgetary funds, to accommodate the operational needs of certain County departments, offices and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the County Council intends to add 2027 funding during the biennial budget update process; and

WHEREAS, it is further necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County departments, offices, and agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget for 2026 be amended to provide for the following additional appropriation increases and decreases:

Fund Nos./Budget Accounts

Journal Nos.

County Council President Date

County Executive Date

Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 24, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Additional Sponsorship Requested in Committee: May 12, 2026

Additional Sponsorship Requested in Committee: June 9, 2026

Journal _____
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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0167

Sponsored by: Councilmember Gallagher	A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article I, Section 1.02 of the County Charter to provide that no tax levied, extended, or renewed by the County shall go into effect until such question has been submitted to, and approved by, the electors of the County; and to provide for the manner of submitting such question to the electors.
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WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that “[p]roposed amendments to this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County in the manner provided for by the Ohio Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution provides that the “legislative authority... of any county may by a two-thirds vote of its members” submit by resolution charter amendments to the electors of the county “to be voted upon at the first general election occurring not sooner than sixty days after their submission”; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter to provide that no tax levied, extended, or renewed by the County shall go into effect until such question has been submitted to, and approved by, the electors of the County; and to provide for the manner of submitting such question to the electors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, the Council hereby authorizes and directs that there shall be submitted to a vote of qualified electors of the County of Cuyahoga, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, the question of amending Article I, Section 1.02 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, as set forth herein (additions bolded and underlined):

ARTICLE I – CORPORATE POWERS, RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

SECTION 1.02 POWERS LIMITED.

This Charter does not empower the County to exercise exclusively any municipal powers nor to provide for the succession by the County to any property or obligation of any municipality or township without the consent of the legislative authority of such municipality or township. In case of conflict between the exercise of powers granted by this Charter and the exercise of powers by municipalities or townships granted by the Constitution or general law, the exercise of powers by the municipality or township shall prevail. The County shall have power to levy only those taxes that counties are by general law authorized to levy, **and no tax levied, extended, or renewed by the County shall go into effect until such question has been submitted to, and approved by, the electors of the County. The submission of such question to the electors of the County shall be made in the manner provided for by general law. In the event general law does not provide a manner for submission of such question, the submission shall be made in the manner provided for the submission of proposed amendments to this Charter.**

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby directs that the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall read as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CHARTER

Shall Article I, Section 1.02 of the County Charter be amended to provide that no tax levied, extended, or renewed by the County shall go into effect until such question has been submitted to, and approved by, the electors of the County; and to provide for the manner of submitting such question to the electors?

SECTION 3. The Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections no earlier than one hundred twenty day (120) days and not later than sixty (60) days before the November 3, 2026 election. The Clerk is further directed to take all other actions required by law relative to the submission of said amendment for said election, including, if required by law, mailing or otherwise distributing a copy of said proposed amendment to each of the electors of the County as far as may be reasonably possible prior to thirty (30) days before said election.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendments to be properly placed on the November 3, 2026 general election.

Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members of Council, it shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: June 9, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Journal _____

_____, 20__

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0168

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article III, Section 3.09 of the County Charter to require the County Council to establish campaign laws by ordinance including, without limitation, campaign finance regulation, donor disclosure requirements, and enforcement.
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WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that “[p]roposed amendments to this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County in the manner provided for by the Ohio Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution provides that the “legislative authority... of any county may by a two-thirds vote of its members” submit by resolution charter amendments to the electors of the county “to be voted upon at the first general election occurring not sooner than sixty days after their submission”; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter to require the County Council to establish campaign laws by ordinance including, without limitation, campaign finance regulation, donor disclosure requirements, and enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, the Council hereby authorizes and directs that there shall be submitted to a vote of qualified electors of the County of Cuyahoga, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, the question of amending Article III, Section 3.09 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, as set forth herein:

SECTION 3.09 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL The legislative power of the County, including the power to introduce, enact and amend ordinances and resolutions relating to all matters within the legislative power of

the County, is vested in the Council. All powers of the Council shall be exercised by ordinance or resolution and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(13) The Council shall establish by ordinance campaign laws governing the election of County officers and officials including, without limitation, campaign finance regulation, donor disclosure requirements, donor age limits, and enforcement.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby directs that the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall read as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CHARTER

Shall Article III, Section 3.09 of the County Charter be amended to require the County Council to establish campaign laws by ordinance including, without limitation, campaign finance regulation, donor disclosure requirements, and enforcement?

SECTION 3. The Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections no earlier than one hundred twenty day (120) days and not later than sixty (60) days before the November 3, 2026 election. The Clerk is further directed to take all other actions required by law relative to the submission of said amendment for said election, including, if required by law, mailing or otherwise distributing a copy of said proposed amendment to each of the electors of the County as far as may be reasonably possible prior to thirty (30) days before said election.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendments to be properly placed on the November 3, 2026 general election. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members of Council, it shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: June 9, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Journal _____

_____, 20__

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0169

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article XVI of the County Charter to provide that the Sheriff be elected quadrennially commencing at the 2028 countywide general election, and providing for the qualifications and powers and duties for the office of the Sheriff.
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WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that “[p]roposed amendments to this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County in the manner provided for by the Ohio Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution provides that the “legislative authority... of any county may by a two-thirds vote of its members” submit by resolution charter amendments to the electors of the county “to be voted upon at the first general election occurring not sooner than sixty days after their submission”; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter to provide that the Sheriff be elected quadrennially commencing at the 2028 countywide general election, and providing for the qualifications and powers and duties for the office of the Sheriff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, the Council hereby authorizes and directs that there shall be submitted to a vote of qualified electors of the County of Cuyahoga, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, the question of amending Article XVI of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, as set forth herein:

ARTICLE XVI - SHERIFF

SECTION 16.01 SHERIFF.

(1) ~~Powers and Duties. All powers and duties now or hereafter vested in or imposed upon county sheriffs by general law shall be carried out by the appointed Sheriff. The Sheriff's powers and duties shall include appointing authority in accordance with Article IX of this Charter. The Sheriff shall also have such powers and duties as shall be established by this Charter or by ordinance that are not inconsistent with those provided by general law.~~ **The Sheriff shall be elected quadrennially commencing at the 2028 countywide general election. Any candidate for election as Sheriff shall be nominated and elected in the manner provided for county officers by general law and this Charter. All powers and duties now or hereafter vested in or imposed by general law upon sheriffs shall be exercised and carried out by the Sheriff. The Sheriff shall also have such powers and duties as shall be established by this Charter or by ordinance that are not inconsistent with those provided by general law. Vacancies in the Office of Sheriff shall be filled in the manner provided by general law.**

(2) Qualifications. The Sheriff shall possess and continue to maintain the qualifications provided by general law for the office of county sheriff. No person shall be **elected or** appointed Sheriff unless such person:

(a) Has had at least five years of experience in law enforcement or in correctional facilities management; and

(b) Has obtained a baccalaureate in any field or an associate degree in law enforcement or criminal justice, from a college or university authorized to confer degrees by the Ohio Board of Regents or the comparable agency of another state in which the college or university is located.

(3) Required Certification. Newly **elected or** appointed Sheriffs shall obtain or already possess one or more of the following certifications within one year, or other time period established by Council through resolution, following the date of first assuming office:

(a) A jail operations certificate or comparable certification approved by the National Sheriffs Association;

(b) A certified corrections executive certificate or comparable certification approved by the American Correctional Association;

(c) A certified jail officer certificate or comparable certification approved by the American Jail Association; or

(d) A professional certification or degree related to the management and operation of a jail as may be approved by the Council.

The office of a Sheriff who is required to comply with this section and who fails to obtain a certification pursuant to this section is hereby deemed to be vacant.

~~(4) Appointment and Term. The Sheriff shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council, for a term of four years. The incumbent Sheriff at the time this provision becomes effective shall serve a term ending December 31, 2020. Each subsequent Sheriff shall be appointed or reappointed for a term commencing on January 1, 2021, and every four years thereafter. Reappointments shall be subject to Council confirmation.~~

~~(5) Removal. During the Term of appointment, the Sheriff may be removed from office only for cause by resolution receiving the affirmative vote of at least eight members of the Council. The Council shall not vote on the question of the removal of the Sheriff until the Council has provided the Sheriff the opportunity to be heard and to present a case for retention in office. The Council may enter executive session to discuss the question of removal as provided by general law; provided the Council holds at least one public hearing where the Sheriff and the public have an opportunity to be heard.~~

~~(6) Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy prior to the expiration of the Sheriff's term, the County Executive shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by Council. In the event a vacancy occurs less than two years prior to the expiration of the Sheriff's four-year term, the County Executive may appoint a Sheriff to complete the unexpired term and serve a subsequent four-year term, subject to confirmation by Council.~~

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby directs that the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall read as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CHARTER

Shall Article XVI of the County Charter be amended to provide that the Sheriff be elected quadrennially commencing at the 2028 countywide general election, and to provide for the qualifications and powers and duties for the office of the Sheriff?

SECTION 3. The Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections no earlier than one hundred twenty day (120) days and not later than sixty (60) days before the November 3, 2026 election. The Clerk is further directed to take all other actions required by law relative to the submission of said amendment for said election, including, if required by law, mailing or otherwise distributing a copy of said proposed amendment to each of the electors of the County as far as may be reasonably possible prior to thirty (30) days before said election.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendments to be properly placed on the November 3, 2026 general election. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members of Council, it shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: June 9, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Journal _____

_____, 20__

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0170

Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon	A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article II, Section 2.03 and Article VI, Section 6.04 of the County Charter to require that County Council confirm the County Executive’s removal of members of boards, agencies, commissions and authorities as are (1) created by or pursuant to the Charter or (2) as are provided by general law to be appointed by boards of county commissioners.
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WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that “[p]roposed amendments to this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County in the manner provided for by the Ohio Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution provides that the “legislative authority... of any county may by a two-thirds vote of its members” submit by resolution charter amendments to the electors of the county “to be voted upon at the first general election occurring not sooner than sixty days after their submission”; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter to require that County Council confirm the County Executive’s removal of members of boards, agencies, commissions and authorities as are (1) created by or pursuant to the Charter or (2) as are provided by general law to be appointed by boards of county commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, the Council hereby authorizes and directs that there shall be submitted to a vote of qualified electors of the County of Cuyahoga, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, the question of amending Sections 2.03 and 6.04 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, as set forth herein:

SECTION 2.03 POWERS AND DUTIES. The County Executive shall have all the powers and duties of an administrative nature under this Charter and such powers and duties of an administrative nature, except as otherwise provided herein, as are vested in or imposed upon boards of county commissioners by general law. Such powers and duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

2) To appoint, subject to the confirmation by the Council, and remove County directors and officers and **to appoint and remove, subject to the confirmation by the Council,** members of boards, agencies, commissions and authorities as are or may hereafter be created by or pursuant to this Charter, and such officers and members of boards, agencies, commissions and authorities as are provided by general law to be appointed by boards of county commissioners. If the Council shall fail to act on the question of such an appointment by the County Executive within sixty days of the date that the County Executive submits such appointment to the Council for its consideration, that appointment shall be deemed confirmed without further action by the Council; **provided, however that Council's failure to act on a question of removal shall not be deemed confirmed without action by the Council.** The County Executive and the Council shall use good faith efforts to reflect the diversity of the people of the County in appointing such officers and members.

SECTION 6.04 SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. When general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council. **When general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order permits an appointing authority to remove an appointee, such removal shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council.**

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby directs that the proposed repeal of Section 5.08 and the proposed enactment of Article XVI shall be submitted to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall read as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CHARTER

Shall Article II, Section 2.03 and Article VI, Section 6.04 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio be amended to require that County Council confirm the County Executive's removal of members of

boards, agencies, commissions and authorities as are or may hereafter be created by or pursuant to this Charter, and such members of boards, agencies, commissions and authorities as are provided by general law to be appointed by boards of county commissioners?

SECTION 3. The Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections no earlier than one hundred twenty day (120) days and not later than sixty (60) days before the November 3, 2026 election. The Clerk is further directed to take all other actions required by law relative to the submission of said amendment for said election, including, if required by law, mailing or otherwise distributing a copy of said proposed amendment to each of the electors of the County as far as may be reasonably possible prior to thirty (30) days before said election.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendments to be properly placed on the November 3, 2026 general election. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members of Council, it shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: June 9, 2026
Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Journal _____

_____, 20__

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0181

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne.	A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article XVI of the County Charter to provide the County Executive the power to suspend, discipline, or remove the Sheriff; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that “[p]roposed amendments to this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County in the manner provided for by the Ohio Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution provides that the “legislative authority” “of any county may by a two-thirds vote of its members” submit by resolution charter amendments to the electors of the county “to be voted upon at the first general election occurring not sooner than sixty days after their submission”; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter to provide for the County Executive to suspend, discipline, or remove the Sheriff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby authorizes and directs that there shall be submitted to a vote of qualified electors of the County of Cuyahoga, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November 2026, the question of amending Article XVI of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, as set forth herein [additions are **bolded and underlined** and deletions are ~~stricken~~]:

Article XVI—SHERIFF

SECTION 16.01 SHERIFF.

(1) Powers and Duties. All powers and duties now or hereafter vested in or imposed upon county sheriffs by general law shall be carried out by the appointed

Sheriff **under the supervision of the County Executive**. The Sheriff's powers and duties shall include appointing authority **under the supervision of the County Executive** in accordance with Article IX of this Charter. The Sheriff shall also have such powers and duties as shall be established by this Charter or by ordinance that are not inconsistent with those provided by general law.

(2) Qualifications. The Sheriff shall possess and continue to maintain the qualifications provided by general law for the office of county sheriff. No person shall be appointed Sheriff unless such person:

(a) Has had at least five years of experience in law enforcement or in correctional facilities management; and

(b) Has obtained a baccalaureate in any field or an associate degree in law enforcement or criminal justice, from a college or university authorized to confer degrees by the Ohio Board of Regents or the comparable agency of another state in which the college or university is located.

(3) Required Certification. Newly appointed Sheriffs shall obtain or already possess one or more of the following certifications within one year, or other time period established by Council through resolution, following the date of first assuming office:

(a) A jail operations certificate or comparable certification approved by the National Sheriffs Association;

(b) A certified corrections executive certificate or comparable certification approved by the American Correctional Association;

(c) A certified jail officer certificate or comparable certification approved by the American Jail Association; or

(d) A professional certification or degree related to the management and operation of a jail as may be approved by the Council.

The office of a Sheriff who is required to comply with this section and who fails to obtain a certification pursuant to this section is hereby deemed to be vacant.

(4) Appointment and Term. The Sheriff shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council, for a term of four years. The incumbent Sheriff at the time this provision becomes effective shall serve a term ending December 31, 2020. Each subsequent Sheriff shall be appointed or reappointed for a term commencing on January 1, 2021, and every four years thereafter. Reappointments shall be subject to Council confirmation.

(5) Removal. ~~During the Term of appointment~~ **Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter or otherwise, the Sheriff shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive and may be suspended, disciplined, or removed from office in the County Executive's sole discretion.**

Alternatively, the Sheriff may be removed ~~only~~ for cause by resolution receiving the affirmative vote of at least eight members of the Council. The Council shall not vote on the question of the removal of the Sheriff until the Council has provided the Sheriff the opportunity to be heard and to present a case for retention in office. The Council may enter executive session to discuss the question of removal as provided by general law; provided the Council holds at least one public hearing where the Sheriff and the public have an opportunity to be heard.

(6) Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy prior to the expiration of the Sheriff's term, the County Executive shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by Council. In the event a vacancy occurs less than two years prior to the expiration of the Sheriff's four-year term, the County Executive may appoint a Sheriff to complete the unexpired term and serve a subsequent four-year term, subject to confirmation by Council.

(7) Amendments Prevail. Any Sheriff in office at the time of any amendment to this Charter, including the amendment enacting this provision, shall be subject thereto as of the effective date of the amendment to the Charter.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby authorizes and directs that the proposed amendment to Article XVI of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga shall be submitted on the ballot to read as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CHARTER

Shall Article XVI of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio be amended to provide the County Executive the power to suspend, discipline, or remove the Sheriff?

SECTION 3. The Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections no earlier than one hundred twenty day (120) days and not later than sixty (60) days before the November 3, 2026 election. The Clerk is further directed to take all other actions required by law relative to the submission of said amendment for said election, including, if required by law, mailing or otherwise distributing a copy of said proposed amendment to each of the electors of the County as far as may be reasonably possible prior to thirty (30) days before said election.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendments to be properly placed on the November 3, 2026 election. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take become immediately effective.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that

resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: June 9, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0182

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne	A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Sections 4.01 and 5.06 of the County Charter to delineate the powers and duties of the Prosecuting Attorney and Director of Law; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that “[p]roposed amendments to this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County in the manner provided by the Ohio Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution provides that the “legislative authority” “of any county may by a two-thirds vote of its members” submit by resolution charter amendments to the electors of the county “to be voted upon at the first general election occurring not sooner than sixty days after their submission”; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is in the best interests of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter to clarify, and delineate the powers and duties of the Prosecuting Attorney and Director of Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby authorizes and directs that there shall be submitted to a vote of qualified electors of the County of Cuyahoga, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd of November, 2026, the question of amending Section 4.01 and 5.06 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, as set forth herein [additions are **bolded and underlined** and deletions are ~~stricken~~]:

SECTION 4.01 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY: ELECTION, DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS.

The Prosecuting Attorney shall be elected, and the duties of that office, and the compensation therefor, including provision for the employment of outside counsel, shall continue to be determined in the manner provided by general law, **except that any and all powers and duties allocated to the Director of Law in Section**

5.06 shall be performed exclusively by the Director of Law and not by the Prosecuting Attorney.

SECTION 5.06 DIRECTOR OF LAW: POWERS, DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS.

A. The Director of Law shall be the legal advisor to and representative of the County Executive ~~and~~; County Council; **the Sheriff and the officers appointed under Article V of this Charter; and all other County officers, directors, offices, departments, agencies, boards, committees, commissions, panels and other entities or authorities (i) under the direction or supervision of the County Executive or County Council, (ii) established by County Council by ordinance in accordance with or pursuant to this Charter, or (iii) comprised of multiple Charter officers and upon the affirmative vote of such board, committee, commission, panel or other entity or authority.**

B. The Director of Law shall be an attorney at law in good standing in the State of Ohio and shall have had at least five ~~years~~ **years of** experience in advising or representing political subdivisions in Ohio.

C. **Notwithstanding any provision of the Charter or general law to the contrary, in carrying out the powers and duties set forth in Section 5.06(A), the Director of Law's duties shall include, without limitation:**

(1) Giving written opinions and other legal advice;

(2) Providing legal representation in labor negotiations, grievances and administrative proceedings, including appeals, except proceedings pertaining to tax foreclosures, as to which the Prosecuting Attorney shall provide legal advice and representation;

(3) Serving as legal counsel until the initiation of any court proceeding instituted by or against the County;

(4) Reviewing, drafting, negotiating and approving as to legal form and correctness all contracts, agreements, bond issuance documents, memoranda of understanding, purchase orders and other legal instruments entered into by the County or executed by or on behalf of any individual or entity set forth in Section 5.06(A); and

(5) When deemed necessary or appropriate by the Law Director, employing outside legal counsel to assist in carrying out the powers and duties set forth in this Section 5.06, with such employment being in accordance with the procedures established by County Council governing the making of contracts as provided in Section 3.09(4).

D. Notwithstanding any provision of the Charter or general law to the contrary, the Director of Law and the Prosecuting Attorney may, with the approval of the County Executive and County Council, allocate powers and duties by agreement, and may refer matters to each other where there is a conflict of interest.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby authorizes and directs that the proposed amendments to Sections 4.01 and 5.06 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga shall be submitted on the ballot to read as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CHARTER

Shall Sections 4.01 and 5.06 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to clarify, and delineate the powers and duties of the Prosecuting Attorney and Director of Law?

SECTION 3. The Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections no earlier than one hundred and twenty (120) days and not later than sixty (60) days before the November 3, 2026 election. The Clerk is further directed to take all other actions required by law relative to the submission of said proposed amendment for said election, including, if required by law, mailing or otherwise distributing a copy of said proposed amendment to each of the electors of the County as far as may be reasonable possible prior to thirty (30) days before said election.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendments to be properly placed on the November 3, 2026 election. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members of Council, it shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

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