

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 23-22

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 731.01(B)

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster's legislative authority, Lancaster City Council, is currently comprised of six (6) ward representatives and three (3) at large councilpersons, for a total of nine (9) representatives, based on the City's 2010 census population of 38,780 according to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 731.01(A); and

WHEREAS, the City's 2020 census population is 40,552, which requires the City to add an additional ward councilperson pursuant to the statutory plan laid out in ORC 731.01(A) or add an additional at large councilperson pursuant to the alternative plan laid out in ORC 731.01(B), for a total of ten (10) representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO

SECTION 1. This Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the City of Lancaster, Ohio at the primary election to be held at the usual places of voting in said City on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. of said day, the question of approving the adoption of an alternative plan for the composition of Lancaster City Council pursuant to ORC 731.01(B), which would add one (1) additional at large representative for a total of ten (10) City Councilpersons, including six (6) ward representatives and four (4) at large representatives.

SECTION 2. It is the desire of this Council that the ballots presented to the electors of the City of Lancaster shall be substantially in the following form:

A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS NECESSARY FOR PASSAGE

Shall the City of Lancaster adopt an alternative plan for the composition of Lancaster City Council pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 731.01(B), which would add one (1) at large representative for a total of ten (10) City Councilpersons comprised of six (6) ward representatives and four (4) at large representatives?

	FOR THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN
	AGAINST THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN

SECTION 3. The Clerk of this Council shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Board of Elections in Fairfield County, Ohio no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 15, 2022.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in open meetings of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to ORC 731.01(B) this Resolution is not subject to veto by the Mayor, need not be published, and shall be immediately effective for placing the issue on the ballot at the May 3, 2022 primary election, which is not less than seventy-five (75) days after its passage.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Approved: _____

President of Council

Attest: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Council of the Whole

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Permanent Resolution ____-22 as adopted by the Council of the City of Lancaster, Ohio at its meeting on _____, 2022.