

City of Canfield

November 2, 2021 Ballot Items

Public Forum – Wednesday, September 22, 2021



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City of Canfield Ballot Items (10 in total)



1. Mayor of the City of Canfield
2. Tax Levy Renewal – Cardinal Joint Fire District
3. Tax Levy Renewal – Canfield Police Department
4. Proposed Charter Amendment (By petition) City of Canfield –Section 3.01 (Council Terms)
5. Proposed Charter Amendment (By petition) City of Canfield –Section 5.08 (Recall of City Manager)
6. Proposed Charter Amendment (By petition) City of Canfield –Section 11.09 (Restrictions on use of Municipal resources)
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10. Local Liquor Option (Precinct 1) Beer and Wine Sales

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City of Canfield

MAYOR



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For Mayor

(Vote for not more than 1)

- Don Dragish
- Wm. Bruce Neff
- Kathryn F. Young

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Cardinal Joint Fire District (CJFD) Renewal Levy



Proposed Tax Levy

(Renewal)

Cardinal Joint Fire District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Cardinal Joint Fire District for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 0.42 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.042 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

- For the Tax Levy
- Against the Tax Levy

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City of Canfield Police Department Renewal Levy



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Proposed Tax Levy

(Renewal)

City of Canfield – Police Department

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Canfield for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department and the payment of salaries of police personnel at a rate not exceeding 3.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.39 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.

- For the Tax Levy
- Against the Tax Levy

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City of Canfield Charter Amendments



1. Proposed Charter Amendment (By petition) City of Canfield –Section 3.01 (Council Terms)
2. Proposed Charter Amendment (By petition) City of Canfield –Section 5.08 (Recall of City Manager)
3. Proposed Charter Amendment (By petition) City of Canfield –Section 11.09 (Restrictions on use of Municipal resources)

Charter Amendments

Frequently Asked Questions? (FAQ's)



Q. What is the City of Canfield's Charter?

A. The Canfield City Charter provides how the City of Canfield governs, operates, and provides services to our citizens. City of Canfield Charter was approved by the voters on December 5, 1968.

Q. Why does Canfield have a City Charter?

A. Canfield is a charter city. This means that it has adopted a model of home-rule government in accordance with the home-rule provisions found at Article 18 of Ohio's Constitution.

Q. How is a Charter Amendment proposed?

A. There are three ways for Charter amendments to be proposed in the City of Canfield:

1. By Ordinance passed by majority of City Council members at anytime.

2. Charter Commission Review (every 5 Years)

Step 1 - Council Appoints Commission members

Step 2 - Six (6) months review of Charter & recommend alterations, revisions, and amendments.

Step 3 - Submit to Council

Step 4 - Article 18, Section 9 of Ohio Constitution

Charter Amendments

Frequently Asked Questions? (FAQ's)



3. By petition of 10% of the electors from last municipal election.

November 2019 Election there were 1,684 people who voted in the municipal election.

= 165 required signatures to propose charter amendments.

Q. Who can propose a charter amendment?

A. Anyone can propose a charter amendment

Does **NOT** have to be a resident of the City of Canfield

Does **NOT** have to be a resident of the State of Ohio

Q. What can be proposed as a charter amendment?

A. Anything can be proposed as a charter amendment

Q. Do all Charter Amendments appear on ballot for voters to decide?

A. Yes, all proposed charter amendments must be submitted to the electors of the City of Canfield for acceptance or rejection.

Charter Amendments

Frequently Asked Questions? (FAQ's)



Q. When was the last charter amendment?

A. November 2018 – Charter Review Commission met in 2018 and recommended four (4) Charter Amendments. City Council accepted two (2) to be placed on the November 2018 Ballot.

1. To Amend §3.01 of the Charter regarding the Number and Term of Councilmembers and Term of Councilmembers to provide that Councilmembers elected in the next general election (2019) shall each be elected to four (4) year terms.
2. To Amend §3.01 of the Charter regarding the Number of Terms of Councilmembers to provide that Councilmembers, including current Councilmembers, would serve no more than four (4) consecutive terms.

Placed on November 2018 Ballot – Canfield Voters passed both these amendments.

Charter Amendments

Frequently Asked Questions? (FAQ's)



Q. How were the 2021 Charter Amendments Proposed?

A. By Petition (10% of the electors from last municipal election.)

Q. What is the petition process for Charter Amendments?

A. Each proposed Charter amendment must be done uniformly per Ohio Secretary of State Guidelines.

- Form No. 6-B Prescribed by Ohio Secretary of State
 - Request for governing authority to pass Ordinance to propose Charter Amendments
 - Describe proposed Charter Amendment
 - Designation of persons as the committee to represent petitioners
 - Signature Pages
 - Circulator Statement
- Submission of petitions to governing authority
- County verifies the number of valid signatures
- Council must pass ordinance placing proposed amendment on next regular municipal election ballot for the electors for rejection or adoption. (Article 18 Section 9 & 14 –Ohio Constitution)

2021 Charter Amendments

June 2, 2021 City Council Meeting

MR. MARK BROOKS: I do. Thank you, Council President Morvay. Not necessarily on the reports. My name is Mark Brooks and I'm with the Utility Workers Union of America. As Council knows, we're very proud to represent the hourly employees of the City of Canfield.

MR. MORVAY: Mark, just for the record, your address please.

MR. MARK BROOKS: Yes, 521 Central Avenue Nashville, TN.

MR. MORVAY: Thank you.

MR. MARK BROOKS: I want to take this opportunity to let the Council and the voting public in Canfield know that we'll be circulating petitions this summer to place a proposed Charter Amendment on the November ballot, to return the terms of council members from 4 years back to 2 years; as it used to be. A few years ago, a prominent Canfield citizen spent an awful lot of shoe leather to put this issue on the ballot to establish 2-year terms for the City Council members.

Initiator - Mark Brooks – Nashville, TN

Utility Workers Union of America AFL-CIO

Special Counsel to the President

Committee to Represent petitioners

Matt Warren – City of Canfield Resident

Jonathan Brodzinski – Ellsworth Township Resident

Circulator – Chris Hughes – Columbus, OH

We hereby designate the following persons as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to this petition or its circulation:

Name	Residence
Matthew Warren	122 Neff Drive, Canfield, OH 44406
Jonathan Brodzinski	10244 Leffingwell Road, Canfield, OH 44406

Signatures on this petition must be from only one county and must be written in ink.

Petition Information

Circulator Statement

Must be completed and signed by the circulator.

I, CHRISTOPHER HUGHES, declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside at the address appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing 23 signatures; that I witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE

Christopher Hughes
Signature of Circulator
674 BINNS BLD.
Permanent Residence Address
COLUMBUS OH. 43204
City or Village State Zip Code

By Petition – Special Interest Group

2021 Charter Amendments



[September 1, 2021 City Council Meeting](#)

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TIMELINE: JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2021

- **June 2, 2021** – Mark Brooks from Nashville, TN representing the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA) informs Council of their intent to circulate petitions. (Section 3.01)
- **June 24, 2021** – Mr. Brooks request to City Law Director on advisement of any perceived technical or legal issues with two (2) proposed charter amendments. (Section 3.01 and Section 5.08)
- **August 2021** – During the week of August 9th through August 16th Mr. Chris Hughes from Columbus, OH circulated petitions in certain areas of Canfield.
- **August 18, 2021** – Mr. Mark Brooks delivered three (3) initiative petitions to the City containing a cover letter signed by City resident.
- **August 30, 2021** – Mahoning County Board of Elections verified signatures.
- **September 1, 2021** – September 1, 2021; City Council passed Ordinances placing proposed Charter Amendments on November 2, 2021 Ballot.

By Petition – Special Interest Group

2021 Charter Amendments



SECTION 3.01 – COUNCIL TERM (YEARS)

- To Amend §3.01 of the Charter regarding the Number and Term of Councilmembers and Term of Councilmembers to provide that Councilmembers elected in the next general election (2023) shall each be elected to four (2) year terms.

SECTION 5.08 – CITY MANAGER RECALL BY ELECTORS

- The electors shall have the power to remove from office any City Manager. The procedure for removal of the Manager by the electors shall be the same procedure as in the case of removal from office by recall election of any elected officer of the Municipality, as provided in section 8.05 of this charter.
 - Section 8.05 – Petition of 25% of total votes cast for the office of Mayor in the last preceding regular municipal election at which a Mayor was elected. (421 Signatures)

By Petition – Special Interest Group

2021 Charter Amendments (cont'd)



SECTION 11.09 – RESTRICTIONS OF USE OF MUNICIPALITY RESOURCES FOR IMPROPER PURPOSE

- No managerial employee of the Municipality may use or authorize the use of any funds or resources of the Municipality, including any staff time compensated by the Municipality, for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate for elected office, any levy, initiative, referendum, or charter amendment, or any petition to place before the electors any initiative, referendum, recall or charter amendment.
- Any action by a managerial employee to restrain, coerce, intimidate, or direct any employee of the Municipality to further any of the foregoing shall be considered a violation of this election.

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City of Canfield
Charter
Amendment
By Petition



CITY OF CANFIELD

Proposed Charter Amendment – Section 3.01

City Council Terms

(By Petition)

City of Canfield

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall section 3.01 of the Charter of the City of Canfield be amended to read as follows: in the general election of November 2023, all council members will be elected to a term of two (2) years. Subsequently, all councilmembers shall be elected to serve two (2) year terms. Councilmembers may serve a maximum of no more than four (4) consecutive terms including previous completed terms. A councilmember will be eligible for election to any office after an intervening term. The mayor shall be elected in the manner provided by section 3.05 of this charter

Shall the Charter of the City of Canfield be amended as proposed by petition?

- Yes
- No

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City of Canfield
Charter
Amendment
By Petition



CITY OF CANFIELD

Proposed Charter Amendment – Section 5.08

Recall of City Manager

(By Petition)

City of Canfield

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall section 5.08, removal of City Manager by Electors, be added to the Charter of the City of Canfield as follows: The electors shall have the power to remove from office any City Manager whose has served as Manager for at least six (6) months. The procedure for removal of the Manager by the electors shall be the same procedures as in the case of removal from office by recall election of any elected officer of the Municipality, as provided in section 8.05 of this charter.

Any City Manager removed from office by the electors pursuant to this section shall be ineligible for any employment by the Municipality for a period of four years, except that said removal shall not bar such person from becoming a candidate for elected office of the Municipality at any subsequent election.

Shall the Charter of the City of Canfield be amended as proposed by petition?

- Yes
- No

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Amendment
By Petition



CITY OF CANFIELD

Proposed Charter Amendment – Section 11.09

Restrictions on use of Municipal Resources

(By Petition)

City of Canfield

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall section 11.09, Restrictions of use of Municipality resources for improper purpose, be added to the Charter of the City of Canfield as follows: No managerial employee of the Municipality may use or authorize the use of any funds or resources of the Municipality, including any staff time compensated by the Municipality, for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate for elected office, any levy, initiative, referendum, or charter amendment, or any petition to place before the electors any initiative, referendum, recall or charter amendment.

Any action by a managerial employee to restrain, coerce, intimidate, or direct any employee of the Municipality to further any of the forgoing shall be considered a violation of this section.

Any managerial employee violating the provisions of this section shall forfeit their position with the Municipality and shall be ineligible for any employment by the Municipality for a period of five years. The procedure for removal of a managerial employee charged with violating this section shall be the same procedure as in the case of removal of the Manager by the City Council, as provided in section 5.07 of this charter, except that any vacancy created in any position by removal of a managerial employee pursuant to this section shall be filled in the same manner as is otherwise provided by this charter of City ordinance for filling vacancies in that position.

For purposes of this section a 'managerial employee; shall include the City Manager, Assistant or Deputy Managers, the Directors of Safety, Service, and Finance, the Police Chief, the Public Works Superintendent, the Municipal Attorney, and any other employee with similar managerial or supervisory responsibilities, provided that no employee whose position included in the classified service of the Municipality shall be considered a managerial employee.

Nothing in this section authorizes any use of funds or resources of the Municipality which is otherwise prohibited or restricted by law.

Shall the Charter of the City of Canfield be amended as proposed by petition?

- Yes
- No

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Board Member Elections



CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

- Vote for not more than three (3)
 - Nader Atway
 - Matt Campbell
 - Traci Kinkade DeCapua

MAHONING COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER BOARD

- Vote for not more than three (3)
 - Jeff Good
 - Kathi McNabb Welsh
 - Richard S. Scarsella

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Mahoning County



ISSUE ONE – MAHONING COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX

- Roads, Bridges, Infrastructure proposed levy in the amount of ¼ per cent for the purpose of the repair, maintenance, and improvement of roads, bridges, and other infrastructure located within Mahoning County, including but not limited to roads, bridges and other infrastructure in townships and municipalities for a period of 5 years, commencing on April 1, 2022.

Shall the resolution of Mahoning County Commissioners proposing a ¼ per cent sales and use tax for the repair, maintenance, and improvements of roads, bridges and other infrastructure located within Mahoning County, including but not limited to roads, bridges and other infrastructure in townships and municipalities be approved?

- Yes
- No

ISSUE TWO – TAX LEVY RENEWAL MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Mahoning County for the purposes of the operation of facilities, and developmental disabilities programs and services by the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.20 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023

- For the Tax Levy
- Against the Tax Levy

Local Liquor Option by Petition

Canfield City Precinct 1

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Local Liquor Option (Precinct 1)



Shall the sale of beer and wine be permitted by Broad Street Diner LLC dba Broad Street Diner, an applicant for a C-1 & C-2 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of Broad Street Diner carry out at 464 S. Broad St. Canfield, Ohio 44406 in this precinct.

- Yes
- No

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QUESTIONS /
COMMENTS

