

## **ARTICLE XII MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

### **SECTION 12.01 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.**

The regular election of officials for the Municipality shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in the odd-numbered years. The Mayor and Council may, at any time by resolution, order a special election, the purpose of which shall be set forth in the resolution.

- A. All municipal elections shall be conducted by the Board of Elections. Such elections shall be held in conformity with the provisions of this Charter, and where this Charter is silent, the provisions of the laws of Ohio shall be followed.
- B. The candidates, equal in number to the places to be filled, who received the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

### **SECTION 12.02 RECALL.**

Any elected official may be removed from office by a recall election before the expiration of that official's term by the qualified voters of the Municipality. The procedures for such recall shall be that as provided by the laws of Ohio.

### **SECTION 12.03 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.**

Ordinances and resolutions may be proposed by initiative petition and adopted in the manner provided by the Constitution and laws of Ohio. Ordinances and resolutions adopted by Council shall be subject to referendum in accordance with procedures established by the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. Petitions for initiative and referendum must contain the signature of qualified electors equal to at least twenty percent of the number of voters that voted in the last general municipal election.

### **SECTION 12.04 SALARY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

The salaries of members of Council and the Mayor shall be as set by ordinance in effect at the time this Charter becomes law. The Mayor and Council may increase or decrease salaries, by ordinance, for any elected official of the Municipality. This ordinance shall be adopted by a vote of not less than two thirds of the members of Council. Any ordinance changing the salary of any elected official shall be adopted at least ninety days prior to the next regular election of the Municipality, and shall be effective on the first day of January following such election.