



Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

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Date: August 13, 2024
To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*
Copies: Melissa Autry, Clerk of Council
Subject: Review of Certified Copy of Petition

Pursuant to Article II, Section 8(A)(4) of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, I have reviewed the enclosed certified copy of a petition submitted by Thomas E. Brinkman, Jr. to the Clerk of Council on August 8, 2024. The certified copy of the petition addresses a single subject and meets the requirements as to form provided by the Charter.

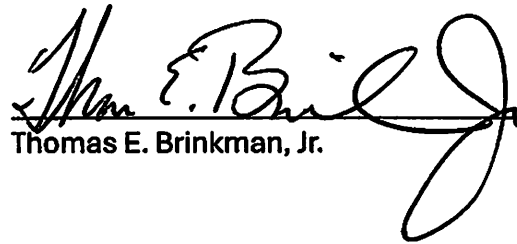
CERTIFICATION OF PETITION PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENT

To: Clerk of the Cincinnati City Council

Pursuant to Article II, Section 8(A)(3) of the Cincinnati City Charter, I, Thomas E. Brinkman, Jr., hereby certify and attest that:

1. I am one of five qualified electors of the City of Cincinnati designated as the committee to propose an amendment to the Cincinnati City Charter to establish and administer a Property Tax Relief Fund.
2. attached hereto is a true and accurate copy of the petition seeking to propose an amendment to the Cincinnati City Charter to establish and administer a Property Tax Relief Fund.

Date: August 7, 2024



Thomas E. Brinkman, Jr.

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Petition for Submission of Proposed Amendment to Charter

Constitution of Ohio, Art. XVIII, Section 9 and 14; R.C. 731.28 - .41, 3503.06

To be signed by ten percent of the electors, based upon the total vote cast at the last preceding general municipal election.

(NOTE – The below notice must be printed in red.)

NOTICE – Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his own, or signs when not a legal voter is liable to prosecution.

To the Council, the legislative authority of the City of Cincinnati of
(City or Village)

Hamilton County Ohio.

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the City of Cincinnati of
(City or Village)

Hamilton County , Ohio respectfully petition the legislative authority to forthwith provide by

Ordinance, for the submission to the electors of said city or village, the following proposed amendment to the Charter of said city or village to-wit:

ARTICLE XVII - Property Tax Relief Fund

Section 1. Establishment. There is hereby established a Property Tax Relief Fund to be funded, administered, and utilized as set forth herein.

Section 2A. Funding. No later than 14 days after the effective date hereof, the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Southern Railway shall transfer \$600 million to the City of Cincinnati which shall, in turn, place said funds into the Property Tax Relief Fund.

Section 2B. Investment Income. The City of Cincinnati may invest the funds of the Property Tax Relief Fund and any income as result of said investments shall be deposited in the Property Tax Relief Fund.

Section 2C. Funds Restricted. All funds within the Property Tax Relief Fund may only be administered and utilized as set forth herein. The City of Cincinnati may not transfer or otherwise dispose of any funds within the Property Tax Relief Fund except as expressly provided herein.

Section 3A. Full Property Tax Relief. No later than 14 days after the effective date hereof, the City of Cincinnati shall ascertain from the Hamilton County Auditor the amount of dollars the City of Cincinnati is to receive from the forthcoming semi-annual tax assessment on real property. The City of Cincinnati shall, within 15 days of the receipt of said amount, pay to the Hamilton County Treasurer from the Property Tax Relief Fund said amount which shall be credited towards the real property tax owed to the City of Cincinnati from each owner of real property within the City of Cincinnati.

Thereafter, the City of Cincinnati shall ascertain from the Hamilton County Auditor the amount of dollars the City of Cincinnati is to receive from each ensuing semi-annual tax assessment at least 45 days prior to the sending of property tax bills by the County Treasurer. The City of Cincinnati shall, within 15 days of the receipt of said amount and provided the Property Tax Relief Fund has sufficient funds to pay said entire amount, pay to the Hamilton County Treasurer from the Property Tax Relief Fund said amount which shall be credited towards the real property tax owed to the City of Cincinnati from each owner of real property within the City of Cincinnati.

Section 3B. Partial Property Tax Relief. If the Property Tax Relief Fund does not have sufficient funds to pay the entire amount provided for in Section 3A, then the City of Cincinnati shall pay to the Hamilton County Treasurer all available funds from the Property Tax Relief Fund. Said payment from the Property Tax Relief Fund shall be credited pro rata towards the real property tax owed from each owner of real property within the City of Cincinnati.

Section 4. Termination. Upon the depletion of all funds with the Property Tax Relief Fund, the City of Cincinnati shall terminate or close out the Property Tax Relief Fund.

Section 5. Self-Executing. The provisions herein shall be self-executing, but the Cincinnati City Council shall have the power to enact ordinances necessary and proper to ensure the implementation of the provisions herein.

Proposal to amend Cincinnati City Charter to Establish and Administer a Property Tax Relief Fund

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
Thomas E. Brinkman, Jr.	
Sarah Wolf	
Pete Witte	
Amber Kassem	
Adam Koehler	

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

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Circulator Statement

Must be completed and signed by the circulator.

I, _____, 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 _____ 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

Signature of Circulator

Permanent Residence Address

City or Village _____ State _____ Zip Code

_____, Ohio

Form 6-B

Petition for the submission of a proposed amendment to charter

Filed _____, _____ (Month, Day), _____ (Year)

City Auditor or Village Clerk