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ORDINANCE NO. O2021-17

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9, MEETINGS, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO

WHEREAS, The City Commissioners proposed an amendment of Section 9, Meetings, of the Charter of the City of Gallipolis, Ohio, so as to change the section to be in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code with regards to public meetings; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to pass this legislation in order to be considered on the November 2021 ballot.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Gallipolis, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: The question of the amendment of Section 9 of the Charter of the City of Gallipolis, Ohio, be submitted to the electorate at the next election on November 2, 2021.

SECTION 2: The ballots for said election shall, at the top thereof, be entitled "An Amendment to the Charter for the City of Gallipolis, Ohio" and the question to be submitted on said ballot shall be in reference to the words contained below:

That Section 9 of the Charter of the City of Gallipolis, Ohio, which reads as follows:

SECTION 9. MEETINGS

The City Commission shall meet on the second day of January following a regular municipal election, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., at the usual place for holding the meetings of the legislative body of the City, except that if such day fall on Sunday, then on the day following, at which time the newly elected commissioners shall assume the duties of their office. Thereafter, the City Commission shall meet at such times as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution, except that it shall meet regularly not less than once every month. The president, any two members of the Commission, or the City Manager may call special meetings of the Commission upon at least eight hours' written notice to each member, served personally or left at his usual place of residence. All meetings of the City Commission shall be public, and any citizen shall have access to the minutes and records thereof at all reasonable hours. The Commission shall determine its own rules and order of business, and shall keep a journal of its proceedings.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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SECTION 3: That pursuant to Section 83 of the Charter for the City of Gallipolis, Ohio, the Clerk of the City Commission be, and hereby is authorized and directed to have printed a sufficient number of copies of the proposed amendment so that the same may be sent to each elector whose name

appears on the polls or registration books of the last regular or general election not less than thirty (30) days prior to such election.

SECTION 4: That the Clerk of the City Commission be, and hereby is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance to the Board of Elections of Gallia County, Ohio.

SECTION 5: That the Clerk of the City Commission be, and hereby is authorized and directed to publish the full text of the proposed charter amendment as per attachment once a week for not less than two (2) consecutive weeks in the Gallipolis Daily Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in said City, with the first fifteen (15) days prior to the election hereinbefore provided, all in accordance with Section 9 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution and with Section 731.211 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force at the earliest period of time allowed by law.

PASSED: June 1, 2021

ATTEST:

Annette M. Landers
Clerk of the City Commission
Annette M. Landers

Cody C Caldwell
President of the City Commission
Cody C Caldwell

The foregoing Ordinance is hereby approved as to form.

Bryno S Noe
Gallipolis City Solicitor
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