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To: Village Council
From: Amy Blankenship, Village Solicitor
Re: Charter Amendment Regarding Recall
Date: October 19, 2026

At the October 5, 2026, meeting we discussed revising the Village's Charter regarding Recall. If Council were to place this matter on the May Special Election ballot, the Village will be responsible for the cost of the special election if there are no other items on the ballot. The Clerk of Council requested an estimated cost from the Greene County Board of Elections, which is included in your packet. The estimated cost is \$42,412.00.

If Council decides to place this issue on the May 4, 2027, ballot, the legislation must be submitted to the Board of Elections by February 3, 2027. I suggest the charter amendment ordinances be on the agendas in December if Council decides to proceed with the May election.

If Council chooses not to move forward with the possible expense of the May Special Election, the legislation will be passed in summer of 2027 and submitted to the Board of Elections in August 2027 for the November 2027 ballot.

I am also requesting at the time the Village submits the Charter amendment for recall to include a second Charter amendment regarding the right to hold remote meetings in accordance with Section 220.02 of the codified ordinances. That ordinance reads:

220.02 REMOTE MEETINGS.

(a) Members of municipal bodies may hold and attend meetings, and conduct public hearings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any other reliable remote technology and shall be counted as "present in person" for purposes of R.C. § 121.22(C) for quorum and voting. The Clerk or staff shall confer with the Chair of each municipal body in advance of the notice date for each meeting to confirm remote resources are available to conduct meetings to permit hybrid attendance with some members physically present while others attend remotely as well as public accessibility, and the Clerk shall provide notice accordingly. During any local, state or federal declared emergency, or upon determination of necessity by the President of Council in conjunction with Village Manager, meetings may be fully remote if noticed accordingly.

(b) Any motion, ordinance, recommendation, resolution or other formal action of the body taken or adopted by the municipal body during a remote session has the same effect as if done during a regular meeting without the use of remote technology.

(c) All notice requirements of Section 220.01 remain in effect. The Clerk shall encourage public access to the discussions and deliberations of the body to the extent that the public would have been able to during an in-person meeting.



(d) Any use of remote meeting technology shall ensure that the public is able to hear the discussions of each member of the body and be heard as would be permitted at an in-person meeting. Quasi-judicial hearings shall not be held remotely except during a local, state or federal declared emergency.

(e) With the exception of emergencies, if all elected officials attend a Council meeting remotely but the meeting place cannot be opened for public hybrid access, the meeting must be cancelled.

Estimated Cost of Conducting an Election for Subdivision
by the Greene County Board of Elections

Subdivision Name: Village of Yellowsprings

Date of Election: 4-May-27

Number of precincts: 4

Estimated compensation of poll workers \$ 1,072.00

9 number of poll workers

Estimated compensation of intermittent employees hired to perform duties required and associated with the preparation and conduct of the election. \$ 15,840.00

Other details:

Estimated cost of compensation of overtime worked by director, deputy, and regular employees required for and associated with the preparation and conduct of the election. \$ 0.00

Other details: Regular staff should not have to work OT

Estimated cost of rent, moving, heating and lighting polling places. \$ 0.00

Other details: Antioch University

Estimated cost of ballots, instructions, election supplies and registration lists. \$ 2,500.00

Other details:

Estimated cost of delivering, placing and removing ballot boxes, voting machines, marking devices, and election supplies, including ballots. \$ 8,000.00

Other details: Boots on the Ground Moving and Storage

Estimated cost of contractors engaged to prepare, program, test and operate voting machines, marking devices and automatic tabulating equipment. \$ 15,000.00

Other details:

Total Estimated Cost of Election \$ 42,412.00
(for subdivision)