

ORDINANCE NO. C-76-73

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. C-54-73
WHICH SUBMITTED THE QUESTION OF A CHARTER
AMENDMENT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF GROVE
CITY AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION AND TO DECLARE
AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, This council has previously appointed a Charter Revision Committee to study and propose a recommendation to this Council for a possible charter amendment to the City's Charter with respect to the City's debt limitation, and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of said committee certain proposed changes to Article 6 of the Charter of Grove City, where by virtue of Ordinance No. C-54-73, directed to be placed upon a ballot for the November 6, 1973 election for submission to the voters, and

WHEREAS, the appointed charter revision committee has since the date of the enactment of Ordinance No. C-54-73 reconsidered its recommendation that the proposed charter revision initially recommended by the committee be placed on the ballot, and

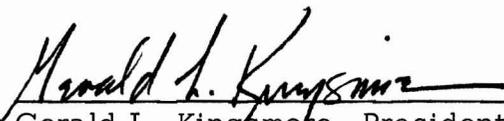
WHEREAS, it is now the unanimous recommendation of the Charter Revision Committee that the Council withdraw the proposed amendment from the ballot for the purpose of further study by the committee.

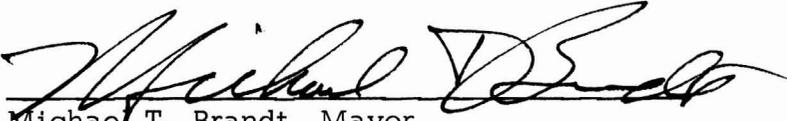
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. C-54-73 being an ordinance to submit the question of a charter amendment to the voters of the City of Grove City at the next general election on November 6, 1973 be and is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. This ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval of the Mayor.

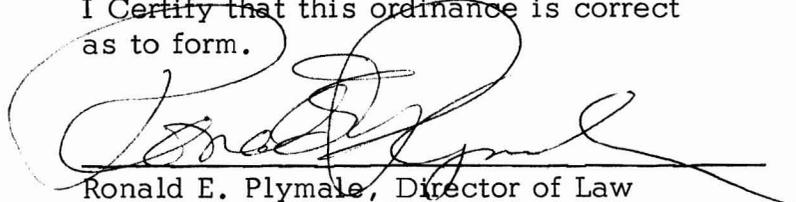
Submitted: 9/4/73
Passed: 9/4/73
Effective: 9/4/73


Gerald L. Kingsmore, President of Council


Michael T. Brandt, Mayor


June A. Cook, Clerk of Council

I Certify that this ordinance is correct
as to form.


Ronald E. Plymale, Director of Law

Appointed jointly by Grove City Council and the Mayor, the Charter Revision Committee has been meeting regularly to review the possibility of raising the present 3-mill limit to a 10-mill limit. Ohio statutes provide this 10-mill limit to municipalities unless the entity's charter provides otherwise as is the case here in Grove City.

It was pointed out to the Committee at its initial meeting that this increase -- if approved by the voters -- is necessary to permit raising the City's bonding capacity enough to allow major improvement projects on streets, water and sewer lines and other utilities.

It became the responsibility of the Committee, then, to gather and assimilate data to determine the feasibility of placing a proposed charter amendment authorizing the increase in millage before Grove City voters. Based upon its investigation, the Committee was asked to make appropriate recommendations.

Amid alleged "disagreement" on the part of its members, the Committee continued its work. (This apparent lack of unanimity merely was introspection and honest, practical questioning and analysis in the best interest of Grove City citizens.) Each of the meetings was open to the public. Nearly all were attended by the RECORD, which reported the proceedings, as well as encouraging citizens to attend. Outside guest speakers and City Administrators, knowledgeable in the fields of finance and public administration, addressed themselves to the reported need for, and content of, the proposed charter revision. Legal opinions were solicited from Bricker, Evatt, Barton & Eckler (Columbus) and Squires, Sanders & Dempsey (Cleveland). Both firms indicated the proposed amendment would achieve our goal to increase millage.

The Committee's initial recommendation, based upon information provided by the Administration, was to "sell" the increase to the voters for the purpose of financing self-supporting debt which would not require additional tax burden on the population, except in the event of an emergency. The Administration did not feel this was adequate to meet its purported needs.

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The Committee returned to the drawing board. After testimony by the Mayor, his Administrative Assistant, the City's consulting engineer and their promises to provide the Committee with certain essential material -- priority of proposed projects, comparative financial data, etc. -- the Committee recommended City Council vote to determine if the proposed amendment should be placed on the November ballot. In due course, Council unanimously approved the amendment for a vote of Grove City citizens.

The Committee continued its work, preparing plans and direction for the amendment's interpretation to the people and the necessity for the increased millage. While doing so, the Committee drew upon the experience of those who had worked with similar situations. Based upon this information and additional data provided by the City Administration, the Committee reconsidered its recommendation

that the amendment be placed upon the ballot.

As a result, the Committee, in harmony with the Mayor, acting in good faith with the Grove City citizen as its major concern, tonight formally asks that Council move to reconsider its decision to place the amendment on the ballot and urges Council to withdraw the proposed amendment for further study by the extant Committee. The Committee feels that if all data examined by it within the next few months indicate the necessity for increasing the millage, then a six-month wait -- until May 1974 -- will not have an immediate adverse effect upon Grove City.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. Endres, Chairman

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