

OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT

Athens County

Special Election

May 6, 2025

Instructions to Voter

- To vote: completely darken the oval (●) to the left of your choice.
- Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed. Vote either "Yes" or "No," or "For" or "Against," on any issue.
- If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that question will not be counted.
- If you make a mistake or want to change your vote: return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times.

Issue 2

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment
TO FUND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY PERMITTING
THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS**

**Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General
Assembly**

**To enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the
Constitution of the State of Ohio**

**A majority yes vote is required for the adoption
of Section 2t.**

This proposed amendment would:

1. Authorize the state to issue bonds or other obligations to finance or assist in financing public infrastructure capital improvements for local governments and other governmental entities. Capital improvement projects would be limited to roads and bridges, waste water treatment systems, water supply systems, solid waste disposal facilities, storm water and sanitary collection, storage, and treatment facilities.

2. Determine that such capital improvements are necessary to preserve and expand the public infrastructure, ensure public health, safety and welfare, create and preserve jobs, enhance employment opportunities, and improve the economic welfare of the people of Ohio.

3. Limit the total principal amount of the state general obligations issued under the amendment to no more than \$2.5 billion over a ten-year period. Any principal amount that could have been issued in any prior fiscal year, but was not issued, may subsequently be issued.

4. Require that obligations issued under this amendment mature no later than thirty (30) years after their date of issuance, and that any obligation issued to retire or refund other obligations mature no later than the permitted maturity date for the obligations being retired or refunded.

5. Authorize the General Assembly to pass laws implementing this amendment, including laws establishing procedures for incurring and issuing obligations, and laws providing for the use of Ohio products, materials, services and labor to the extent possible.

If approved, the amendment shall take effect immediately.

A "YES" vote means approval of the amendment.

A "NO" vote means disapproval of the amendment.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

YES

NO

4 Proposed Ordinance

City of Nelsonville

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

To give effect the wishes of the voters of Nelsonville while still preserving a continuity of government, ensuring all public services are able to be rendered uninterrupted to the citizens of Nelsonville, providing security to the employees who have faithfully served the City of Nelsonville, as well as to the residents to which they serve.

An amendment to the Charter of the City of Nelsonville is recommended to make the following changes:

The Office of the City Manager:

- The Office of the City Manager shall be reformed into the Office of the Mayor.
- The Mayor shall be a qualified elector of the City of Nelsonville.
- The Mayor shall serve a term of 4 years, serving a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.
- The Office of the Mayor shall be a non-partisan office.
- In the vacancy of the Mayor, the Council President shall fill the vacancy until a permanent appointment can be made by 2/3 majority vote of council or until the vacancy is filled through election
- The Mayor shall have veto powers over council.
- The current composition of the Office of the City Manager shall continue as it exists under the Office of the Mayor.

The Council of the City of Nelsonville:

- City Council shall be composed of 8 non-partisan council members:
- One Council President, Elected at large
- Three Council Members, Elected at large
- Four Council Members, Elected from wards
- Wards to be established though ordinance.
- Wards to be re-evaluated every 10 years commencing on the release of updated Federal Census counts.
- Council members shall serve two-year terms with a lifetime limit of 12 years of service.
- Council President shall be non-voting member unless the event of a tie.
- Shall preside call and manage council meetings.

- The Council Clerk shall serve all of council but report to the council president.
- Vacancy for the council shall be nominated by the Mayor with a majority vote of council members present confirming the selection.
- Council by 2/3 majority of all council members elected may override a mayoral veto.

This proposal shall be certified to the board of elections to run on the 2025 Primary ballot and for the election of all offices to be held in the following general election. All current council seats will be considered as expiring at this term (i.e. all 7 seats will be up for election). Provided its passage, the current council will appoint an interim Mayor with 3/4th majority vote of all members elected to council. Nothing shall preclude this interim Mayor from running in the general election, nor shall it count towards their number of terms. Council shall set the pay for the Mayor by separate ordinance prior to the first election. The interim Mayor shall be paid a base salary of \$59,000.

Council will have authority to effectuate all necessary steps to implement these changes.

This amendment shall be certified and placed on the May 6th, 2025 primary ballot. Should this amendment pass, following the Board of Elections official result certification shall become effective no later than 30 days thereafter.

In the event this amendment proves ineffective in providing proper governance over the City of Nelsonville Council shall have full authority to call for the dissolution of the Charter of the City of Nelsonville to be voted on by the Citizens of the City of Nelsonville. Should the Citizens pass such provision by popular vote Council shall have full authority to implement any necessary transition into a statutory form of government.

By enacting this amendment to the City of Nelsonville Charter, Ordinance # (issue 23) shall henceforth be repealed. At no time would this provision prohibit the Citizens of Nelsonville from calling for the abolishment of the City Charter under their rights set forth in the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

Shall the proposed ordinance amendment 05-25 be adopted?

YES

NO

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