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CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO BE SENT TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Xenia, Ohio, July 30, 2010: The City Council on Thursday night approved sending two charter amendments to the Board of Elections for placement on the November ballot. The placement on the ballot of one of the charter amendments addresses the petition request from the Get Alarmed Citizens of Xenia political action committee. This charter amendment requires minimum manning for public safety services in the City and is strongly opposed by City Council because it does not include a funding source and restricts the ability of the City to respond to future fiscal or other emergencies. The other charter amendment addresses the City's ability to continue to provide cost effective public safety services by allowing the City to hire part-time, temporary, and/or volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians and police officers. The City Council believes that with passage of the .5% income tax increase on the November ballot combined with the ability to supplement the safety forces with part-time, temporary, and/or volunteers will allow the City to continue to provide excellent safety services while minimizing future cost to taxpayers.

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