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CITY RECEIVES PETITION FOR MINIMUM MANNING FOR POLICE AND FIRE

Xenia, Ohio, 07/23/2010: The City of Xenia has received a petition for a charter amendment for minimum manning for police and fire services. The petition was presented by the Get Alarmed Citizens of Xenia political action committee. The City of Xenia is required by Ohio Revised Code Section 731.28 to retain the petition and make it available for public inspection for 10 days. The petition is currently available for inspection in the office of the City Clerk located at 101 North Detroit Street. At the end of the 10-day period, the City must transmit a certified copy of the charter amendment and the petition to the Board of Elections.

The proposed charter amendment, initially presented to the City Council at the July 8th Council meeting, was given careful consideration by Council but was rejected because there was no funding source attached to the measure and it restricted the ability of the City to respond to future fiscal or other emergencies. At the Council meeting on July 22 a financial projection presentation was made to Council illustrating that if the minimum manning charter amendment was approved without additional funding for the positions the City would be **bankrupt** by 2013.

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