

ORDINANCE NO. 24-11

By _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROCEED WITH PLACING ON THE
BALLOT CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY REGARDING
OPEN MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the City Charter Review Commission has met and reviewed the current City Charter; and

WHEREAS, said Charter Commission has formally recommended to the Council of the City of Bexley to place the question of whether or not the electors of Bexley wish to have certain amendments made to the Charter of the City of Bexley, which changes relate to modifications of the section pertaining to open meetings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XVIII, section 9 of the Ohio Constitution, amendments to the Charter may be submitted to the electors by a two-thirds vote of City Council,

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY,
OHIO, TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CONCURRING:**

SECTION 1 That the proposed amendments to Section 22 of Article IV and the addition of Section 81 of Article XIX of the Charter of the City of Bexley, Ohio, which are set forth in detail in the document attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, be placed on the ballot for consideration by the electors of the City of Bexley at the November 8, 2011 general election.

SECTION 2. That the question to be submitted on the ballot shall be as follows:

Shall the Charter of the City of Bexley be amended to broaden application of open meeting standards to include all city "public bodies"?

SECTION 3 This Ordinance shall go into full force and effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed _____, 2011

President of Council

Attest _____
Clerk of Council

Approved: _____, 2011

John M. Brennan, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Legal Counsel

First Reading: _____, 2011

Second Reading: _____, 2011

Third Reading: _____, 2011

EXHIBIT A

Open Meetings

Section 22. Quorum; Rules; Journal; Public Meetings.

A majority of all the members elected to Council shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner, and under such penalty as may be prescribed by ordinance. The Council shall determine its own rules and order of business and shall keep a journal of its proceedings. All meetings of a public body Council or committees thereof shall be public meetings open to the public, except Council may provide by ordinance for private deliberations and/or executive sessions of a public body for the discussion of matters declared in such ordinance to require and/or permit confidentiality. No action of a public body Council or committees thereof is valid unless adopted in a public meeting. Council may provide by ordinance for notification of meetings to the news media. Any citizen shall have access to the records of a public body in the manner and to the extent provided by the general laws of Ohio. The term "public body" as used in this Section 22 means Council, any committee of Council or any board or commission of the City established by the Charter or by Council. ~~Council or committees thereof at all reasonable times. (Amended Nov. 6, 1990)~~ (Amended Nov. 8, 2011)

Section 81. Effective Date of 2011 Amendments to Charter.

The amendments to this Charter proposed by Ordinance Nos. 22-11, 23-11 and 24-11, adopted on _____, 2011, if such amendments are approved by a majority of the persons voting at the election held on November 8, 2011, shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

The amendment to this Charter proposed by Ordinance No. 21-11, adopted on _____, 2011, if such amendments are approved by a majority of the persons voting at the election held on November 8, 2011, shall take effect on January 1, 2014. (Amended Nov. 8, 2011)