

Offered by _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____-2008 authorizing and directing the submission to the electors of the City of Akron of a proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Akron by the addition of a new Section 98 "Akron Scholarship Plan" to be voted upon at the election on November 4, 2008; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the youth of this City are the most valuable asset and resource of the City and represent the strength and the future of this community; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide post secondary education and training to Akron resident students to continue their education because a high school diploma is no longer enough to secure a good paying job; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the entire community educate its youth because the cost of higher education is out of the reach of many high school graduates and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to make scholarships available to every Akron resident student who desires to continue education beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, in order to establish a scholarship fund, a lease of the sewer system, with proper protections for rate payers and residents, will provide the necessary funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the City of Akron:

Section 1. That Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the City of Akron at the election to be held at the usual places of voting in the City of Akron on November 4, 2008, between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time of that day, of a proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Akron.

Section 2. That it is the desire and request of this Council that the ballot question for the proposed amendment referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance shall be substantially in the following form:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

CITY OF AKRON

A Majority Affirmative Vote is

Necessary for Passage

Shall we, the People of the City of Akron, establish a Scholarship Fund for Akron resident students by amending the Charter to add a new SECTION 98 AKRON SCHOLARSHIP PLAN, which shall include the following protections:

