RESOLUTION CR-32-26

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED "COMMUNITY CONSENT AMENDMENT" TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO, DUE TO THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON CHURCHES, PARKS, BUSINESSES, AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY AND THE ABILITY OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND AMENITIES TO OUR RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Citizens of Grove City understand the consequences of the proposed change to the Charter of the City of Grove City, Ohio and the effect it will have on the future of the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Charter amendment imposes undue burden on businesses and individual property owners and circumvents elected officials' capacity to govern; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Charter amendment will significantly impact property rights and has far-reaching impacts on properties with no association to data centers, including, but not limited to, schools, parks, residential, farms, and the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the largest manufacturer of medical gloves used for healthcare in the United States, employing over 300 people in their Grove City facility, has already threatened litigation over the proposed Charter amendment due to the impact it will have on their business; and

WHEREAS, the City's Law Director has identified many legal risks that would be caused by the proposed Charter amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Grove City will endeavor to inform the public of the major impacts the proposed Charter amendment will create.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: In preparation for the November 3, 2026 election, Council encourages all Grove City voters to read:

* The proposed Charter amendment in full and consider the implications the proposed Charter amendment will have on the City before making an informed vote.
* The legal analysis of the proposed Charter amendment prepared by the Law Director for the City of Grove City, Ohio.

SECTION 2: A healthy democracy relies on citizens' participation in the electoral process, and Council encourages all Grove City voters to exercise their right to vote as provided under the U. S. Constitution and the Ohio Constitution.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is not intended to directly or indirectly benefit any person, group or entity. The sole purpose of this legislation is for the City of Grove City, as a Home Rule City that has adopted a Charter under Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution, to express its opinion under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and inform its residents of the impacts the proposed Charter Amendment will create.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

Ted A. Berry, President of Council

Richard L. Stage, Mayor

Passed: 09-03-2026

Effective: 09-03-2026

Attest:

Tami K. Kelly, MMC, Clerk of Council

I certify that this
resolution is correct as to form.

Stephen J. Smith, Director of Law