

HOW PROVISIONS IN THE DEARBORN CITY CHARTER WOULD BE CHANGED IF PROPOSAL 1 IS APPROVED

HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT:

Words in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS would be new language in the listed Charter sections.

All words that have lines through them (known as strike-throughs, like ~~elected from the City at large~~ in the first section below) is the language from the current Charter that would be removed as the new provisions are added.

Editor's notes are included, in italic type, to explain some aspects of what is and is not included here. All of this information was taken directly from documents attached to the petitions signed by voters to put Proposal 1 on the November 4 ballot.

Chapter 6. – General Provisions Affecting Officers of the City

Section 6.1 – Elective officers

Elective officers of the City shall be a mayor, clerk, ~~and seven~~ NINE councilmembers and NINE CHARTER COMMISSIONERS. ~~elected from the City at large.~~ SEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED IN DISTRICTS AND TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE CITY AT LARGE.

(Editor's note: Sections 6.2 and 6.3 are unchanged, and 6.4 through 6.7 are entirely new Sections)

SECTION 6.4 – COUNCILMEMBERS ELECTED BY DISTRICT.

ONE MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH OF THE SEVEN COUNCIL DISTRICTS. EACH CANDIDATE FOR A CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT SHALL BE A RESIDENT AND REGISTERED VOTER OF THE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT THEY SEEK TO REPRESENT. A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S OFFICE IS VACATED IF THE MEMBER MOVES THEIR RESIDENCE OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL DISTRICT THAT THE MEMBER REPRESENTS. THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNCIL DISTRICT SHALL BE DETEREMINED BY THE CITY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC).

SECTION 6.5 – CHARTER COMMISSIONERS.

CHARTER COMMISSIONERS ELECTED FOR REVISION OF THIS CHARTER SHALL BE ELECTED IN A NONPARTISAN ELECTION FROM THE SEVEN COUNCIL DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED FOR CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS. EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT SHALL NOMINATE AND ELECT A MEMBER OF THE CHARTER COMMISSION. TWO COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE CITY AT LARGE.

SECTION 6.6 – CITY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION.

THE CITY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC) SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS WHO SHALL BE THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION

AND FOUR CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES. CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CRC MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: THEY SHALL BE REGISTERED AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE CITY OF DEARBORN; THEY SHALL NOT CURRENTLY, OR IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS, BE A CANDIDATE FOR CITY OFFICE, OR AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED CITY OFFICIAL; AND THEY SHALL NOT BE THE PARENT, STEPPARENT, CHILD, STEPCHILD, SPOUSE, SIBLING OF ANY INDIVIDUAL DISQUALIFIED BY THE SECOND CRITERION.

THE CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CRC SHALL BE SELECTED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PROCESS:

1) THE CITY CLERK SHALL ADMINISTER AN APPLICATION PROCESS THAT WILL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. MAKE APPLICATIONS FOR THE CRC CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS.

B. PROMOTE THE APPLICATION PROCESS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

C. ACCEPT APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO ATTEST THAT THEY MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

2) FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION PERIOD, FOUR CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE SELECTED. THE SELECTION PROCESS SHALL PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE CLERK SHALL ELIMINATE ANY INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND ELIMINATE THE APPLICATIONS OF ANY INDIVIDUALS THAT FAIL TO MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS LAID OUT IN THE SECTION.

B. THE CLERK SHALL RANDOMLY IDENTIFY FIVE APPLICANTS FROM EACH RESIDENTIAL DEARBORN ZIP CODE: 48120, 48124, 48126, 48128.

C. IF NO APPLICANTS ARE RECEIVED FOR A ZIP CODE, THE MAYOR SHALL IDENTIFY TWO RESIDENTS OF THAT ZIP CODE, AND THE CLERK SHALL IDENTIFY ONE RESIDENT OF THAT ZIP CODE.

3) THE CLERK SHALL SUBMIT ALL IDENTIFIED APPLICANTS FROM STEP 2 TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR. WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF RECEIPT, THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR MAY EACH STRIKE ONE APPLICANT FROM EACH ZIP CODE, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT TOTAL STRIKES AMONG THE TWO BODIES. IF ONLY ONE OR TWO APPLICANTS ARE IDENTIFIED FOR A ZIP CODE, THEY WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE STRUCK BY EITHER BODY.

4) THE CLERK SHALL RANDOMLY SELECT THE NAME OF ONE APPLICANT FROM EACH ZIP CODE TO SERVE AS A CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CRC.

FIVE MEMBERS CONSTITUTE A QUORUM OF THE CRC AND ALL ACTIONS SHALL

BE BY MAJORITY VOTE (4) OF THE TOTAL CRC MEMBERSHIP. THE CRC SHALL ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE. THE BUSINESS OF THE CRC SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO THE CRC TO ENABLE IT TO PERFORM THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO IT. ALL RECORDS OF THE CRC SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. BEFORE APPROVING ANY OF THE DISTRICTING PLAN, THE CRC SHALL SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT THOROUGH AT LEAST FOUR PUBLIC HEARINGS, ONE HOSTED IN EACH DEARBORN RESIDENTIAL ZIP CODE.

WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE VOTER APPROVAL OF THE BALLOT PROPOSAL ADOPTING THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT, THE CITY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SHALL BE FORMED. THE CRC SHALL MEET IN 2026 TO CREATE A DISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE SEVEN COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THE DISTRICTS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED WITH SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE 2029 CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD BASED ON THE DISTRICTING PLAN FOR SEVEN COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THE CRC SHALL THEREAFTER MEET WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE LATEST OFFICIAL FIGURES OF THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS TO REDISTRICT THE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A NUMBER SHALL DESIGNATE EACH SINGLE MEMBER COUNCIL DISTRICT. THE CITY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SHALL ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA IN PROPOSING AND ADOPTING A REDISTRICTING PLAN IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

- 1) DISTRICTS SHALL BE OF EQUAL POPULATION AS IS PRACTICABLE AND SHALL COMPLY WITH THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.
- 2) DISTRICTS SHALL BE GEOGRAPHICALLY CONTINGUOUS AND COMPACT.
- 3) DISTRICTS SHALL REFLECT THE CITY'S DIVERSE POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST MAY INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO, POPULATIONS THAT SHARE CULTURAL OR HISTORICAL CHARACTERISTICS OR ECONOMIC INTERESTS. COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST DO NOT INCLUDE RELATIONSHIPS WITH POLITICAL PARTIES, INCUMBENTS, OR POLITICAL CANDIDATES.
- 4) IN SUBSEQUENT REDISTRICTINGS, THE CRC SHALL ONLY MAKE THE INCREMENTAL CHANGES TO THE SINGLE MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE POPULATION CHANGES.

Section 6.4 6.7 – Vacancies in elective offices.

(Editor's note: Only the two paragraphs of this section that pertain to vacancies on the City Council are included in this document, due to pertinence and for ease of reading.)

If a vacancy occurs AMONG THE AT LARGE MEMBERS on the Council then the candidate not elected receiving the highest number of votes for the office of AT LARGE councilmember in the preceding election who is qualified and will accept the position shall be appointed to fill the vacancy. Each successive vacancy that occurs on the Council shall be filled

in the same manner. If there is no such person, the Council shall appoint some other qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

IF A VACANCY OCCURS AMONG THE DISTRICT-ELECTED MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL, THE NEXT HIGHEST VOTE RECIPIENT IN THE MOST RECENT ELECTION IN THAT DISTRICT SHALL BE APPOINTED. IF THERE IS NO SUCH CANDIDATE, A SPECIAL ELECTION SHALL BE HELD TO FILL THE VACANCY.

(Editor's note: The remaining Sections in Chapter 6 of the Charter are renumbered as Sections 6.8 through 6.20 after the additions of new Sections 6.4 through 6.6. The language in each Section is unchanged and is not included here for brevity and ease of reading.)

Chapter 7. – The Legislative Department

Section 7.3 – Organization of the council.

~~Except as other provided in this charter, the candidate for Council receiving the highest number of votes in the regular City election shall serve as president of the Council. The candidate for Council receiving the second highest number of votes in the same election shall serve as president pro tem of the Council and~~ AT ITS FIRST MEETING THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT PRO TEM. THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM shall act as president of the Council during the absence or disability of the President or when the President is serving as Mayor Pro Tem (Section 10.3) or as Mayor on a temporary basis (Section 6.4 6.7). The term of office for Council officers shall correspond to their term of office as members of the Council to which they were elected. ~~The President or President Pro Tem of the Council may decline to serve in such office in which event that candidate having received the next highest number of votes in the same City election shall serve in their stead. Each successive vacancy in the office of Council President or Council President Pro Tem shall be filled in the same manner.~~ Other duties of the Council President and Council President Pro Tem shall be set forth in rules adopted by the Council.

Chapter 12. - Elections

Section 12.3 – Nominating petitions.

The nomination of candidates for elective offices in the City shall be by nominating petitions therefor. CANDIDATES FOR CITYWIDE OFFICE MUST FILE PETITIONS signed by not less than one hundred or more than two hundred registered electors of the City, INCLUDING AT LEAST TEN SIGNATURES FROM EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT. CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL DISTRICTS MUST FILE PETITIONS SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED NOR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT. Nominating petitions shall be filed with the City Clerk by 4 p.m. on the twelfth Tuesday prior to the primary election.

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