



Resolution No. 2014-184
August 7, 2014

Resolution to Amend the City Charter to remove the mandatory revision process every 8th general election and allow for revision of the City Charter by applicable state law

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

WHEREAS, Section 21(1) of the Home Rule City Act (HRCA), MCL 117.21(1), authorizes a city council to adopt a resolution proposing to amend the city charter by a three-fifths vote of its members-elect, and the resolution proposing to amend the city charter must set forth the exact wording of the proposed amendment to be submitted to the city voters for approval at a regular or special election, and;

WHEREAS, The resolution must set forth the ballot language for the proposed charter amendment—with each proposal being limited to a single subject, and if the subject of a proposal includes more than one related proposition, each proposition shall be separately stated as a ballot proposal to afford an opportunity for a separate vote of the city voters for or against each proposition, and

WHEREAS, Section 21(2) of the HRCA, MCL 117.21(2), requires that the ballot language for the submission to the city voters of each proposed amendment shall be limited to 100 words, exclusive of caption, shall be a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the amendment, and shall not create prejudice for or against the proposed amendment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article XI, Section 11.07 of the Ypsilanti City Charter shall be amended as follows:

11.07. Revision.

This Charter may be revised as provided by State law.

The current charter section(s) being altered by this amendment provides as follows:

11.07. Charter revision question.

The question of whether there shall be a general revision of the City Charter shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Ypsilanti at the 8th general City election after the effective date of this Charter and at every 8th general City election thereafter and may be submitted at other times in the manner provided by law.

Members of the Commission shall be elected at the same time as the vote on the question.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ballot language for the proposed amendment shall be as follows:

Shall Article XI, Section 11.07 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to remove a mandatory charter revision process every 8th general city election and instead provide that the Charter may be revised as provided by State law, being MCL 117.18 et seq., which provides that revisions may be initiated by City Council or by initiatory petition?

Yes ____ No ____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval of the proposed amendment (MCL 117.22) and transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval of the proposed ballot language for the proposed amendment (MCL 117.21).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Ypsilanti at the general election to be held in the City on November 4, 2014, and the City Clerk is directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration in a manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the Charter amendment to a vote of the electors as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed charter amendment shall be published in full, together with the existing charter provision amended as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proposed charter amendment must be posted, in full, in a conspicuous place in each polling location.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Moeller

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Murdock

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 VOTE: CARRIED
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I do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2014-184 as passed by the Ypsilanti City Council, at their meeting held on August 7, 2014.

Frances McMullan, City Clerk