PROPOSED ARTICLE III, MAYOR Section 3.02, QUALIFICATIONS

Present Charter

ARTICLE III MAYOR

SECTION 3.02, QUALIFICATIONS

The Mayor for ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Mayor's filing the Mayor's declaration of candidacy for election with the Board of Elections and continuing through the Mayor's term of office shall be a continuous qualified elector of this Municipality.

The Mayor shall hold no other elective public office. The Mayor shall not be otherwise employed by, nor shall the Mayor hold any other municipal office in this Municipality. The office of Mayor shall be a fulltime occupation, and Council shall provide commensurate compensation. The Mayor shall hold no other employment and no other public office except that of notary public or member of the State Militia. (Amended Nov. 3, 1981.) (Amended Nov. 7, 2006.)

Proposed Charter

ARTICLE III MAYOR

SECTION 3.02, QUALIFICATIONS

The Mayor for **TWO (2) YEARS** ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Mayor's filing the Mayor's declaration of candidacy for election with the Board of Elections and continuing through the Mayor's term of office shall be a continuous qualified elector of this Municipality.

The Mayor shall hold no other elective public office except that of a notary public or member of the State Militia. The Mayor shall not be otherwise employed by, nor shall the Mayor hold any other municipal office in this Municipality. The office of Mayor shall be a full-time occupation, and Council shall provide commensurate compensation. The Mayor shall hold no other employment. and no other public office except that of notary public or member of the State Militia.

Reasoning

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The purpose of a two year requirement is to strengthen the candidacy requirements to ensure the Mayor has a deeper understanding and level of commitment to the community. This is a change from what currently is a ninety (90) day residency requirement.

The purpose of the change in the second paragraph is to consolidate and shorten the paragraph so that it is presented in a concise manner. The removal of the word "elective" prevents the Mayor from holding any public office position except that of notary public or member of the State Militia.