

Charter Review Commission

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General Commentary

- Elimination of the BZBA
- Cleanup of language requiring Mayoral primary
- Councilwoman Bowers' memorandum
- Standardizing of qualifications
- Strategic plan

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4.02 – Composition and Term

Current text: “The geographical definition of the ward areas will be balanced to the extent predictable based on **numbers of registered voters** and will be established by ordinance…”

Proposed: “The geographical definition of the ward areas will be balanced to the extent predictable based on **numbers of residents** and will be established by ordinance…”

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3.02, 4.03, 10.02 – Standardizing Qualifications for office – public office conflict

Current text of 3.02 - Qualifications, paragraph 2: The Mayor shall hold no other 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.

Current text of 4.03 - Qualifications, paragraph 2: A Councilmember shall hold no other elected public office, any other compensated office or employment with the Municipality, or other compensated public office or public employment which could be in conflict with the office of Council member [...].

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3.02, 4.03, 10.02 – Standardizing Qualifications for office – public office conflict

Current text of 10.02 - Qualifications: The City Attorney shall be an elector of the City at the time of filing for and during the term of office. The City Attorney shall not hold any other public office or public employment during a term, except the City Attorney may hold office in a political party or be a delegate to a political party convention, serve as a notary public, serve as a member or officer in the military reserve or national guard, serve in any office, position, or capacity to further intergovernmental cooperation, and may hold any office or position permitted by this Charter or the laws of Ohio. The City Attorney shall be an attorney-at-law duly authorized to practice law in Ohio and engaged in the active practice of law for a period of five (5) years or more immediately prior to the City Attorney's election. The City Attorney may engage in the private practice of law during the City Attorney's term in office.

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Proposed 4.03, paragraph 2: A Councilmember shall hold no other elected public office or any other compensated office or employment with the Municipality.

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