**EXHIBIT A**

**PROPOSED ARTICLE IV, THE COUNCIL**
**SECTION 4.02, COMPOSITION AND TERM**

| Present Charter | | Proposed Charter | | Reasoning |
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| ARTICLE IV<br>THE COUNCIL<br><br>SECTION 4.02,<br>COMPOSITION AND TERM<br><br>At the regular municipal election in 2013, and every four (4) years thereafter, four (4) members of Council shall be elected from wards and shall serve four (4) year terms. At the regular municipal election in 2015, and every four (4) years thereafter, three (3) members of Council shall be elected at large for four (4) year terms. Terms shall commence on January 2 immediately following the election for that position and terminate on January 1 immediately following the next regular municipal election for that position. The geographical definition of the ward areas will be balanced to the extent practicable based on numbers of registered voters and will be established by ordinance, taking effect sixty (60) days prior to the petition filing deadline for the election of members of Council by wards, to remain effective for the term of the positions. | | ARTICLE IV<br>THE COUNCIL<br><br>SECTION 4.02,<br>COMPOSITION AND TERM<br><br>At the regular municipal election in 2013, and every four (4) years thereafter, four (4) members of Council shall be elected from wards and shall serve four (4) year terms. At the regular municipal election in 2015, and every four (4) years thereafter, three (3) members of Council shall be elected at large for four (4) year terms. Terms shall commence on January 2 immediately following the election for that position and terminate on January 1 immediately following the next regular municipal election for that position. The geographical definition of the ward areas will be balanced ~~to the extent practicable based on numbers of registered voters and~~ **based on population as determined by the federal decennial census, beginning in 2030, and then only if there is a disparity of 20% or more in population between the largest and smallest wards. This** will be established by ordinance, taking effect sixty (60) days prior to the petition filing deadline for the election of members of | | ARTICLE IV<br>THE COUNCIL<br><br>SECTION 4.02,<br>COMPOSITION AND TERM<br><br>The purpose of the change is to adjust the ward boundary equalization process from a registered-voter basis to a resident-population basis by utilizing federal 10-year census data and establishing criteria for when ward boundaries may need to be balanced. |

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