

CITY OF SAGINAW

EXCERPT FROM CITY CLERK'S JUNE 21, 2010
COUNCIL PRESENTATION
ON
AUGUST 3, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION
CITY CHARTER BALLOT PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 3

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 22

This amendment would require a simple majority of the councilpersons elected, appointed and seated to enact an ordinance (instead of the current requirement of 5 votes), and this same majority plus one to enact an emergency ordinance needing immediate effect (instead of the current requirement of 6 votes), and changes reference from councilmen to councilpersons.

Shall this proposal be adopted?

YES _____
NO _____

CITY CLERK: *This Charter Amendment was recommended by City Council. The thought in changing the number of votes needed to adopt regular and emergency ordinances from the current 5 to a simple majority of councilpersons elected, appointed and seated and 5 plus 1 for emergency ordinance, was to allow for Council vacancies. For instance there might be only seven members at the time of a vote.*

PROPOSAL 4

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 43

This amendment would delete the role of the director of finance to review the itemized estimate of expenditures submitted by the departments for the next fiscal year and submit the proposed budget to council, and provide instead that such activities be the responsibility of the city manager. With respect to city department heads, the reference to "his" is changed to "his or her".

Shall this proposal be adopted?

YES _____
NO _____

CITY CLERK: *This Charter Amendment was recommended by the Charter Review Committee, as the change will accurately reflect the current budget procedure in that the City Manger submits the Budget to Council for approval. Changing the "his" to "his or her" is just to update the language.*

PROPOSAL 5

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO DELETE SECTION 45(a)

This amendment deletes Section 45(a) which is a provision regarding city taxes that was applicable to the period from July 1, 1963 through June 30, 1973. As such, Section 45(a) has no current effect.

Shall this proposal be adopted?

YES _____
NO _____

CITY CLERK: This Charter Amendment was recommended by the Charter Review Committee because the provision is inapplicable and has no effect. Removing this provision is just a cleanup issue.

PROPOSAL 6

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 92

Present Section 92 requires that both elective or appointed officers must reside in the city or the office will be considered vacated. This amendment would continue that requirement with regard to City Council. But it would remove that requirement from appointed officers and leave any restriction to ordinance or state law.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES _____
NO _____

CITY CLERK: This Charter Amendment recommendation came from the Charter Review Committee based on the fact that although Council Members are required to live in the City, several boards and commissions do not have this requirement. For example, the Saginaw Economic Development Corporation, requires that the majority of the members reside in the City.