

**DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY**

**ISSUE NUMBER:** BF 24

**ISSUE CATEGORY:** Budget & Finance

**SOURCE:** Mark Lockridge, Deputy Auditor,

**RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:** 4-205 ([Auditor General] Powers and Duties)

Letter sent via Email 11/5/10

**RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:**

**RELEVANT LAW(S):**

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**ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:** Make explicit that Auditor has access to human resource and other sensitive records.

**RATIONALE:** “The rationale for inclusion of the “human resource records and sensitive records” language is to make clear that the Office of the Auditor General must have unfettered access to all City records for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities. City agencies must not feel that they can pick and choose which records they want to disclose. Except for records covered by client attorney privilege, all City records should be made available to the OAG during an audit upon request.” –*Mark Lockridge, Deputy Auditor, Letter emailed 11/5/10*

Answers to follow-up questions posed to Auditor General:

3. What specific records/information has the Auditor General been traditionally denied by the executive branch? And what were the reasons provided? How was the matter resolved? And how did/does lack of the information compromise the accuracy and reliability of your audit?

We have no documented cases where a department did not give us information we requested eventually, but there has been some resistance on occasion. This has not generally been an issue.

**ANALYSIS:**

**DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:**

**NOTES:**