

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GDS 93

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Department & Services

SOURCE: Mayor Bing Administration
Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: § 7-102 (Assignment of Authorized Functions)

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Remove prohibition against reassigning or combining any functions of departments created under chapters 3, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 of Article 7.

Sec. 7-102. Assignment of authorized functions.

The Mayor shall prepare an executive organization plan, which, consistent with law and this Charter, sets forth all agencies of the executive branch and assigns authorized programs, services and activities to each agency.

The plan as proposed by the mayor shall be filed with the city council and made public. The City Council shall study and conduct hearings on the plan and may request the mayor to make modifications in it. Sixty (60) business days after the filing of the plan with the City Council, it shall become effective, with such modifications as are accepted by the Mayor, unless disapproved by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of city council members serving. All amendments to the plan must originate with the mayor and are subject to the same procedure in taking effect.

The plan shall include the office of mayor, the six (6) departments created by article 6, and all departments or functions created by article 7 or continued by section 7-101. However, the plan may not provide for more than thirty-six (36) departments, exclusive of any department organized under specific statutory authority, unless authority for a greater number is granted under Section 7-104.

The Mayor may not reassign or combine the functions of staff departments, but may ~~except as to departments created under chapters 3, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 of this article,~~ assign any of the functions of an operating department to a staff department, reassign the functions of one (1) operating department to another operating department or combine operating departments.

RATIONALE: *"The current prohibition against reassigning or combining any functions of the Arts Department under Chapters 3, the Historical Department under Chapter 9, the Human Rights Department under Chapter 10, the Police Department under Chapter 11, the Water and Sewerage Department under Chapter 15, and the Zoological Park under Chapter 16 of Article 7, The Executive Branch: Programs, Services and Activities, with the functions of a staff or an operating department, or combining any of these six (6) operating departments limits the Administrations budgetary options regarding staffing. This change with permit flexibility in this area."*-Mayor Bing Administration, Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: