

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 62

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: City Council,

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §4-119 (Auditor General)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Auditor general must be appointed by a 2/3 majority of Council members.

Sec. 4-201. Auditor general.

The auditor general shall be appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the city council members serving. The auditor general shall be a certified public accountant.

RATIONALE: “These provisions [i.e. 4-20_, 4-201, 4-204, 4-206, 4-304] are being offered as an attempt to harmonize the powers of the ombudsperson’s office and the auditor general’s office. The auditor general has expressed concern regarding the difficulty in filling staff positions in an efficient manner. This proposed section 4-204 would give the office more flexibility in hiring staff.

“The Charter Revision Commission may wish to consider adding a provision requiring that city council determine these officials’ pay rate within the same pay grade. Currently, section 4-304 requires that the ombudsperson’s salary is equal to that of the auditor general.”-*City Council’s Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.*

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: