

**DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY**

**ISSUE NUMBER:** EPS 22

**ISSUE CATEGORY:** Enforcement & Public Safety

**SOURCE:** City Council

**RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:** §7-1105 (Chief of Police)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

**RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:**

**RELEVANT LAW(S):**

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**ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:**

City Council must approval Mayor’s appointment of Police Chief.

Sec. 7-1105. Chief of police.

The mayor shall appoint a chief of police, subject to approval by the city council, who is skilled and experienced in police administration or law enforcement. The chief of police serves at the pleasure of the mayor.

**RATIONALE:** “The proposed language gives city council a role in appointment of the chief of police, and adds the requirement that the chief of police attend meetings of the board of police commissioners. Due to the great significance of the position of chief of police, it is deemed important to make the position more responsive to the people than to the mayor alone.”-*City Council Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.*

**ANALYSIS:**

**DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:**

**NOTES:** See Historical Charter Analysis entitled “Historical Charter Analysis - Police Department (Corrected Copy),” dated July 12, 2010.