

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: EPS 23

ISSUE CATEGORY: Enforcement & Public Safety

SOURCE: City Council

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §7-1106 (Duties of the Chief of Police)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Police Chief must attend allow Board of Police Commissioners meetings, where practicable, and speak to any issue, without the ability to vote on any matter.

Sec. 7-1106. Duties of the chief of police.

The chief of police is the chief executive officer of the police department and shall administer the department under the policies, rules, and regulations established by the board and shall:

1. Organize the department with the approval of the board;
2. Recommend rules, regulations, and procedures to the board for its approval;
3. Prepare the annual budget for the police department;
4. Hire, promote, commend, transfer, and discipline employees of the department; have authority to suspend and discharge employees of the department under section 7-1107; file complaints against employees with the board secretary; and direct employees in the performance of their duties;
5. Except as otherwise provided by the board, keep and control all property, books, records, and equipment belonging to the department or held by the department as evidence;
6. Submit to the board an annual report of the operations of the department for forwarding to the mayor, the city council, and the public;
7. Present annually a police department operations improvement plan. The plan shall be filed with the city clerk, distributed to the mayor and city council, and be a public record;
8. Exercise such other powers as conferred by the board.
9. Attend all meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners, to the extent practicable, and speak on any issue but may not vote.

The chief, with the consent of the board, may appoint necessary deputy chiefs. The chief may attend all meetings of the board and speak on any issue but may not vote.

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.