

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: EPS 25

ISSUE CATEGORY: Enforcement & Public Safety

SOURCE: Dorothy J. Cleveland

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

Letter dated December 5, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Chief of Police should be appointed by City Council. Make it mandatory that stolen goods recovered by the police be returned to their owner and steps be taken to identify the owner. Drug test all city employees once a year.

RATIONALE: “The Chief of Police should be appointed by the City Council. This is too much power and responsibility to be held in the hands of only two people. We’ve seen in the recent past what this can cause. Too much corruption and the Police do not do their jobs unless they can receive a bonus, as for writing tickets.

The news reporter showed us that the Police have ways of finding out stolen goods. Make it mandatory that all stolen goods be turned in and try to find their owners. Don’t auction off [f] a anything [sic] until until [sic] the victims are notified. I know what I’m talking about. I believe everyone who works for the City of Detroit should be tested for drugs at least once a year.”-*Dorothy J. Cleveland, Letter, dated December 5, 2010.*

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISION ACTION:

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