

**DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY**

**ISSUE NUMBER:** GOS 11

**ISSUE CATEGORY:** Government Operation & Structure

**SOURCE:** Joann Watson, Councilwoman

**RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:** §4-106 (Standing Committee Structure)

4/28/2010 Letter

**RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:**

**RELEVANT LAW(S):**

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**ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:** Modify §4-106 Standing Committee structure to provide that all council members serve as members of each standing committee with each committee having a quorum of five.

**RATIONALE:** “This will provide for more equitable function of City Council’s standing committees.” –*Councilwoman Watson, Letter, dated December 4, 2010.*

**ANALYSIS:** Pursuant to §4-106 the City Council is empowered to set the number of committee and the number of members that may serve on the committee. It has no language regarding what constitutes a quorum, which is apparently a matter left to City Council as section 4-106 requires Council to “provide for a standing committee structure by its rules” and only suggests several committee it may adopt, speaks to the appointment of committee chairs, latitude of the Council in the number of committees and members, and voting privileges.

**DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:**

**NOTES:** Proposed draft language from Councilwoman Watson is contained in the June 24, 2009 letter from Dennis Mazurek, Esq. to the Councilwoman located in the “Proposed Revision” section.