

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 63

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: City Council,

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §4-204 ([Auditor General] Employees)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Remove Auditor General’s authority to promote, discipline and remove employees, assign them duties and supervise their duties. Require that they only appoint employees, within appropriations.

Sec. 4-204. Employees.

To carry out the responsibilities of the office, the auditor general may, within appropriations, appoint employees who are exempt from article 6, chapter 5 of this Charter.

Deleted: In accordance with article 6, chapter 5, the auditor general may hire, promote, discipline and remove employees of the agency, assign duties to the employees, and supervise the performance of those duties.

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: