

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: BF 30

ISSUE CATEGORY: Budget & Finance

SOURCE: City Council

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §8-205 (Form of Appropriation)

Letter dated 12/2/10

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: City Council must receive and approve a detailed listing of all budgeted positions as part of the budget approval process. Council must also approve any changes in the listing during the operating year.

Sec. 8-205. Form of appropriation.

All appropriations to each agency shall be made in lump sums to the agency's specific programs, services or activities or to additional classes as the mayor may recommend in the proposed budget, subject to amendment by deletion, addition or substitution by the city council. However, the accounts of each agency shall be maintained in such detail as required by generally accepted standards of financial reporting. A uniform system of accounts shall be established as required by state law.

The proposed and adopted budget shall contain a detailed listing of all city positions in support of the required appropriations in each agency necessary to fund the positions. This detailed listing of positions is a required section of the budget. City Council approval of this detailed listing is required as a part of the budget process. All changes in the detailed listing of positions after the adoption of the budget during the operating year must be approved by the City Council.

The city council may request such supporting data for each appropriation as it deems necessary.

RATIONALE: "The proposed language requires a modified program budget structure. While appropriations and revenues can continue to be made on a "program basis," it requires city council approval for all changes to the associated **positions** in the budget, both during the budget process and during the operating year. Council would be required to approve all positions by title and number of full-time equivalents, allowing city council additional oversight of personnel issues."-City Council's Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES:

