DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: CED 47 ISSUE CATEGORY: Budget & Finance

SOURCE: City Council RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §8-102 ([Master Plan] Periodic Review)

Letter dated 12/2/10

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION: RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Have Mayor amend Master Plan every five (5) years.

Sec. 8-102. Periodic review.

After approval of the plan, evry [sic] five years the mayor shall propose any amendments necessary to keep the plan current and the city council shall consider the mayor's proposed amendments and make the modifications in the plan that it deems necessary.

Deleted: annually

RATIONALE: "The proposed language is amended to require a five-year review of the master plan, which is consistent with common practice and easier to manage."-City Council's Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.

"Historically, through P&DD, the Mayor does propose amendments to the master plan every year, typically in response to development proposals where inconsistency with the master plan presents an impediment to the proposal's success. However, the master plan for a city of 139 square miles is such a large document that annual prophylactic review is impractical with P&DD's limited resources. Per MCL 125.3833, a master plan is a document with a horizon of up to 20 years—as such, it ought not be amended too frequently. Per MCL 125.3845(2), the master plan should be reviewed and considered for amendment on a 5-year basis."- Supplemental Rationale from Marcell Todd, Director, Planning Department, Email dated December 13, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISION ACTION:

NOTES: See Historical Charter Analysis entitled "Historical Charter Analysis of Planning Procedure (Master Plan)", dated July 28, 2010.