

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: CED 48

ISSUE CATEGORY: Budget & Finance

SOURCE: City Council

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §8-104 ([Master Plan] Purpose of Plan)

Letter dated 12/2/10

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Clarify that the Master Plan *must* be considered by the Mayor in making development decisions/proposals.

Sec. 8-104. Purpose of the plan.

The master plan shall be a set of guidelines ~~that shall be considered by the Mayor and others in proposing, and the City Council in evaluating and implementing, specific proposals for the total development of the City and its residents.~~

RATIONALE: "The proposed language **requires** consideration of the Master Plan."-City Council's Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.

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"This is meant to avoid the master plan being routinely ignored and having another valuable planning document collect dust on the shelf. By specifying "consideration" of the Master Plan, an appropriate demand is placed on reviewing and approving agencies to consult with the plan; where a specific proposal is not consistent with the plan, the reviewing and approving agency would need to justify why a specific proposal is appropriate. Where a proposal is consistent with the plan, its legitimacy is increased. Where master plan provisions are found to be out of step with reality, they can be noted for future amendment."- Supplemental Rationale from Marcell Todd, Director, Planning Department, Email dated December 13, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

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