

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GDS 102

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Department & Services

SOURCE: Mayor Bing Administration
Letter, dated December 20, 2010

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §7-103 (Advisory Commissions)

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Eliminate all mention of Advisory Commissions in the Charter and instead authorize the Mayor to establish and terminate Commissions, as necessary, through executive order.

ARTICLE 7. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH: PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7-103. Advisory commissions.

~~Commissions~~ The Mayor may establish by executive order, any commission of citizens members of the Public to advise the Mayor or any agency of the director of an Executive Branch, or branch offices of any agency, department, in the determination of its policies and budgets and the implementation of its programs, services and or activities may be created by executive order. Appointments to the all advisory commissions shall be made by, and members serve at the pleasure of, the Mayor.

The Mayor shall endeavor to make City-wide commissions as representative of the entire City as possible and any commission created established to advise a branch office of any agency the Mayor or any department director shall be as representative of the People being served as possible. All members of advisory commissions shall be residents of the City of Detroit unless the Mayor shall expressly specify otherwise states in the executive order and state reasons for allowing non-residents to serve.

The executive order may provide for the advisory commission to complete its work within a specific period of time. In the event that the executive order does not do so, the Mayor may terminate the advisory commission through rescission of the executive order, which established the commission.

RATIONALE: *"The 1997 Detroit City Charter establishes numerous advisory commissions in the Executive Branch of City Government. Rather than codifying numerous advisory commissions in the new Detroit City Charter, it is recommended that all advisory commissions be omitted from the new City Charter. Instead, this section authorizes the Mayor to establish any necessary advisory commission through an executive order and, subsequently, to terminate the Commission by rescinding the executive order."*-Mayor Bing Administration, Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: