

**DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY**

**ISSUE NUMBER:** GDS 20

**ISSUE CATEGORY:** Government Department & Services

**SOURCE:** City Council

**RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:** §6-603 ([Dept of Environment] Powers and Duties)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

**RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:**

**RELEVANT LAW(S):**

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**ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:** Require Dept. of Environment to provide consultation to other city departments regarding implementation of any policies and programs concerning alternative and renewable energy or recycling.

Sec. 6-603. Powers and duties.

The department of environment shall:

1. Develop and implement a coordinated and comprehensive environmental policy for the City of Detroit;
2. Administer, enforce, manage and coordinate compliance by the City of Detroit with federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations;
3. Coordinate environmental programs for protection and conservation of land, water and air resources;
4. Develop and implement programs for response to emergency conditions which pose an immediate danger to health and safety to the people of Detroit or to the city's environment;
5. ~~Provide consultation with City departments regarding the implementation of any policies or programs concerning alternative and renewable energy or recycling;~~
6. Advise, consult and cooperate with agencies of the federal, state and local governments in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter;
7. ~~Develop and coordinate policy, programs and procedures for remediation, redevelopment and reuse of contaminated land sites in the City of Detroit;~~ Deleted: 6
8. ~~Develop and coordinate policy, programs and procedures to encourage and promote innovative and competitively viable sustainable economic development in the City of Detroit consistent with protection of the environment;~~ Deleted: 7
9. ~~Provide technical support and assistance to other city departments in environmental matters, including response to federal, state and local governmental enforcement activities; qualification for eligible grant moneys, etc.;~~ Deleted: 8

| ~~10~~ Develop plans and proposals for joint cooperative investigation and research with the public and with private agencies and organizations on methods for eliminating or reducing land, air and water pollution; Deleted: 9

| ~~11~~ Collect and disseminate appropriate educational literature and information, and otherwise promote education programs for the purposes of advising the general public of the necessity and methods for pollution prevention, securing public cooperation in pollution prevention measures and increasing public awareness of the importance of environmental protection and conservation of natural resources; Deleted: 0

| ~~12~~ Do any and all other acts which may be necessary for the implementation of the powers and duties conferred on the department under this chapter. Deleted: 1

**RATIONALE:** "The sole purpose of the proposed amendments [to 6-601, 6-602 and 6-603] is to add recycling and alternative and renewable energy to the responsibilities of the Department of Environment."-*City Council's Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.*

**ANALYSIS:**

**DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:**

**NOTES:**