

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GDS 98

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Department & Services

SOURCE: Mayor Bing Administration
Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §7-1501([Water and Sewerage] Department)

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Prohibit City employees from serving as Commissioners of the Water Board and allow the Mayor to appoint and the Board to approve the Director and Deputy Director, instead of the current practice of allowing the Board to appoint them subject to the Mayor's approval. Various grammatical changes.

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

CHAPTER 15. WATER AND SEWERAGE

Sec. 7-1501. Department.

The Water and Sewerage Department is headed by a seven (7) member board known as the Board of Water Commissioners. The members of the Board shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. No member of the Board shall be a City employee or a contractor of the City. The term of membership on the Board is four (4) years and not more than two (2) terms expire each year.

A member must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Michigan. At least four (4) members of the Board must be residents of Detroit.

The ~~board~~ Mayor shall appoint, with the approval of the ~~mayor~~ Board, a director and a deputy director for the department. The director and deputy director serve at the pleasure of the ~~board~~ Mayor.

RATIONALE: *"The change codifies the current practice, which prohibits City employees or contractors from serving on the Board. Under the City of Detroit's strong-Mayor form of government, the Mayor has the prerogative to appoint a director and deputy director and to select the individuals who will fill the positions with the approval of the Board."*-Mayor Bing Administration, Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: