

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GDS 23

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Department & Services

SOURCE: City Council

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §7-901 ([Historical] Department]

Letter dated December 2, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:

Allow Historical Department to operate the City’s historical museums directly or through an operating agreement.

Sec. 7-901. Department.

The historical department is headed by a nine (9) member commission. The members of the commission shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the mayor.

The term of membership on the commission is four (4) years, and not more than three (3) members' terms expire each year.

The commission shall appoint, with the approval of the mayor, a museums director and a deputy museums director. The director and the deputy director serve at the pleasure of the commission.

The historical department shall maintain and operate the city's historical museums directly or pursuant to an operating agreement.

RATIONALE:

“The purpose of the language added to sections regarding the DIA, the Zoo and the Historical Museums, is to reflect and authorize their management pursuant to operating agreements, while retaining city ownership and control over the underlying assets.”-*City Council Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010*

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: