

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 64

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: City Council,

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §4-206 ([Auditor General] Limitations)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Clarifies that the Auditor General is prohibited from having any “duties, responsibilities or office” regarding other city agencies, as opposed to having any “connection” with other city agencies, which word is proposed to be removed.

Sec. 4-206. Limitations.

The auditor general may hold no other city, county or state office.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, the auditor general shall not have any ~~duties, responsibilities or office~~ with any ~~other~~ city agency, nor be custodian of any cash or securities belonging to the city other than the appropriation to the office of ~~the auditor general~~.

Deleted: connection

RATIONALE: “These provisions [i.e. 4-20, 4-201, 4-204, 4-206, 4-304] are being offered as an attempt to harmonize the powers of the ombudsperson’s office and the auditor general’s office. The auditor general has expressed concern regarding the difficulty in filling staff positions in an efficient manner. This proposed section 4-204 would give the office more flexibility in hiring staff.

“The Charter Revision Commission may wish to consider adding a provision requiring that city council determine these officials’ pay rate within the same pay grade. Currently, section 4-304 requires that the ombudsperson’s salary is equal to that of the auditor general.”-*City Council’s Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.*

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: