

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 10

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operation & Structure

SOURCE: Joann Watson, Councilwoman

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §4-102 (Meetings)

4/28/2010 Letter

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Have City Council meet 12 months per year except recesses two weeks in August and two weeks in December.

RATIONALE: "Citizens have expressed concern that City Council recesses are too long." –*Councilwoman Watson, Letter, dated December 4, 2010.*

ANALYSIS: Currently City Council meets all year with the exception of three recess periods: (1) in the Spring after the Mayor presents his budget in mid-April; (2) the last two (2) weeks in August, or the entire month of August; and (3) at the end of the year.

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: Proposed draft language from Councilwoman Watson is contained in the June 24, 2009 letter from Dennis Mazurek, Esq. to the Councilwoman located in the "Proposed Revision" section.