

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 222

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: Mayor Bing Administration

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §4-108 ([City Council] Voting)

Letter, dated December 20, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:

ARTICLE 4. THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

CHAPTER 1. CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 4-108. Voting.

The City Council may only act, as a body, through the passage of an ordinance or through the adoption of a resolution. Except as otherwise provided by this Charter, no action of the City Council shall be effective may not pass an ordinance or adopt a resolution unless adopted by at least a majority of City Council Members present vote for the ordinance or resolution.

Every City Council member present shall vote on all questions, except as ordinances and resolutions, provided, by state law, that a City Council member must promptly disclose any pecuniary interest in a contract which the City Council has the power authority to approve, and no City Council member may vote upon any matter related to the approval of the contract in which the City Council member has a pecuniary interest.

During the vote on all ordinances, and in all other matters on the demand of on any resolution demanded by one (1) or more members of the City Council Member, the "yeas" and "nays" shall be taken verbally spoken, recorded by the City Clerk during the vote, and entered in it's the Journal of the City Council.

RATIONALE: *"Except for matters concerning their individual staffs, Council Members have no authority to act alone. This change will clarify current law that the City Council may take action only through the Body's adoption of a resolution or passage of an ordinance."* -Mayor Bing Administration, Letter, dated December 21, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: