

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 85

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: Staff

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: 2-106 (Standards of Conduct); Art. 4, Ch. 2 (Auditor

Letter, November 2010

General), Ch. 3 (Ombudsperson)

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:

Create an Office of Inspector General by combining Office of Auditor General, City Ombudsperson and Ethics Board.

The city shall create the Office of the Inspector General by combining the existing office of the Auditor General, City Ombudsman and Ethics Office. The Inspector General shall receive proportional funds and shall have the power to order the production of records and information to aid in audit and/or investigative work. The Inspector General can investigate contractors, individuals and elected officials upon the showing of "reasonable cause" to correct contract irregularities, fight against fraud and corruption and recommend to the ethics division grounds for the removal of elected officials from office. The City Council shall retain the ability to remove elected official from office utilizing impeachment procedures as outlined in the Charter.

Results of any fraudulent or corrupt individual or systems shall be referred to the County Prosecutor for action. In cases involving federal or state funds, referrals can be made to the appropriate state and federal agency. All city contracts involving outsider services shall require as part of its contract language the funds for and access by an independent inspector general who shall audit the contracts of outside vendors with the city. The cost of the contract will be jointly paid for by the contractor and the city. The contractor costs for the audit shall not be passed along to the city as part of any mark-up, profit offset or any other method to shift the costs of the independent inspector general function.

RATIONALE:

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: See "Charter History of Auditor General", dated May 20, 2010 and "Charter History of Ombudsperson", dated May 8, 2010.