

CITY OF CHARLOTTE
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY PROVIDING FOR THE REGULAR CITY ELECTIONS ON EVEN NUMBERED YEARS, TO CONTINUE THE STAGGERED TERMS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR SHORTER TERMS FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS TO IMPLEMENT THIS CHANGE.

Introduced by Councilmember:
Supported by Councilmember:

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is organized and operates as a Home Rule City pursuant to its Charter of the City of Charlotte adopted April 2, 1962, as amended, under the provisions of the Home Rule Cities Act, 1909 PA 279, as amended, MCL 117.1, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.1(a) and Section 13.1(d) of Chapter 13 presently reads as follows:

Section 13.1. Regular City Elections.

(a) A regular city election shall be held in each odd numbered year on the date set by law for the election of State and County officers in that year.

(d) In the 2005 election, the Mayor will be elected, as well as one council member from each ward and a council member at large, replacing those council members whose terms expires in 2005. In the 2007 election, the Mayor shall be elected as well as one council member from each ward and one council member at large, replacing the remaining council members whose terms expire in 2007.

and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council believes that it would promote fair, equitable, efficient, and good government to place an amendment of the Charter before the qualified electors of the city of Charlotte to amend Section 13.1 of Chapter 13, so as to provide for regular city elections on even numbered years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with 1909 PA 279, as amended, MCL 117.21, the Charlotte City Council hereby proposes that Section 13.1 of Chapter 13 be amended to read as follows:

Section 13.1. Regular City Elections.

(a) A regular city election shall be held in each even numbered year on the date set by law for the election of Federal, State, or County officers in that year.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision in the Charter, and to implement the change to even years for regular city elections, in the 2024 election, those councilmembers previously elected in 2021 shall be elected, along with the Mayor. In the 2026 election, those councilmembers previously elected in 2023 shall be elected, along with the Mayor, if the Mayoral term was not changed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid proposition to amend the Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Charlotte at the general election to be held in the city on November 8, 2022.

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 13.1(a) and Section 13.1(d) of Chapter 13 of the City Charter be amended to provide for the regular city elections of council members to be held on even years?

YES _____

NO _____

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Charter presently provides that regular city elections be held on odd years. The City Council proposes to move the elections to even years to save the City the cost of municipal elections where no State or Federal officials are elected, to maintain the staggered term of council members, and to implement a scheduled election to effectuate the change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall do and perform all acts required of said Clerk by the City Charter and the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided in regard to the registration of electors for said election, the giving of notice thereof, the giving of notice of such election, the preparation and furnishing of necessary ballots, the obtaining of necessary approval of this amendment by the Michigan Attorney General and Governor of the State of Michigan, and for the conduct of such election.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

YES:

NO:

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Charlotte City Council by a vote of not less than 3/5 of the City Council at its regular meeting on May 2, 2022, the original of which is part of the Council's minutes.

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