

CITY OF CHARLOTTE
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
WARD ELECTION

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE WARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE.

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 1.3 of Chapter 1 presently reads as follows:

Section 1.3. Wards.

(a) The City of Charlotte shall be divided into two wards, from each of which a member of the City Council shall be nominated and elected.

(b) Each ward shall have the same boundaries as the current councilman districts. Within 120 days of the effective date of this amendment, the City Council shall revise the boundaries of the wards using the figures from the 2000 census.

(c) The City Council shall revise the boundaries of the wards within 120 days after the figures from the Federal decennial census become available. New ward boundaries created within 120 days of a City primary election shall become effective after the general election.

(d) The City Council shall, to the greatest extent possible, establish wards that are compact, contiguous and of equal population.

and

WHEREAS, Subsection 3.2(a) of Chapter 3 presently reads as follows:

Section 3.2 Eligibility for Elective City Office.

(a) To be eligible for election to a city office, a person shall have been continuously an elector of the city for a period of not less than six months immediately preceding the date of his election. A ward council member shall be a resident of the ward from which elected or chosen.

and

WHEREAS, Section 13.1(c) of Chapter 13 presently reads as follows:

Section 13.1(c). REGULAR CITY ELECTIONS

(c) At each regular city election there shall be elected a Mayor, one member of the Council from each of the two wards of the city and one member of the Council from the city at-large.

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 1.3 of Chapter 1 and Section 3.2(a) of Chapter 3, so as to provide for the establishment of one ward within the city and the election of council members at-large.

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 1.3 of Chapter 1 be amended to read as follows:

Section 1.3. Wards.

The city shall constitute one ward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with 1909 PA 279, as amended, MCL 117.21, the Charlotte City Council hereby proposes that Subsection 3.2(a) of Chapter 3 be amended to read as follows:

Section 3.2 Eligibility for Elective City Office.

(a) To be eligible for election to a city office, a person shall have been continuously an elector of the city for a period of not less than six months immediately preceding the date of his or her election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with 1909 PA 279, as amended, MCL 117.21, the Charlotte City Council hereby proposes that Subsection 13.1(c) of Chapter 13 be amended to read as follows:

Section 13.1(c). REGULAR CITY ELECTIONS

(c) At each regular city election there shall be elected members of the Council

from the city at-large.

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 1.3 and Subsection 3.2(a) and Subsection 13.1(c) of the City Charter be amended to provide for the election the council members from one ward, which is the city-at large?

YES _____

NO _____

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Charter presently provides that there is two wards. The proposal would consolidate the two wards into one ward so that each person running for City Council would run as at-large.

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 _____, 2022, the original of which is part of the Council's minutes.

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