

CHARTER COMMISSION

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LANGUAGE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EAST PROVIDENCE CITY CHARTER AS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE SUBSEQUENT CHARTER REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter for the City of East Providence was originally adopted by the Town of East Providence in September 1954; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Sec. 8 of the Rhode Island Constitution allows for the legislative body of any city or town to propose amendments to the Charter, which amendments shall be submitted for approval to the qualified electors of the City at a general or special election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the City Charter as follows with regard to the Charter Commission:

Sec. 13-18. Charter Commission.

Starting with the 20~~22~~³⁰ General Election, and the Statewide General Election every eight (8) years thereafter, ~~there shall be the City Council may call for the election of a non-partisan election of~~ a Charter Commission. Said Charter Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, two members (2) shall be appointed by the Mayor, two (2) shall be appointed by the City Council, and five (5) shall be elected, one (1) elected member from each City Ward who shall be a resident of each ward and one (1) elected at-large member. The Charter Commission shall choose the Chairperson of the Charter Commission by simple majority vote of the Commission.

If any member appointed by the Mayor or City Council resigns, dies, or is otherwise ineligible to complete the term of office, their replacement shall be made by the original appointing authority. If fewer than five (5) members are elected or if the elected member resigns, dies, or is otherwise ineligible to complete the term of office, the vacant elected seat(s) shall be appointed by majority vote of the City Council.

The Charter Commission shall meet at least monthly. Within nine (9) months from the date of their election or appointment, the Charter Commission may deliver Charter amendment proposal(s) to the City Council for their consideration. The City Council shall determine, after a public hearing, the number of Charter Amendment proposals to be submitted to the electors of the City at the next state general election.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit any power of the City Council related to the Home Rule Charter Amendment process granted to it under Article XIII, Section 8 of the Rhode Island Constitution.

(Res. No. 87, 6-16-20)

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ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED CHANGE:

~~Sec. 13-18. Charter Commission. [Repealed]~~

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these proposed Charter amendments be summarized on the ballot in the next special election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ballot question expressly state that these amendments shall become effective upon passage without further action insofar as the Rhode Island Constitution's Home Rule Charter provisions allow.

Adopted by the City Council:

Attest:

City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island