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Title

Approval of the ballot language for the proposed City Charter Amendment to Provide a Procedure for the City Council to Judge the Qualifications of Members to be placed on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot

Body

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rochester Hills desires to initiate a proposed amendment to City Charter Section 7.5, Judge of qualifications of Members, to provide a procedure requiring the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council, following investigation and public hearing, to determine that a Councilmember is not eligible or qualified to hold office under Charter Section 7.2.

THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Rochester Hills resolves:

1. The City Council, by a three-fifths vote of its members-elect, pursuant to the authority granted under the Home Rule Cities Act, MCL 117.1, et seq, proposes to amend the City of Rochester Hills

Charter to amend Charter Section 7.5, Judge of qualifications of Members.

2. Provisions of existing Section 7.5 of the City of Rochester Hills Charter to be amended if the proposed amendment is adopted now read as follows:

The Council shall be the judge of the eligibility and qualifications of its own Members, subject only to review by the courts.

3. As amended, Section 7.5 of the City of Rochester Hills Charter would read as follows:

The Council shall be the judge of the eligibility and qualifications of its own Members, subject only to review by the courts. If the Council, after investigation and public hearing, determines by the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council that a Councilmember is not eligible or qualified, under Section 7.2, above, to hold office, the Councilmember's office shall be deemed vacant.

4. The purpose of the proposed Charter amendment shall be stated on the ballot as follows:

A proposal to amend the City Charter by modifying Section 7.5. This section states the Council shall be the judge of the eligibility and qualifications of its own Members. If adopted, the amendment will provide a procedure requiring the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council, following investigation and public hearing, to determine that a Councilmember is not eligible or qualified to hold office under Charter Section 7.2.

5. The City Clerk shall forthwith transmit a copy of the proposed amendment to the Governor of the State of Michigan for the Governor's approval, and transmit a copy of the foregoing statement of purpose of the proposed Charter amendment to the Michigan Attorney General for the Attorney General's approval, as required by law.

6. The proposed Charter amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this City at the general election to be held in the City of Rochester Hills on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration therefore in the manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the proposed Charter amendment to a vote of the electors as required by law.

7. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the following form:

**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO
PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL
TO JUDGE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

A proposal to amend the City Charter by modifying Section 7.5. This section states the Council shall be the judge of the eligibility and qualifications of its own Members. If adopted, the amendment will provide a procedure requiring the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council, following investigation and public hearing, to determine that a Councilmember is not eligible or qualified to hold office under Charter Section 7.2.

Shall the City of Rochester Hills Charter be amended to modify Section 7.5 to provide a procedure

requiring the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council, following investigation and public hearing, to determine that a Councilmember is not eligible or qualified to hold office under Charter Section 7.2?

Yes ___

No ___

8. The proposed Charter amendment shall be published in full together with the existing Charter provision that will be altered or abrogated thereby as part of the election notice not less than 10 days prior to the election.

9. The canvass and determination of the votes on the proposed Charter amendment shall be made in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the City of Rochester Hills Charter.