

Grand Ledge City Council Resolution #02 of 2016

A Resolution to Propose a General Revision of the City Charter.

A resolution adopted by the Grand Ledge City Council, at a regular meeting held on Monday, 11 January 2016, in the Council chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St. Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Whereas, the City of Grand Ledge, Michigan (“City”) is a municipal corporation organized under the provisions of the Home Rule City Act, Public Act 279 of 1909, as amended, and is governed by the provisions of the Grand Ledge City Charter adopted 03 January 1963, as amended (“Charter”); and

Whereas, the current Charter was originally approved by the Governor on 26 March 1963 and adopted by the City on 01 April 1963, and has been amended on several occasions; and

Whereas, the City Council believes that as our community changes in various ways over time, the Charter needs to change with it, because an outdated Charter hinders the ability of the local government to serve the needs of our City and its residents properly; and

Whereas, the Home Rule City Act establishes the procedures to be followed for amending or revising a city charter; and

Whereas, the Home Rule City Act, Section 18 (MCL 117.18), provides that when the legislative body of a city declares by a 3/5 vote of its members elect that there shall be a general revision of a city charter, the question of having a general revision of a city charter shall be submitted to the electors of the city for adoption or rejection at the next general or municipal election; and

Whereas, the next general election is the 02 August 2016 election; and

Whereas, the Michigan Election Law, 1954 PA 116, codified at MCL 168.1, et seq., as amended, governs the elections within the State of Michigan, and provides the time-frame for when ballot wording for local ballot proposals must be submitted to the City Clerk and the County Clerk [Section 646a of the Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.646a)]; and

Whereas, the Michigan Secretary of State has advised the ballot wording for local ballot proposals to be voted on at the 02 August 2016 election must be certified and filed by not later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 May 2016, with the local clerk providing the ballot wording to the County Clerk within two days; and

Whereas, the City Council has determined is in the best interests of the citizens of the City to submit to the electors of the City a proposal for a general revision of the Charter, and desires to have the issue placed on the ballot for the 02 August 2016 election;

Now, Therefore, It Is Resolved:

1. An election of the electors of the City shall be called and held at the next general election on Tuesday, 02 August 2016. The proposition to be voted on at that election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth below:

GENERAL REVISION OF CITY CHARTER PROPOSAL

Shall there be a general revision of the Grand Ledge City Charter?

Yes _____

No _____

2. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file this resolution with the respective County Clerks for the County of Eaton and the County of Clinton, not later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 May 2016.
3. All resolutions and parts of this resolution that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Motion by Willems

Second by Lantz

Ayes: Lantz, Malecki, Mulder, Roberts, Smith, Sowle, Willems

Nays: None


Absent: None

Approved:



Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor

I, Gregory L. Newman, Grand Ledge City Clerk, certify this is Resolution #02 of 2016, adopted by the Grand Ledge City Council at a regular meeting held on Monday, 11 January 2016; a meeting held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended.


Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk