

6/24/2019

RESOLUTION M- 4015

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver a proposal to amend Article II, Section 2.02 of the City Charter clarifying that Councilmembers who are either elected by the voters or appointed to a vacant council seat must be a resident of the city for a continuous period of two years and that Councilmembers may not hold another “elected” public office while serving on City Council.

WHEREAS, a Charter Review Committee (“Committee”) was appointed by the City Council on December 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Committee held eight meetings between January 24 and June 6, 2019, to review proposed amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee presented their recommendations to the City Council on June 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed hearing on the 24th day of June, 2019 and considered the recommendations of the Committee and voted to submit the proposed amendment to the Charter below to the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That the following amendments to Article II, Section 2.02 of the City Charter, clarifying that Councilmembers who are either elected by the voters or appointed to a vacant council seat must have been a resident of the city for a continuous period of two years prior to the date of their election or appointment and clarifying that Councilmembers may not hold

another "elected" public office while serving on City Council, be submitted to the voters of the City of Vancouver:

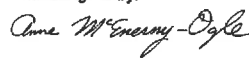
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Article II


Section 2.02 Qualifications: Councilmembers shall be qualified electors and residents of the city for a continuous period of at least two years prior to the date of their election or to their appointment to a vacant council seat. ~~next prior to their election~~ Councilmembers shall hold no other elected public office or employment under the city government. If a councilmember shall cease to have these qualifications or shall be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or shall be absent from three consecutive regular meetings without being granted a leave of absence by the city council, this office shall become vacant and be so declared by the city council.

ADOPTED at regular session of the Council of the City of Vancouver, this 24th day of June, 2014.


Signed this 24th day of June, 2019.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk
By: Carrie Lewellen, Deputy City Clerk

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E. Bronson Potter, City Attorney

City of Vancouver
Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2

Concerns clarification of Councilmember qualifications

This amendment to Section 2.02 clarifies that Councilmembers who are either elected or appointed to a vacant Council seat must have two-year continuous city residency and also clarifies that restriction on simultaneously holding another public office means an “elected” public office.

Should this amendment to the Charter be enacted?

Yes

No

Explanatory statement:

Current Law: The charter requires that Councilmembers be residents of the city for two years prior to election but does not address residency when a Councilmember is appointed to a vacancy. The charter also prohibits a Councilmember from simultaneously holding another public office but does not define what a public office is.

Result of passage: This amendment to Section 2.02 clarifies that Councilmembers who are either elected or appointed to a vacant Council seat must have two-year continuous city residency and also clarifies that restriction on simultaneously holding another public office means an “elected” public office.

Full Text:

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