



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Order Election and to Determine Ballot Question for Charter Amendment Requiring Voter Approval of the Sale of Land Purchased, Acquired or Used for Park Land

Whereas, Michigan law authorizes a City to sell land designated as a park in the City's Master Plan with voter approval;

Whereas, Michigan law authorizes a City to sell the same land without voter approval if it is removed from City's Master Plan; and

Whereas, Parks Advisory Commission has recommended that City Council submit to the electors of the City the question of whether land used as a park should be sold without voter approval regardless of whether its is part of the City Master Plan or not;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council propose that Section 14.3(b) of the City Charter be amended as follows:

Limitations on Contractual Power

Section 14.3

(b) The City shall not sell, **without the approval, by a majority vote of the electors of the City voting on the question at a regular or special election, any City park or land in the City acquired for park,** cemetery, or any part thereof. ~~except in accordance with restrictions imposed by law.~~

RESOLVED, That November 4, 2008 is designated as the day for holding an election on the proposed Charter amendment;

RESOLVED, That the Clerk shall transmit a copy of the proposed amendment to the Attorney General and the Governor of Michigan and shall perform all other acts required by law for holding the election;

RESOLVED, That the proposed Charter amendment shall appear on the ballot in the following form:

ANN ARBOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT
REQUIRING VOTER APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED LAND
ACQUIRED FOR OR USED AS PARKLAND

Shall Section 14.3(b) of the Ann Arbor City Charter be amended to require voter approval for the sale of any land within the City purchased, acquired or used for park land, while retaining the Section's current requirement for voter approval of the sale of any park land that is designated as park land in

the City of Ann Arbor Master Plan at the time of the proposed sale?

☐ Yes ☐ No

RESOLVED, That the proposed Charter amendment and proposed ballot question shall be published in full not fewer than two times in the Ann Arbor News;

RESOLVED, That if the amendment is adopted, it shall take effect on January 1, 2009.

Sponsored: Mayor Hieftje

Date: July 7 2008

Approved: City Attorney

As Amended by Ann Arbor City Council on August 18, 2008