



City of Gladstone, MI

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Staff Report

Agenda Date: 05-13-2024 **Eric Buckman, City Manager:** _____
Department: City Commission **Department Head Name:** _____
Presenter: Mayor Thompson **Kim Berry, City Clerk:** _____

This form and any background material must be approved by the City Manager then delivered to the City Clerk by 4:00 PM the Tuesday prior to the Commission Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Commissioner Vacancy

BACKGROUND:

The acceptance of Commissioner Greg Styczynski leaves a vacancy that must be appointed by the City Commission. The term of Commissioner Styczynski is until November 1, 2025.

Per the City Charter:

Sec. 9. - [Vacancy.] A vacancy in any elective office shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the commission. Such appointee shall hold office until the next regular state or municipal election taking place more than sixty days after such vacancy occurs, at which election a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term of the member in whose office the vacancy occurs; provided, however, that the term of no member shall be lengthened by his resignation and subsequent appointment.

The process as confirmed by the Bureau of Elections is that the City Commission must make the appointment to serve until the next state or city election. The deadline has passed for the August State Primary election so the seat would be on November 5, 2024. At this election, the appointee and qualified residents may run for the remainder of the term November 2025. State Election Filing deadlines for the November 5, 2024 Election is by 4:00 PM July 23, 2024 to be on the ballot.

The last time we had a vacancy filled by appointment the Commission requested letters of interest and a City Commission Application be submitted to the Commission by a certain date and time determined by the Commission.

Our Charter requires a Commissioner to:

No person shall be eligible to the office of commissioner who is not a citizen of the United States and a resident of the City of Gladstone at least one year immediately prior to his nomination.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Commissioners receive a monthly payment of \$100.00

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

City of Gladstone Charter Chapter II Plan of Government Section 3 Election of Commissioner Member and Section 9 Vacancy
State of Michigan Election Laws

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to direct Clerk Berry to advertise the vacancy and the Commission will accept letters of interest and completed City Commission Application from qualified residents until _____ by 4:00 PM. The Commission will place the appointment on its regular commission meeting agenda of Monday, _____ at 6:00 PM.