

ATTACHMENT 6

Possible Revisions to “Years of Service”

Part of Current Charter Provision:

“To be eligible for election or appointment to an office on the City Council, prior years of service on the City Council shall be calculated by first determining the aggregate number of days a person has previously served as a member of the City Council within the period of twenty calendar years prior to the commencement of the proposed term, and then attributing a year of service for every 365.25 days of service within that period.”

Option 1 – Less than one year not counted:

“To be eligible for election or appointment to an office on the City Council, prior years of service on the City Council shall be calculated by first determining the aggregate number of days a person has previously served as a member of the City Council within the period of twenty calendar years prior to the commencement of the proposed term, and then attributing a year of service for every 365.25 days of service within that period. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a person filled a vacancy of another person’s term for a period of less than 365.25 days, the days attributable to filling the vacancy are not counted toward years of service.**”

Option 1 Explanatory Scenarios:

- a. A Councilor vacates the position with six (6) months left in the term. The remaining members of the City Council appoint a community member to fill the remainder of the term. The community member then runs for the position in November, receives the most votes, and is sworn in at the first meeting in the following January. The number of days from the appointment to the January meeting will not be counted as a year of service. The Councilor is eligible to serve up to three (3) four-year terms as Councilor.
- b. A Councilor vacates a position eighteen (18) months into the term. The remaining members of the City Council appoint a community member to fill the position until the next November election, which represents year 2 of the term. The community member then runs for the position in November, but is not elected. That community member’s service during the appointment will not be counted as a year of service, and is eligible to serve up to three (3) four-year terms as Councilor if they choose to run again and win the election. The person who won the off-cycle election will only be eligible to serve two (2) additional four-year terms as Councilor.

Option 2 – Partial term due to vacancy not counted:

“To be eligible for election or appointment to an office on the City Council, prior years of service on the City Council shall be calculated by first determining the aggregate number of days a person has previously served as a member of the City Council within the period of twenty calendar years prior to the commencement of the proposed term, and then attributing a year of

service for every 365.25 days of service within that period. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a person filled a vacancy of another person's term, the days attributable to filling the vacancy are not counted toward years of service."**

Option 2 Explanatory Scenarios:

- a. Same result as first example in Option 1.
- b. In the second example in Option 1, both the person appointed to fill the vacancy until the next November election and the person elected to fill the remaining two years of the term would be eligible to serve up to three (3) four-year terms as Councilor.