



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

TO: Members of the Troy City Council

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SUBJECT: Citizen Petition Initiated Ballot Language Ratification to Correct Typographical Error as Noted by the State of Michigan Attorney General's Office

Background:

- Proposed citizen petition initiated charter amendment as submitted was forwarded to the State of Michigan Attorney General's Office for review. According to the Attorney General's Office review letter, initiatory petition charter amendment ballot questions must be true to the language circulated on the petitions. The AG's Office review noted a transposition of two words within the submittal. The language has been redrafted with the correction red-lined to more accurately represent the petition submittal in the motion as provided below.

F- Ratification of the Proposed Ballot Language to Correct the Typographical Error on the Citizen Petition Initiated Charter Amendment Proposal – Section 9.16.5 as Noted by the State of Michigan Attorney General's Office

Resolution #2008-09-
Moved by
Seconded by

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **RATIFIES** the language for placement on the November 4, 2008 Election ballot, the following ballot question to confirm that the typographical error, as noted by the State of Michigan Attorney General's Office, is correct to mirror the language as presented on the citizen initiated petition submittal as follows:

AN INITIATORY PETITION TO AMEND THE TROY CITY CHARTER BY ADDING SECTION 9.16.5

Shall Section 9.16.5 regarding Millage Rate Levy Limitation be added to the Troy City Charter as follows:

"Section 9.16.5. The Council shall not increase the millage rate imposed pursuant to Section 9.16 of this charter above a current rate actually imposed, levied, and collected unless the increased

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rate shall be first ~~be~~ approved by a majority of the City electors
voting on the question.”?
Yes ___ No ___

Yes:
No:

- A copy of the Attorney General’s Office Review letter is attached for your convenience.

Financial Considerations:

- There are no Financial Considerations associated with this item.

Legal Considerations:

- Proposed initiatory charter amendments submitted in compliance with State Law Shall be submitted to the voters. (MCL 117.21(1))

Policy Considerations:

- Troy is building for a healthy economy reflecting the values of a unique community in a changing and interconnected world.

Options:

- City Council can resolve the typographical error by ratifying the ballot language to more accurately represent the language provided in the citizen initiated petition charter amendment ballot question (majority vote).