

## Grand Ledge City Council Resolution #03 of 2016

### **A Resolution to Call for the Election of a Charter Commission.**

A resolution adopted by the Grand Ledge City Council, at a regular meeting held on Monday, 11 January 2016, in the Council chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St. Grand Ledge, Michigan.

**Whereas**, the City of Grand Ledge, Michigan (“City”) is a municipal corporation organized under the provisions of the Home Rule City Act, Public Act 279 of 1909, as amended, and is governed by the provisions of the Grand Ledge City Charter adopted 03 January 1963, as amended (“Charter”); and

**Whereas**, the current Charter was originally approved by the Governor on 26 March 1963 and adopted by the City on 01 April 1963, and has been amended on several occasions; and

**Whereas**, the City Council believes that as our community changes in various ways over time, the Charter needs to change with it, because an outdated Charter hinders the ability of the local government to serve the needs of our City and its residents properly; and

**Whereas**, the Home Rule City Act establishes the procedures to be followed for amending or revising a city charter; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to the Home Rule City Act, Section 18 (MCL 117.18), the City Council has adopted a resolution declaring there shall be a general revision to the Charter, which ballot proposition will be submitted to the electors of the City for adoption or rejection at the next general election, which is the 02 August 2016 election; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to the Home Rule City Act, Section 18 (MCL 117.18), in the event the electors of the City shall declare by a majority vote in favor of such revision, a Charter Commission shall be elected consisting of nine electors of the City, each of whom have established residence within the City for at least three years, and no City officer or employee, whether elected or appointed, shall be eligible to be on the Charter Commission; and

**Whereas**, the Home Rule City Act, Section 18 (MCL 117.18), authorizes the City Council, by a 3/5 vote of its members elect, to declare the members of the Charter Commission shall be selected at the same election at which the proposition to revise the Charter is submitted to the electors of the City; and

**Whereas**, the City Council has determined it would be most cost-effective to have the Charter Commission selected at the same election at which the proposition to revise the Charter is submitted to the electors of the City; and

**Whereas**, the Home Rule City Act, Section 19 (MCL 117.19), requires the City Council to fix in advance of the election of the Charter Commission the place of the Charter Commission meetings, the compensation of Charter Commission members, the money for the Charter Commission expenses, and, if need be, provide the ballots for the election; and

**Whereas**, the City Council has carefully considered these matters and has determined to initiate the process of revising the Charter by adopting a resolution to put the matter before the electors of the City at the next general election, which is the 02 August 2016 election;

#### **Now, Therefore, It Is Resolved:**

1. The nine members of the Charter Commission shall be selected by the electors of the City at the next general election, which is the 02 August 2016 election, provided the electors of the City declare in favor of the general revision of the Charter by a majority vote at that election.
2. The Charter Commission shall meet at City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge, Michigan.
3. The members of the Charter Commission shall not receive compensation.
4. Persons interested in serving on the Charter Commission shall seek the nomination in accordance with State law and current Charter provisions, as applicable.

5. The City Council shall budget \$10,000 for the expenses of the Charter Commission.
6. If necessary, the City will provide the ballots for the election.
7. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file this resolution with the respective County Clerks for the County of Eaton and the County of Clinton, not later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 May 2016.
8. All resolutions and parts of this resolution that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

**Motion by** Roberts

**Second by** Lantz

**Ayes:** Lantz, Malecki, Mulder, Roberts, Smith, Sowle, Willems

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

Approved:

  
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Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor

I, Gregory L. Newman, Grand Ledge City Clerk, certify this is Resolution #03 of 2016, adopted by the Grand Ledge City Council at a regular meeting held on Monday, 11 January 2016; a meeting held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended.

  
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Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk