

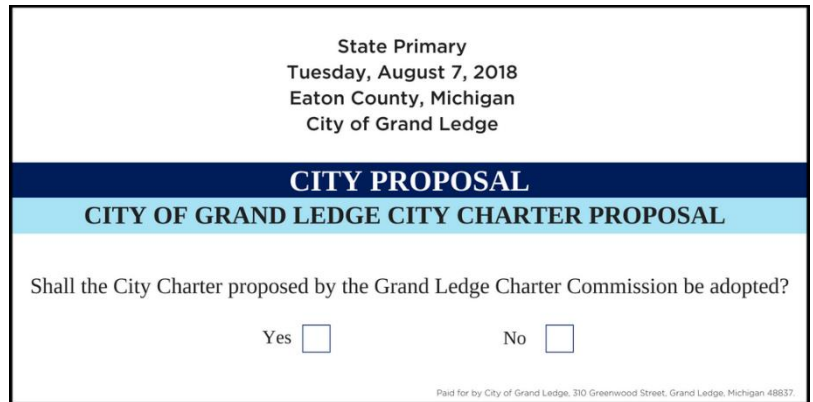


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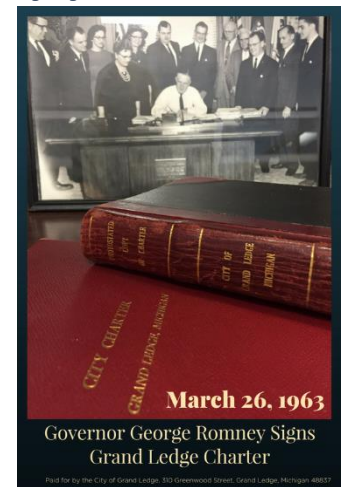
Grand Ledge Updated City Charter Approved by Governor Snyder now up for Public Vote

Figure 1: Sample Ballot with Proposed Charter



GRAND LEDGE, MI, July 9, 2018 — On May 15, 2018 the City of Grand Ledge received official word from Governor Rick Snyder’s office that their updated Charter was reviewed and approved, making it acceptable to put on the August 7th ballot for Grand Ledge voters to decide if it should be adopted, see Fig. 1. The Charter that currently directs the City’s governing process was enacted 55 years ago on March 26, 1963, when it was signed by then Governor George Romney, see Fig. 2.

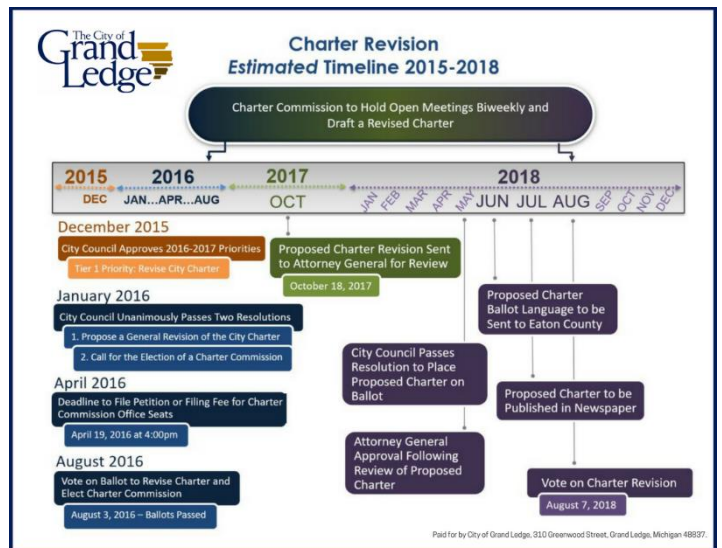
Figure 2: Grand Ledge Charter Signing in 1963



In September 2016, a newly elected, nine-member Charter Commission began working to update the 1963 Charter during a series of public meetings, see Fig. 3. “We spent 12 months, over 2,600 hours, updating every section of the more than 28,000 word Charter. The Charter is now compliant with today’s state laws and has just under 19,000 words,” said Robert Doty, Charter Commission Chair.

With the Governor’s office approval, the updated Charter moves to a public vote on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 where registered voters in the City of Grand Ledge can weigh in on whether the Charter should be adopted. The ballot will read, “Shall the City Charter proposed by the Grand Ledge Charter Commission be adopted?”

Figure 3: Charter Revision Estimated Timeline



“So many things have changed significantly in the last 55 years,” said Adam Smith, City Administrator. “The updated Charter now moves to a vote for City of Grand Ledge electors.”

For more information on the Charter revision process and to review the updated document, please visit the City’s website at www.cityofgrandledge.com. Copies of the revised Charter are available during normal business hours at City Hall, 310 Greenwood Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. ###