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Memorandum

From: City Manager Colleen O'Toole

Date: April 1, 2024

Subject: 24-65 Resolution to Approve Charter Ballot Language - Residency Requirements

Background Brief: Per the recommendation of the Charter Review Working Group, City Council is being asked to consider changes to Section 5.1 of the Saline City Charter. These changes, if accepted by the voters, would reduce the residency requirement for elected office to one year and to be at the time of appointment for non-elected committee appointments. The reduction to one year for elected officials is designed to be more consistent with case law and generally less restrictive. Similarly, the change to appointee length of residency would align better with current practice and increase the pool of available applicants for vacancies. This resolution also adopts gender neutral terms throughout the section similar to past amendments.

The ballot language and resolution are subject to review by the State of Michigan Office of the Attorney General prior to inclusion on the ballot. If approved, the ballot initiative would go on the August 6, 2024 Regular Michigan State Primary Election.

Previous Action: The Charter Review Working Group presented its recommendations to Council on September 11, 2023. Language for the first two ballot initiatives was approved at that same meeting, and both measures were subsequently approved by voters on February 27, 2024.

Economic Impact: N/A

Budget Line Items: N/A

Amendment Required: N/A

Recommended Motion:
MOVED
SECONDED
To **acknowledge** receipt of the memo from City Manager O'Toole and to **adopt or not adopt** Resolution

No. 24-65.

ATTACHMENTS:

[3 29 24 Saline Resolution to Change Residency Requirements in Section 5.1.pdf](#)