

**Resolution No. 25627**

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article VI, Section 2 and repeal Article VI, Section 3 of the City Charter to eliminate the requirement for a competitive examination of candidates for the position of Chief of Police.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE:

That Section 2 of Article VI of the Charter of The City of Seattle be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. CHIEF OF POLICE; QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL; TO APPOINT SUBORDINATE OFFICERS: The chief of police shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of all members of the city council. The mayor may remove the chief of police upon filing a statement of his or her reasons for so doing with the city council; provided, that upon the resignation of the chief of police in response to the mayor's request, the mayor shall file with the city council a statement of his or her reasons for making such request. A chief of police appointed from the classified civil service may take leave of absence from his or her classified position until completion of his or her tenure as chief of police. All subordinate police officers shall be appointed by the chief of police under civil service rules and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That Section 3 of Article VI relating to the content and record of the competitive examination of candidates for the position of chief of police is hereby repealed.

PASSED the City Council the 9 day of September, 1977 and signed by me in open session in authentication of

1 its passage this 9 day of September, 1977.

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4 President of the City Council

5 Filed by me this 9 day of September, 1977.

6 ATTEST:

7 City Comptroller and City Clerk

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V. L. PORTER

September 2, 1977

City Council  
Seattle

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request by letter of August 31, 1977 and in accordance with oral instructions from Mr. Casey Jones, Executive Director, we have prepared and forward herewith proposed resolutions and propositions amending the City Charter as follows:

- (1) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article XVI of the City Charter to provide for the establishment of a personnel and civil service system by ordinance, and repealing Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter relating to the City Personnel Director.
- (2) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article III, Section 1 of the City Charter to provide for the creation, consolidation and reorganization of City departments, divisions and offices by ordinance; amending Article VII to provide for the establishment by ordinance of a Board of Public Works to ensure that all contracts for public works are awarded and carried out in accordance with law, and providing for the designation of the City official newspaper by said Board; and amending Article XI, Section 1 of the City Charter relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation to eliminate the four year term of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation and the membership of such officer on the Board of Public Works and City Planning Commission.
- (3) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter to eliminate the requirement that the City Comptroller issue all licenses.

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- (4) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article VI, Section 2 and repeal Article VI, Section 3 of the City Charter to eliminate the requirement for a competitive examination of candidates for the position of Chief of Police.
- (5) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article XIII of the City Charter to change the title of "Corporation Counsel" to "City Attorney."

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSITIONS

- (6) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article XVI, Section 1 of the City Charter to provide for selection of one member of the Civil Service Commission by the City Council.
- (7) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article XVI, Section 9 of the City Charter to extend the probationary period for firefighters to twelve months.
- (8) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article V, Section 11 and Article XVI, Section 9 of the City Charter to provide that the chief examiner and secretary of the Civil Service Commission shall hold no other position or office in the public service of the City.

With respect to the proposed amendment of Article VIII Section 1 (Item (3) above) to eliminate the requirement therein that the City Comptroller issue all licenses, you ask that we advise whether such proposed amendment "will in fact enable the legislative authority to determine by ordinance who shall issue licenses." We advise that such is the purpose and effect of the proposed amendment.

In connection with the proposed amendments of Articles VI and VII (Items (2) and (4) above) you ask that we draft language that would accomplish the City Council's intent that the Mayor file a statement of reasons for removal of the Chief of Police and members of the Board of Public Works "whether the removal is by firing or forced resignation." For such purpose we have included language in Section 1 of proposed Article VII and the proposed amendment of Section 2 of Article VI requiring that upon the resignation of such officers ". . . in response to the mayor's request, the

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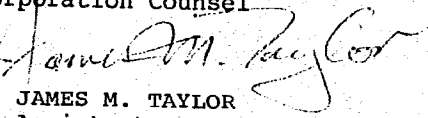
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mayor shall file with the city council a statement of his reasons for making such request."

Yours very truly,

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**The City of Seattle--Legislative Department**

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

to which was referred Your Committee on COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Res. 25627

Date Reported  
and Adopted  
SEP 9 1977

Amending Article VI, Section 2 and repealing Article VI, Section 3 of the City Charter to eliminate the requirement for a competitive examination of candidates for the position of Chief of Police,

RECOMMENDS THAT SAME BE ADOPTED.

**Chairman**

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