

6/10/2024

RESOLUTION M-_____

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver a proposal to amend Article II, Section 2.18d of the City Charter clarifying ambiguous language around the use of the external economic indicator for calculating salary increases and timing by which a biennial salary schedule ordinance be adopted.

WHEREAS, the Committee held seven meetings between October 2023 and April 2024, to review proposed amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee presented their recommendations to the City Council on May 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed hearing on the 10th day of June, 2024 and considered the recommendations of the Committee and voted to submit the proposed amendment to the Charter below to the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That the following amendments to Article II, Section 2.18d of the City Charter, clarifying ambiguous language around the use of the external economic indicator for calculating salary increases and timing by which a biennial salary schedule ordinance be adopted (“Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2”), be submitted to the voters of the City of Vancouver:

(Proposed language to be deleted is shown by ~~striketrough~~. Added language is shown by underline.)

Section 2.18d Citizens' Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries: *The commission may adopt a schedule of annual salary increases the same way the City adjusts fees and charges to reflect an increase up to the change in the Consumer Price Index equal to an average of the prior two complete calendar years (Two-Year Average Adjustment), ~~at the Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the West region as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the prior two years. If the Bureau of Labor Statistics discontinues publishing such index, the most similar index as determined by the city chief financial officer shall be applied.~~ The commission may propose a schedule of salary increases of more than ~~CPI-W~~ the Two-Year Average Adjustment provided that such schedule shall be submitted to the voters for approval. In the event the voters reject such greater increase, the increase within the foregoing limits shall go into effect. The commission may decrease salaries, provided that such decreases shall not be effective until the commencement of a new term of office. The commission may also choose not to adopt any salary change. The commission shall file its schedule of salary adjustments, if any, for the positions of Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Councilmember with the City Clerk by ~~May~~ July 1 of the applicable year, so as to coincide with the City budget cycle.*

2. The Clark County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Clark County, is hereby requested to submit Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2 to the November 5, 2024 general election ballot.

3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to take those actions necessary to submit Proposed Charter Amendments No. 2 before the voters at the November 5, 2024 election.

ADOPTED at regular session of the Council of the City of Vancouver, this 10th day of June, 2024.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Jonathan Young, City Attorney