

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN ELECTION TO DETERMINE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF HAMMOND HOME RULE CHARTER PROVIDING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORITY TO REMOVE THE POLICE CHIEF AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Hammond City Council in due, regular and legal session convened, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-04 of the City of Hammond Home Rule Charter, that the following proposed amendments to the City of Hammond Home Rule Charter be presented to the voters of the City of Hammond for approval at the next regularly scheduled election at which such matters may be presented and that each such amendment be presented as a separate proposition on the ballot:

PROPOSITION

REVISE FOR REMOVAL OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Summary: Revises and adds to Article III, Section 2-33(a) of the Home Rule Charter for the City of Hammond, pertaining to the chief of police. The amendment makes a substantive change, as follows: Provides for the City Council with authority to remove and terminate the Police Chief.

If approved, the amended Charter provision shall read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. ADMINISTRATION

Section 2-33. Police and fire departments.

(a) Police Department

(4) The police chief shall be subject to removal and termination by a majority vote of the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective to the extent that it is approved at an election called for that purpose upon the date of the official promulgation of said election return.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The above and foregoing ordinance having being duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing, introduced at a public meeting on _____, 2023 of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on _____, 2023; after motion and second. was submitted to the official vote of the Hammond City Council.

On motion by Councilman _____ and Second by Councilman _____ the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on _____, 2023 by the following roll call vote:

Votes: Councilman Wells (), Councilman DiVittorio (), Councilman Andrews (), Councilwoman Gonzales (), Councilman Leon ().

WHEREFORE the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly adopted on the ____ **day** of _____, **2023**, at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

Kip Andrews
President, Hammond City Council

Honorable Pete Panepinto
Mayor, City of Hammond

Lisa Cockerham, Clerk
Hammond City Council
