

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-141**  
**CITY OF ROMULUS**  
**WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE GENERAL ELECTION DATE OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021, AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED LANGUAGE TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT, AMENDING CHAPTER II SECTION 2.7, CHAPTER VI SECTION 6.12 AND 6.13, CHAPTER XI SECTION 11.10 OF THE ROMULUS CITY CHARTER, REGARDING THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS.**

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, Council previously approved Resolution No. 21-088 for the following Charter amendment to be placed on a special election of August 3, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Romulus will not be holding a primary election on August 3, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter II Section 2.7, Chapter VI Section 6.12 and 6.13 and Chapter XI Section 11.10 of the Romulus City Charter, provides for a system of official publications of notices, minutes of meetings and notices of meeting dates of the Board of Review in an official newspaper selected annually by the Council;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that due to the low number of newspapers being printed that it is necessary to enlarge the number of news publications available to be considered the "official newspaper" to include electronic publications and it would be in the best interest of the City to modify the above Charter provisions to increase the number of publications available and allow for the selection of the official publication by Council in odd years beginning with calendar year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to accomplish this purpose, it is necessary to amend the City Charter by amending Chapter II Section 2.7, Chapter VI Section 6.12 and 6.13 and Chapter XI Section 11.10 by the electorate at the general election to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the amendments of Section 2.7, 6.12, 6.13 and 11.10 of the Romulus City Charter be placed on the ballot at the general election to be set on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021, general election ballot for consideration by the electorate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the amended provision of Sections 2.7, 6.12, 6.13 and 11.10, of the City of Romulus City Charter shall read as follows:

- a. **Section 2.7 Publication: Posting and Affidavit.** When by the provisions of this charter, or the laws of the State of Michigan, notice of any matter or proceeding is required to be published or posted, it may be published or posted in the official publication sites set forth in Section 6.12 of this Charter, and an affidavit of publication or posting of same, annexed to a printed copy of such notice or posting or proceeding, taken from posted sites or paper in which it was published, specifying the time of publication, in the newspaper or electronic sites in which the same was inserted, or by some person in his employ knowing the facts, if such notice is required to be by publication in a newspaper or electronic sites or by the person posting the same when required to be by posting, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts thereof contained. Such affidavit of publication or posting shall be filed with the City Clerk.
- b. **Section 6.12 Official Publication Site.** At or prior to the first regular meeting in December of each odd year, Council after investigating the rates, quality of the sites, availability of newspapers and electronic sites and after receiving bids, shall designate some newspaper or two electronic sites of general circulation in the city which are qualified to publish legal notices under the laws of the State of Michigan, as the official publications of the city for the next 24 months. All notices, ordinances, and other records required by the provisions of this charter to be published shall be published in said official publications in a manner and form in this charter provided; provided however that council may order additional publications of any such notice, ordinance or other record in other newspapers or electronic sites in any financial or trade paper, journal or magazine. If, at any time no publications have been designated as the official publication sites of the city, or in case of publication sites designated as the official publication sites of the city cease regular publication or are violating any of the terms of their contracts, the council shall order publication of such notices, proceedings, ordinances, and other records as are required to be published, in some other publications in English language and available in the city; provided however that the city shall not be without official publication sites more than thirty (30) days.
- c. **Section 6.13 Publication of Council Proceedings.** The minutes of Council shall be published in official publication sites set forth in Section 6.12 of this Charter within fifteen (15) days after each meeting.
- d. **Section 11.10 Notice of Meetings.** Notice of the time and place of the meetings of the Board of Review shall be published by the Clerk in official publication sites set forth in Section 6.12 in this Charter not less than 15 days prior to the first meeting thereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above proposed ballot language to amend of the City of Romulus Charter be submitted to the Attorney General and the Governor of the State of Michigan for their approval and for placement at a general election to be set on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021, primary election ballot.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the following proposed language be submitted to the voters for consideration.

Shall the City amend Section 2.7, 6.12, 6.13, and 11.10 of the City Charter to allow for the publication of legal notices and minutes of council, Board, and commission meetings in two electronic sites or in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and for the reappointment of the official publications by Council every odd year beginning calendar year 2023. [The current language only allows for newspaper publication and for selection of the official publication each year.] The entire amended language of the above sections of the Charter are available for review in the City Clerk's office.

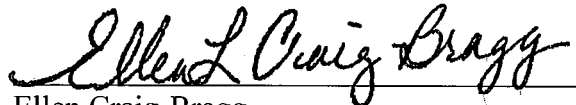
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Adopted: May 10, 2021

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb

Nays: Williams

I, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by Romulus City Council at their meeting held on May 10, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Craig Bragg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ellen Craig-Bragg  
City Clerk

# City of Romulus

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## **Romulus City Charter Proposed Amendment Sections 2.7, 6.12, 6.13, and 11.10**

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Yes

No

KATHY ABDO  
Councilwoman

JOHN BARDEN  
Mayor Pro Tem

CELESTE ROSCOE  
Councilwoman

TINA M. TALLEY  
Councilwoman

WILLIAM WADSWORTH  
Councilman

EVA WEBB  
Councilwoman

VIRGINIA WILLIAMS  
Councilwoman