

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Warren, County of
Macomb, Michigan, held on April 9, 2024, at 7 p.m. Daylight Savings Time, in
Warren City Council Chambers, located at 5460 Arden Road, Warren, Michigan.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Boike, Dwyer, Lafferty, Magee, Moore, Newnan, Rogensues

ABSENT: Councilmembers None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by

Councilmember Moore and supported by

Councilmember Lafferty

The Warren City Charter was approved by the voters on October 2, 1956, long before the dawn of the internet, and it requires the City Council to maintain at least 10 official bulletin boards in the city for posting notices.

The City of Warren has also maintained a website for over 20 years and the public has easy access to meeting and other official notices that are posted in chronological order and the notices can be viewed and searched at this location:

<https://www.cityofwarren.org/category/public-notices/>

The Charter Review Committee met on February 9, 2024, and reviewed the current bulletin board requirement in the city charter and recommended an amendment to allow for internet posting after input from council office staff.

The council office staff indicated that the bulletin board postings are an ineffective use of time and resources and multi-page postings often are damaged by the elements.

At its regular meeting of March 26, 2024, the City Council voted to have appropriate charter amendment language drafted to adopt the recommendation of the committee.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that it is hereby proposed, pursuant to the provision of Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended that Sections 2.2(h) of the Charter of the City of Warren which currently reads:

Sec. 2.2- Definitions and interpretations.

(h) The words "publish" or "published" shall include publication of any matter, required to be published, in the manner provided by law, or where there is no applicable law, in one or more newspapers of the city or by posting on the official bulletin boards of the city of which the council shall provide and maintain at least ten in the city;

Shall, if approved by voters, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.2- Definitions and interpretations.

(h) The words "publish" or "published" shall include publication of any matter, required to be published, in the manner provided by law, or where there is no applicable law, in one or more newspapers of the city or by posting on a portion of the city website that is fully accessible to the public and the homepage of the website must include a prominently displayed link to the active notices and all archival notices for the previous five (5) years;

And the purposes of such proposed Charter Amendments shall be designated on the ballot to be submitted to the electorate as follows:

WARREN CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

**A PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC NOTICES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE TO
REPLACE THE MAINTENANCE OF TEN BULLETIN BOARDS**

The City Charter was approved in 1956 and requires that the council maintain ten bulletin boards for posting notices. The proposal authorizes posting notices on a portion of the city website that is fully accessible to the public and eliminates the requirement to maintain ten bulletin boards. The proposal also requires a prominent link on the city's homepage to all active notices and previous notices for the past five (5) years.

PROPOSAL: Should the city be authorized to post notices on the city website in place of maintaining at least ten bulletin boards?

YES_____

NO_____

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed charter amendment shall be, and the same is hereby ordered to be, submitted to the qualified electors of the city at the Primary Election to be held in the City of Warren on August 6, 2024, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration therefore in the manner prescribed by law and to take all action necessary to submit such charter amendment to the vote of the electors as required by law.

AYES: Councilmembers Moore, Lafferty, Boike, Dwyer, Magee, Newnan, Rogensues

NAYS: Councilmembers None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this 9th Day of April 2024 by a three-fifths vote of its membership pursuant to the authority granted by Act 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended.



MINDY MOORE
Secretary to the Council

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) SS.

COUNTY OF MACOMB)

I, SONJA BUFFA, duly elected City Clerk for the City of Warren, Macomb County, Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Warren at its meeting held on April 9, 2024.

SONJA BUFFA
City Clerk