

**CITY OF SALINE**  
**(Washtenaw County, Michigan)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-151

**A RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO  
THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SALINE REGARDING LENGTH  
OF ELECTED TERM AND COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY  
COUNCIL**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held on September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Members Girbach, Rice, Lesch, Harmount, Dillon, Marl  
ABSENT: Members Ceo

The following resolution was offered by Member Harmount and supported by Member Girbach:  
**WHEREAS**, the City of Saline is organized and operates as a Home Rule City pursuant to its Charter of the City of Saline adopted November 6, 1962, as amended, under the provisions of the Home Rule City Act, 1909 PA 279, as amended, MCL 117.1, et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Home Rule City Act, Michigan Public Act 279 of 1909, at Section 21 being MCL 117.21, authorizes proposed amendments to a City Charter to be put before voters by a 3/5 vote of its legislative body; and

**WHEREAS**, Saline City Charter Chapter 3, *ELECTIONS*, in Section 3.3, *Election date and terms of office; compensation*, establishes the terms of office and pay rates of the Mayor and City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Review Task Force requested the City Attorney draft language for Council to provide for a ballot question to amend that Section of the City Charter to modify the aforementioned terms, and to make all references gender neutral;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with 1909 PA 279, as amended, MCL 117.21, the Saline City Council hereby proposes that Chapter 3, Section 3.3 of the Charter be amended as follows:

**Sec. 3.3. - Election date and terms of office; compensation.**

A regular city election shall be held ~~each year~~ **in 2025** on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November for the purpose of electing three councilmembers ~~persons~~ for terms of ~~two~~ **three** years each. **A regular city election shall be held as necessary beginning in 2026 on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November for the purpose of electing three councilpersons for terms of four years each;** provided, however, that in even numbered years, in addition to the election of said three councilmembers ~~persons~~, a mayor shall be elected for a term of ~~two~~ **four** years. All officers so elected shall serve their respective terms from the first Monday in January following their election ~~and shall receive a salary of three~~

~~hundred dollars (\$300.00) each per year payable quarterly in equal installments. In addition to the salary for a councilman, the mayor shall receive a salary of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year payable quarterly in equal installments, excepting the incumbent mayor.~~ **Compensation of the Mayor and Councilpersons shall be determined by a Local Officers Compensation Commission in a manner consistent with State law.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the aforesaid proposition to amend Section 3.3 of the City Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Saline at the regular election to be held in the City on Tuesday, November 5, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution and proposition to the Governor of the State of Michigan for her approval of the proposed amendment, and to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for her approval of the ballot language for the proposed amendment, as required by law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that before the submission of said amendment to the qualified electors of the City of Saline, the amendment herein proposed shall be published in full, and a notice of said election, in at least two issues of MLIVE, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Saline, the first publication to be not less than two weeks nor more than four weeks prior to said election; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the purpose and question of the proposed Charter amendment shall be designated on the ballots to be printed by the City Clerk, which shall be two questions as follows:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SALINE CITY CHARTER SECTION 3.3  
REGARDING ELECTED TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY  
COUNCIL**

Currently, the Saline City Charter sets the elected terms of the Mayor and Councilpersons at two years, and uses gender specific pronouns.

It is proposed that the Charter be amended to provide terms of office of the Mayor and Councilpersons to four years terms beginning in 2026, after elections to three years terms in 2025, to create staggered terms of offices; and to make all references therein gender-neutral.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SALINE CITY CHARTER SECTION 3.3  
REGARDING COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Currently, the Saline City Charter establishes the compensation of the Mayor and Councilpersons.

It is proposed that the Charter be amended to provide that compensation of the Mayor and Councilpersons be established by a Local Officers Compensation Commission in a manner consistent with State law.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk shall do and perform all acts required of said Clerk by the City Charter and the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided in regard to the registration of electors for said election, the giving of notice thereof, the giving of notice of such election, the preparation and furnishing of necessary ballots, the obtaining of necessary approval of this amendment by the Michigan Attorney General and Governor of the State of Michigan, and for the conduct of such election.

Moved by Council member: Harmount

Supported by Council member: Girbach

ADOPTED: September 9, 2024

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

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Brian Marl, Mayor  
Adopted:

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by a \_\_\_/7 vote of the Saline City Council at its regular meeting held on August 5, 2024, the original of which shall be incorporated in the City Council Minutes.

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Terri Royal, City Clerk  
City of Saline

Drafted by and approved as to form:

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Anthony Chubb, Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C.  
Saline City Attorney