

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT
RESOLUTION # 2021-31-735

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND AN AMENDMENT TO THE
HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT CHARTER
ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.06(c): METROPOLITAN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND BOARDS
AND
TO REQUEST THE HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION TO
CONDUCT A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION AT THE AUGUST 4, 2022 ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Hartsville/Trousdale County Charter Review Commission has met and proposed changes to Section 4.06 Metropolitan Executive Departments and Boards: Minimum Requirements of the Hartsville/Trousdale County Metropolitan Government Charter; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention to bring the Fire department under the same personnel, employment, operating rules, and procedures as any other Department of Hartsville/Trousdale County Government; and

WHEREAS, the public good and safety demands consideration of this change to provide for a universal and comprehensive set of personnel policies across all departments, in accordance with accepted policies and norms; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change is described as such:

Current Charter:

Article 4: Metropolitan Executive Departments and Boards

§4.06(c) – Minimum Requirements: “A Fire Department, headed by the Mayor, or such person as the Mayor may appoint subject to confirmation by the Commission, which department shall be charged with fire fighting and fire prevention obligations throughout Hartsville/Trousdale County. The Commission is empowered to give financial support to such fire department by providing for capital improvements and equipment needed by such department and salaries for employed personnel thereof selected in accordance with the governing bylaws of such department.”

Proposed Amendment:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission as follows

Section 1. Pursuant to Article 14, Section 14.01 of the Hartsville/Trousdale County Metropolitan Government Charter, that states “Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the Commission membership on a separate reading at three consecutive meetings. Proposed amendments shall then be submitted to the electorate...”

Section 2. That the question be presented for vote on the August 4, 2022 election ballot as follows:

QUESTION: SHALL SECTION 4.06(c) OF THE HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT CHARTER BE CHANGED BY AMENDING THE LAST SENTENCE IN THIS SECTION TO READ: "The Commission is empowered to give financial support to such fire department by providing for capital improvements and equipment needed by such department and compensation for employed personnel."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect according to the Hartsville/Trousdale County Charter.

Recommended by the Charter Review Commission on October 12, 2021

Reading 1: October 25, 2021

Motion to approve:	<u>Rachel Jones</u>	Electronic Voting
Second motion:	<u>Amber Russell</u>	YES <u>18</u> NO <u>1</u> ABSENT <u>1</u>

Reading 2: November 22, 2021

Motion to approve:	<u>Rachel Jones</u>	Electronic Voting
Second motion:	<u>Mary Ann Baker</u>	YES <u>17</u> NO <u>1</u> ABSENT <u>2</u>

Reading 3: January 24, 2022

Motion to approve:	<u>Richard Harsh</u>	Electronic Voting
Second motion:	<u>Gary Claridy</u>	YES <u>18</u> NO <u>1</u> ABSENT <u>1</u>

RESOLVED AND APPROVED ON THIRD READING ON JANUARY 24, 2022 IN REGULAR SESSION

APPROVED:


Dwight Jewell
Commission Chair

ATTEST:


Rita Crowder
County Clerk