

EM SUBMISSION NO.: EME 4282014

PRESENTED: 8-4-14

ADOPTED: 8-5-14

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FLINT,
AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION THE QUESTION OF WHETHER
OR NOT FLINT CITY CHARTER SECTION 4-203(A), EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS,
SHOULD BE ELIMINATED**

BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGER:

Due to the current and future fiscal challenges that undermine the financial stability of the City of Flint, the Emergency Manager wishes to present to the electors of the City of Flint, in accordance with §2-407 of the Flint City Charter, and MCLA §117.21 of the Home Rule City Act, the opportunity to vote upon the question as to whether or not the requirement for certain executive departments should be eliminated, at the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014; and,

The government of the City of Flint must find creative ways to eliminate unnecessary expenses to facilitate maintaining an adequate level of basic and essential services to the citizenry; and,

Government at all levels has entered into an era of fiscal crisis, including less revenue to the City of Flint from federal and state governmental resources; and,

The government of the City of Flint must maximize the use of tax dollars, and prioritize how City resources are allocated; and,

Establishment of City departments through the ordinance process, rather than by Charter, will promote greater flexibility and allow resources to be better managed; and

It is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Flint to submit to the electors of the City of Flint a proposal that Flint City Charter Section 4-203(A) regarding certain Executive Departments be eliminated.

BE IT RESOLVED that an amendment to the Flint City Charter is proposed to amend §4-203 as follows:

Sec. 4-203 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

A. The City may, in accordance with law, on recommendation of the Mayor, create and reorganize departments as may be necessary to meet the needs of the citizens for public services and facilities.

B. The head of each department shall be appointed by the Mayor in accordance with law and with the approval of the City Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

C. There shall be not more than ten (10) executive departments.

BE IT RESOLVED that the existing section of the Flint City Charter to be altered by such proposal, if adopted, now reads as follows:

Sec. 4-203 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

A. The City shall, in accordance with law, create such executive departments as may be necessary to administer the responsibilities of the City for public safety, public works, utilities, parks and recreation, transportation including aviation, finance, community development, and environmental protection.

B. The City may, in accordance with law, on recommendation of the Mayor, create and reorganize departments as may be necessary to meet the needs of the citizens for public services and facilities.

C. The head of each department shall be appointed by the Mayor in accordance with law and with the approval of the City Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

D. There shall be not more than ten (10) executive departments.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following ballot question be submitted to the electors of the City of Flint, at the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014:

PROPOSAL _____

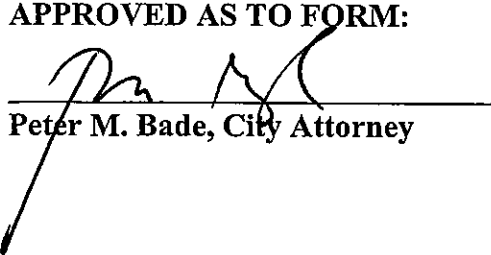
**AN AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE FLINT CITY
CHARTER SECTION 4-203(A), EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS**

Shall the Flint City Charter be amended by eliminating §4-203(A), which would eliminate the requirement for specific executive departments?

Yes _____

No _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

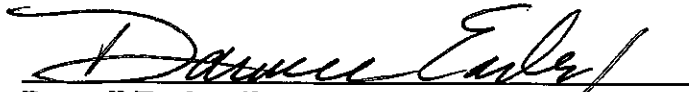

Peter M. Bade, City Attorney

EM DISPOSITION:

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REFER TO COUNCIL _____

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Darnell Earley, Emergency Manager

DATED: 7-5-14

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