

BILL NO. 35 2011

AN ORDINANCE

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 25 day of July, A. D. 2011. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 28 day of July, A. D. 2011.


CITY CLERK

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE CITY VOTERS ON THE 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT WHICH WOULD AMEND THE CITY OF READING HOME RULE CHARTER BY CHANGING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CITY AUDITOR.

WHEREAS, Section 502 of the Home Rule Charter provides for the eligibility of the City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor is to be an independent watchdog over the City's finances and fiscal well being; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading City Council recommends this proposed amendment to strengthen the qualifications of this position and ensure the position is filled by a candidate who can successfully achieve the responsibilities listed in the Charter and the Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Directing the Berks County Board of Elections to place the following referendum question to voters of the City of Reading on the 2012 Primary Election ballot:

Home Rule Charter Section 502 – Eligibility of the City Auditor

“Shall the Home Rule Charter be amended by requiring the City Auditor to be a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and shall have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in business administration, municipal government, accounting, or management.”

Simple Explanation

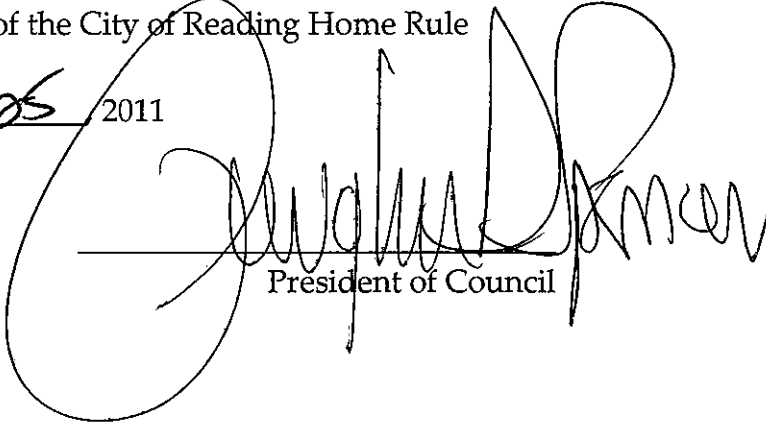
A CPA (Certified Public Accountant) is the statutory title of qualified accountants in the United States who have passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination and have met additional state education and experience requirements for certification as a

CPA. **Internal Auditors** verify the effectiveness of their organization's internal controls and check for mismanagement, waste or fraud. They examine their organization's financial and management procedures to make sure they are adequate. They also evaluate the organization's operation, evaluating their efficiency, effectiveness and compliance with government regulations. They ensure revenues are properly received and expenditures are made in accordance with laws and regulations.

Adding the CPA (Certified Public Account) requirement will help to ensure that qualified individuals with in-depth knowledge of accounting principles and practices, including applicable laws and regulations will be elected to this important position. Having an Auditor who has earned the CPA license will also ensure that the person elected to this position has the necessary skills to fulfill the responsibilities listed in the Charter and Administrative Code.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption, in accordance with Section 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted July 25 2011



President of Council

Attest:



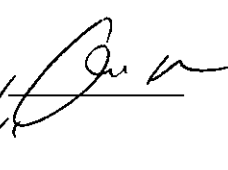
City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: 

Date: 7/27/11

Received by the Mayor's Office: 

Date: 7-27-11

Approved by Mayor: 

Date: 7/27/11

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____