

BILL NO. 31 2014

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 14 day of April, A. D. 2014. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 17 day of April, A. D. 2014.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE CITY VOTERS ON THE 2014 GENERAL BALLOT WHICH WOULD AMEND THE CITY OF READING HOME RULE CHARTER TO REMOVE DUPLICATIVE LANGUAGE AND CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MAYOR AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR.

WHEREAS, Sections 308 and 406 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter provide for the powers and duties of the Mayor and the Managing Director respectively; and

WHEREAS, Sections 308 and 406 contain duplicative language; and

WHEREAS, a duly appointed Charter Review Commission has recommended that said aforementioned Home Rule Charter sections be amended as set forth herein.

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 2014 general ballot:

Home Rule Charter Sections 308 and 406 – Powers and Duties of the Mayor and Managing Director

“Shall Sections 308 and 406 of the Reading City Charter be amended to remove duplicative language and to clarify the relationship between the Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer, and the Managing Director, as Chief Administrative Officer?”

Simple Explanation

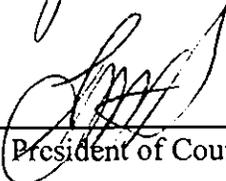
A “YES” vote means the City of Reading Home Rule Charter would be amended to eliminate the Managing Director’s power to “Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the City, except as provided by this Charter or by law” and provide that power solely to the Mayor.

A “NO” vote would retain the current language, empowering both the Mayor and Managing Director to “Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the City, except as provided by this Charter or by law”.

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.

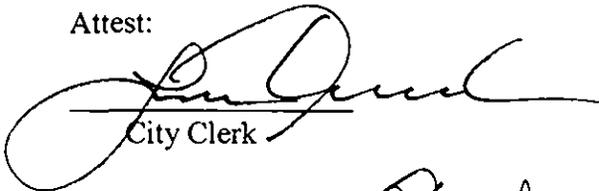
SECTION 3. This ordinance shall repeal and replace Bill No 15 2014.

Enacted April 15, 2014



President of Council

Attest:



City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: 

Date: 4/15/14

Received by the Mayor's Office:

Date: 4/15/14

Approved by Mayor: 

Date: 4/15/14

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Exhibit A

Section 308. Powers and Duties of the Mayor.

(g) [Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by the Charter or by Law.] Direct the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the City as supervised by the Managing Director, except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by law.

Section 406. Powers and Duties.

(2) [Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by law;] Supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the City, as directed by the Mayor, except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by law;