

BILL NO. 17 2014

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 adopted by the Council of the City of Reading, on this 10 day of Feb A. D. 2014. My hand and seal of the said City this 11 day of Feb A. D. 2014.

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE CITY VOTERS ON THE 2014 PRIMARY BALLOT WHICH WOULD AMEND THE CITY OF READING HOME RULE CHARTER BY REQUIRING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL POSITION ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE HIRING OF CITY PERSONNEL WHEN SUCH HIRING EXCEEDS THE AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, Section 904 (d) of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter provides that the budget "...shall show the number of proposed employees in every job classification"; and

WHEREAS, a duly appointed Charter Review Commission has recommended that said aforementioned requirement be amended as set forth in Exhibit A (attached hereto).

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 primary ballot unless space limitations require placing same to the voters on the 2014 general election ballot:

Home Rule Charter Section 904 (d) – Budget

"Shall Section 904 (d) of the Reading City Charter be amended to make clear that the Annual Position Ordinance must be amended by Council prior to any hiring of City personnel by the Administration which exceeds the current Annual Position Ordinance?"

Simple Explanation

The original City of Reading Home Rule Charter Section 904 sets forth certain items to be included in the budget. One, under Section 904 (d), is the number of proposed employees in every job classification. The amendment makes it clear that no employee may be hired by the Administration if it exceeds the number authorized in the Annual Position Ordinance.

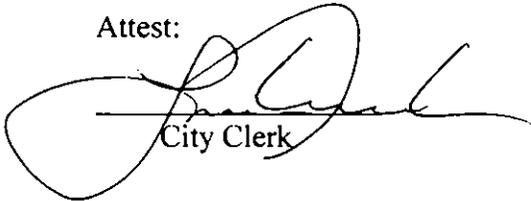
SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption, in accordance with Section 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted July 10, 2014



President of Council

Attest:



City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: _____

Date: 2/11/14

Received by the Mayor's Office: _____

Date: 2/11/14

Approved by Mayor: _____

Date: 2/11/14

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Exhibit A

Section 904. Budget.

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