

BILL NO. 15 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 10th day of July, A. D. 2014. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 11th day of July, A. D. 2014.

CITY CLERK

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 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 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 voters on the 2014 general election 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

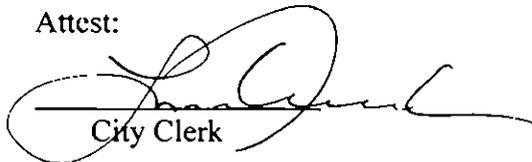
The City of Reading Home Rule Charter currently contains similar language under the powers and duties of the Mayor and the Managing Director. The amendment will remove the duplicative language and will make clear that the Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer and that the Managing Director is the Chief Administrative Officer.

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 2/6/14 2014


President of Council

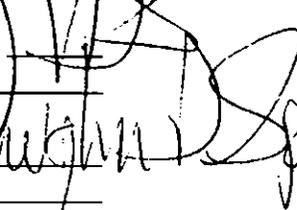
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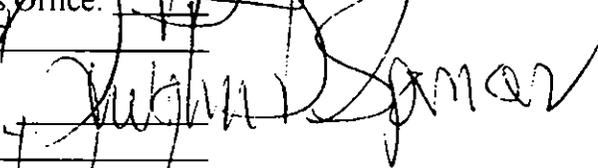
City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: 

Date: 2/11/14

Received by Mayor's Office: 

Date: 2/11/14

Approved by Mayor: 

Date: 2/11/14

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;