

BILL NO. 16 2014

AN ORDINANCE

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as adopted by the Council of the City of Reading, or A. D. 20 14 day of Feb of the said City this 11 day of Feb 20 14.
Linda A. Kelleher
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 BY DELETING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CITY AUDITOR BE A CPA WITH A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) YEARS EXPERIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ACCOUNTING, MANAGEMENT, OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

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

WHEREAS, as a result of a referendum at the April 24, 2012, primary election, Section 502 currently contains an eligibility requirement that the City Auditor be a CPA with a minimum of five (5) years experience in business administration, accounting, management, or municipal government; and

WHEREAS, a duly appointed Charter Review Commission has recommended that said aforementioned requirement for the City Auditor be deleted 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 502 – Eligibility of the City Auditor

“Shall Section 502 of the Reading City Charter be amended to delete the requirement that the City Auditor be a CPA with a minimum of 5 years experience in business administration, accounting, management or municipal government?”

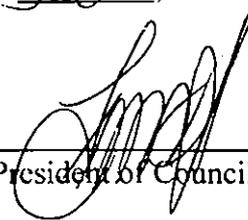
Simple Explanation

The original City of Reading Home Rule Charter did not require that the City Auditor be a CPA with 5 years experience in certain areas. It required, and will still require after amendment if passed, that the City Auditor have a Bachelor’s Degree in Business

Administration, Municipal Government, Accounting, Management, or a related field. The proposed amendment will return the eligibility requirements to those as originally stated in the City Charter thereby expanding eligibility to those that are currently ineligible to hold the office.

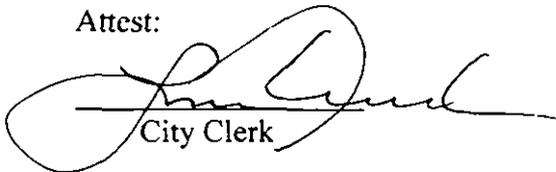
SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption, in accordance with Section 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted Feb 10, 2014



President of Council

Attest:



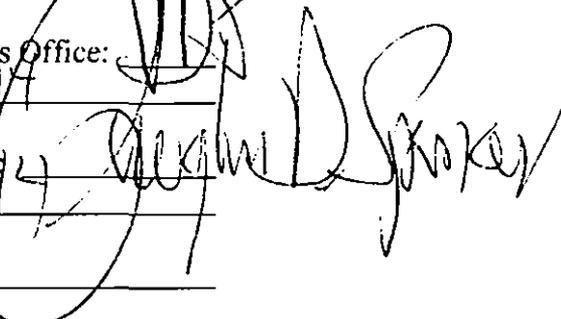
City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: 

Date: 2/10/14

Received by Mayor's Office: 

Date: 2/11/14

Approved by Mayor: 

Date: 2/11/14

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Exhibit A

Section 502. Eligibility.

The candidate for City Auditor shall be a registered voter of the City who shall have resided in the City continuously for at least one year immediately preceding the primary election in which the City Auditor seeks office. The City Auditor shall continue to reside in the City throughout the term of office. In addition, the City Auditor must have a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, Municipal Government, Accounting, Management or a related field [and be a CPA with a minimum of five (5) years experience in business administration, accounting, management or municipal government]. The City Auditor elected at the first election under this Charter shall receive an annual salary of \$40,000.00.