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AN ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE

On August 5, 1980, the voters by a 2 to 1 margin adopted a proposal to permit the writing of a home-rule charter for Wayne County. The 27 member Charter Commission was elected in November of 1980 and began its work in late December. The Commission had 180 days to draft Michigan's first home-rule county charter.

During that 180 days, the Charter Commission researched county government organization and charters which had been adopted by counties around the nation. The Commission consulted with citizens, county officials, civic and community leaders and experts in the field of government reorganization. More than 600 people appeared before the Charter Commission or its standing committees. During the initial drafting phase, the Commission held 11 community meetings throughout the County to solicit citizen views. On June 16, 1981, the Charter Commission completed the proposed Charter for Wayne County — which in the words of one Commissioner was "better than any of us could have hoped for."

Not all the Commissioners were in agreement with every provision and in some instances there was vigorous debate. However, the Charter provides a workable structure of government which will serve the needs of all Wayne County citizens.

The Charter’s Major Reforms

The Charter will make major changes in the structure of County government. The details of those changes can be found in the Charter itself or by reviewing other documents prepared by the Charter Commission; however, here are highlights of the most significant changes:

- **A single, accountable executive.** The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will have the authority to unify the management of County government. The CEO will have authority over the budget and personnel policies.

- **A smaller County Commission.** The County Commission will be reduced in size from 27 to 15. The Commission’s present administrative duties will be transferred to the CEO; however, the Commission will receive expanded legislative authority including the power to approve all contracts, confirm appointments by the CEO and appoint an Auditor General.

- **Tight budget controls.** The Charter will make a substantial change in the manner the County conducts its financial affairs. The Charter requires an annual audit, a balanced budget and tight monitoring of all transactions. The CEO will be able to veto appropriations and force spending cuts to keep the budget in balance.

- **Re-organization powers.** The Charter permits the CEO, with the approval of the County Commission, to make changes in the structure of County government to meet changing needs. This provision permits future executive branch re-organization without the need for a Charter amendment.

- **A new personnel system.** The Charter creates a new Personnel Department to replace the Civil Service Commission. The department retains the "merit principle" but will be managed by a professional Personnel Director accountable to the CEO. The County’s classification system would be streamlined. The Charter also prohibits County officials elected after the Charter takes effect from obtaining a County job until one year after his or her term of office.

- **One final reform — home rule itself.** By adopting a home-rule charter, the voters of Wayne County will, for the first time, have local control over their County government. The structure of County government can then be changed by a vote of the people without the need for special legislation.

The Charter is brief and written in understandable language. We hope that you have a chance to read it, to ask questions about its contents and to discuss its provisions and their implications with your friends and neighbors.

We commend this Charter to you, the people of Wayne County, for your thoughtful consideration.

THE WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

September 21, 1981
ARTICLE I  GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.111 Declaration of Rights

(a) Wayne County shall not discriminate against residents in the delivery of services.

(b) Wayne County shall not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or applicant for award of a County contract because of any factor not related to job or contract performance.

(c) Wayne County shall not contract with any person or firm that discriminates against employees or applicants for employment because of any factor not related to job performance.

(d) Wayne County may institute any legal program of affirmative action.

1.112 Home Rule Powers

Wayne County, a body corporate, possesses home rule power enabling it to provide for any matter of county concern and all powers conferred by constitutional or law upon charter counties or upon general law counties, their officers, or agencies.

Wayne County is not required to perform any service or function mandated by any statute applicable only to general law counties, their officers, or agencies.

1.113 Boundaries

The boundaries of Wayne County existing when this Charter takes effect may be changed only in accordance with law.

ARTICLE II  ELECTIONS

CHAPTER 1  APPOINTMENT

2.111 Apportionment of County Commission Districts

The County Apportionment Commission shall establish County Commission districts based exclusively upon population within 12 months after final census figures are certified by the United States Government. The districts shall be contiguous, compact and as nearly square as practicable, without regard to partisan political advantage. The districts shall be drawn so that each city, township, and village has the largest possible number of complete districts within its boundaries, and to assure proper and adequate representation of racial and language minorities in the County.

2.112 Apportionment Commission

Unless otherwise required by law, the County Apportionment Commission consists of the County Clerk, the Treasurer, the Prosecuting Attorney and the County chairperson of each of the 2 political parties whose candidates for Secretary of State received the most votes in the last election for that office. If a party has no County chairperson, a representative of that party shall be appointed by its state central committee. The County Clerk convenes the Commission. Three members of the Commission constitute a quorum. All action is by majority vote of Commissioners serving.

2.113 Apportionment Procedure

Unless otherwise required by law, the Commission has 30 days after certification of official census figures to approve and file an apportionment plan with the County Clerk and the Secretary of State. If the Commission fails to act within the 30 day period or an extension granted by the Court of Appeals, any registered voter may submit a plan to the Commission for approval. From the plans submitted, the Commission shall choose a plan meeting the requirements of law. The plan chosen by the Commission shall be filed with the County Clerk within 30 days of the initial or extended deadline for filing its plan.

2.114 Appeal of an Apportionment Plan

Any registered voter of Wayne County may, within 30 days of the filing of the plan with the County Clerk, ask the Court of Appeals to determine if the plan complies with the law and this Charter. A decision of the Court of Appeals may be appealed to the State Supreme Court as provided by law.

2.115 Final Apportionment Plan

A final apportionment plan is effective until a new plan is adopted after release of the next United States final census figures.

2.116 Elections

The election of County Commissioners and other elected County Officers shall be conducted in the manner and at the times required by law and this charter.

CHAPTER 2  ELECTED OFFICERS

2.211 Terms

Unless otherwise provided by law or in accordance with this Charter, the Sheriff, the Prosecuting Attorney, the County Clerk, the Treasurer, the Register of Deeds, and the Drain Commissioner are elected at large on a partisan basis for 4 year terms, which expire at the same time as the term of the Governor.

2.212 Terms and Vacancies

The method of electing and qualifications of the Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and Drain Commissioner are those provided by law. If permitted by law, a vacancy in any office shall be filled by the appointment of the CEO with the approval of a majority of Commissioners serving. A successor shall be elected, for the unexpired term if any, at the next regularly scheduled County general election.
(Sections)

3.111 County Commission

The County Commission is the legislative body of the County and is vested with all legislative authority. The Commission has 13 members.

3.112 Election Filling of Vacancies

(a) The term of office of a Commissioner is 2 years, concurrent with that of a State representative. Commissioners are elected in even-numbered years from single member districts on a partisan basis.

(b) If a vacancy occurs in the office of a Commissioner by death, resignation, removal from the district, or removal from office, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment within 30 days, by a majority of Commissioners serving. The appointee shall be a registered voter of the district belonging to the same political party as its previous Commissioner.

(c) If the vacancy is filled in an odd-numbered year, the appointee shall serve until a successor is elected in a special election in accordance with law. If the vacancy is filled in an even-numbered year, the appointee shall serve out the unexpired term. If a vacancy is not filled by appointment, it shall be filled by a special election regardless of the year when it occurs.

3.113 Compensation

The County Commission shall provide compensation for Commissioners by ordinance. A change in compensation after first established may not be made effective before the commencement of a new term. Any change in compensation shall be approved by the Commissioners at least 60 days prior to the primary election in which candidates for the next Commission term are to be nominated. The provision of a cost-of-living allowance or other compensation or reimbursement which would have the effect of increasing the compensation of a Commissioner is prohibited.

3.114 Meetings, Rules and Procedures

(a) At the first meeting of each new term, the Commission shall elect a chairperson and other officers of the Commission. The Commission shall establish its own rules and procedures.

(b) The Commission shall hold at least 2 regular meetings per month. The Commission may provide for additional regular meetings. No fewer than 3 additional meetings shall be held annually in communities of the County; at least 6 meetings shall be held outside the County seat and at least 4 meetings shall be held within the County seat at locations other than the regular meeting place. The chairperson of the Commission may call special meetings. The chairperson shall call a special meeting upon written request of 3 Commissioners.

(c) The vote on final adoption of any resolution or ordinance shall be by roll call by a majority, or a 2/3 majority if required by this Charter, of Commissioners serving. The Commission's rules shall provide for votes other than on final adoption. A majority of Commissioners serving constitutes a quorum.

(d) The Commission shall have a Ways and Means Committee and an Audit Committee. The appropriation ordinance shall be referred to the Ways and Means Committee. The Audit Committee shall review the reports of the independent auditor and the Auditor General and shall monitor compliance with audit findings. At least 3 Commissioners shall serve on each committee and no Commissioner may serve on both. The County Commission may provide for other committees by resolution.

3.115 Powers and Duties

Powers and duties of the Commission shall be exercised by ordinance if required by law or this Charter; otherwise they may be exercised by resolution. In addition to other powers and duties prescribed in this Charter, the Commission may:

(1) Adopt, amend, or repeal ordinances or resolutions.

(2) Appropriate funds, levy taxes, fees and other charges, and authorize borrowing in accordance with Article V.

(3) Approve the making of all contracts by the county.

(4) Approve or reject appointments by the CEO of the Deputy CEO, department heads, their deputy directors, and members of boards and commissions in accordance with Article IV.

(5) Override a veto of the CEO by a 2/3 majority of Commissioners serving.

(6) Approve, amend, or reject rules or regulations issued by any department or officer of the County. If the Commission fails to act within 30 days of the submission of any rules or regulations, the rules or regulations become effective. The Commission may provide a procedure by which emergency rules and regulations become effective before their submission to the Commission.

(7) Require any county officer or employee to testify and to produce records and documents.

(8) Subpoena records, documents, and witnesses and administer oaths.

(9) Appoint and remove, by a majority vote of Commissioners serving, the members of the Board of County Commissioners, the Metropolitan Airport Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning and Development Commission, and the County Election Board.

(10) Appoint and, within authorized appropriations, provide compensation for employees of the Commission. The Commission shall appoint a Commission Clerk who shall be responsible for maintaining official records of the Commission and other duties prescribed by the Commission. The Commission Clerk may be removed by a majority of Commissioners serving.

(11) Merge the department of Register of Deeds with the department of County Clerk or provide for their subsequent separation.

(12) Judge the qualifications of Commissioners.

(13) Submit amendments to this Charter for approval by the registered voters.

(14) Exercise any power granted by law to Charter or general law counties except those prohibited by this Charter.

(15) Establish the compensation of other elected officers as provided by law or ordinance.

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3.116 Purchasing Policy

The Commission shall establish by ordinance the purchasing policy of the County. The ordinance shall provide for solicitation of sealed bids by advertisement for purchases over a specified amount.

3.117 Public County Hospital Facilities

The Commission shall provide by ordinance for the operation, maintenance, and administration of public County hospital facilities and shall assure an adequate level of physical and mental health services for the residents of the County.

3.118 Non-Interference in Administrative Affairs

Except insofar as is necessary in the performance of the duties of office or as otherwise provided by this Charter, a Commissioner or an employee of the Commission shall not interfere, directly or indirectly, with the conduct of any executive department.

3.119 Auditor General

(a) A legislative Auditor General may be created by ordinance. The Auditor General shall be appointed by a majority of Commissioners serving. The Auditor General may be removed for cause by a 2/3 vote of the Commissioners serving. The Auditor General shall be a CPA with at least 5 years experience in auditing governmental bodies. The compensation for the Auditor General shall be established by the Commission.

(b) The Auditor General shall perform duties required by the Commission and shall be supervised exclusively by the Commission and may inspect county records and property.

The Auditor General may employ staff or consultant auditors within authorized appropriations.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE BRANCH

CHAPTER 1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Sections)

4.111 Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the head of the executive branch of County government.

4.112 Powers and Duties

(a) The executive and administrative power of the County is vested in the CEO. The CEO has power and duty to:

1. Supervise, coordinate, direct, and control all county facilities, operations, and functions except as otherwise provided by law or this Charter;

2. Implement and enforce the laws of this State and County ordinances, resolutions, orders, and rules;

3. Exercise all powers and duties granted the CEO by law, ordinance, or other provisions of this Charter;

4. Submit reports and recommendations to the Commission on any matter affecting the County;

5. Exercise powers and duties required for emergency preparedness;

6. Maintain a Planning division in the office of the CEO and

7. Veto any ordinance or resolution having the effect of law, or approving a contract, or any line item in an appropriation ordinance by transmitting to the Commission written certification of the veto and reasons therefor. If the CEO fails to exercise the veto within 10 days after the submission of the ordinance or resolution to the CEO, the action of the Commission takes effect.

(b) The Cooperative Extension Service shall be maintained in the executive branch.

4.113 Reorganization Plan

(a) Within 90 days after taking office, the CEO shall submit a proposed Executive Branch reorganization plan to the Commission. The plan may provide for the creation or abolition of any department, agency, division, or officer not expressly exempted by this Charter. The plan may assign all the powers, duties, and functions of the County among the agencies or departments not prohibited by this Charter. The CEO may propose amendments at any time to the Executive Branch reorganization plan.

(b) The Commission may approve or reject the proposed plan or any proposed amendment. If the Commission fails to act on the proposed plan or a proposed amendment within 90 days after its submission, the plan or the amendment becomes effective.

4.114 Transfers of Property and Records

All property, records, and equipment of any department, agency, board, commission, instrumentality, or other administrative unit of County government affected by this charter or a reorganization plan shall be transferred to the appropriate organizational unit established under this Charter or a reorganization plan as directed by the CEO.

4.115 Coordination of Road and Public Works Functions

The CEO shall coordinate the project activities of the departments of Drain Commissioner, Road Commission, Public Works which affect County The Road Commission and
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of Public Works shall submit an annual project plan to the CEO 6 months before the next fiscal year and shall notify the CEO of any change in the project plan within 30 days.

4.116 Coordination of County Functions

The CEO shall supervise, direct, and control functions of all departments of the County except those headed by elected officials, and shall coordinate the various activities of the County and unify the management of its affairs.

4.121 Deputy CEO

The Office of the Deputy CEO is created. The Deputy CEO shall exercise the powers and duties of the CEO if the office of CEO is vacant or if the CEO is absent or disabled. The Deputy CEO shall also perform powers and duties delegated by the CEO.

4.122 Vacancies

If both the office of CEO and Deputy CEO become vacant, a majority of the Commissioners serving shall appoint an acting CEO to serve until the office of CEO is filled in accordance with this Charter.

CHAPTER 2
Departments Headed by Elected Officers

Part I - Prosecuting Attorney

4.211 Department Created

The department of Prosecuting Attorney is hereby created. The head of the department is the elected Prosecuting Attorney.

4.212 Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the department are those provided by law for prosecuting attorneys. Additional powers and duties may be assigned the department by a reorganization plan adopted in accordance with this Charter.

Part II - Sheriff

4.221 Department Created

The department of Sheriff is hereby created. The head of the department is the elected Sheriff.

4.222 Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the department are those provided by law for sheriffs. Additional powers and duties may be assigned the department by a reorganization plan adopted in accordance with this Charter.

4.223 Patrol of the Parks

The department shall provide patrol services for the County parks system and assure the safety of users of the County parks.

4.224 Contracts with Local Governments

The department may contract with units of government within the County to provide services with the approval of the Commission.

Part III - County Clerk

4.231 Department Created

The department of County Clerk is hereby created. The head of the department is the elected County Clerk.

4.232 Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the department are those provided by law for county clerks except as provided in Article III. Additional powers and duties may be assigned the department by a reorganization plan adopted in accordance with this Charter.

4.233 Central Records

The department shall maintain central records of the County as provided by law or ordinance.

4.234 Printing and Duplication

The department shall supervise and control the County printing and duplication facility.

Part IV - County Treasurer

4.291 Department Created

The department of County Treasurer is hereby created. The head of the department is the elected Treasurer.

4.292 Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the department are those provided by law for county treasurers. Additional powers and duties may be assigned the department by a reorganization plan adopted in accordance with this Charter.

4.293 Investment Power

The department shall receive, deposit, and invest funds belonging to and under the control of the County as provided by law and this Charter.

4.294 Tax Collections and Delinquent Taxes

The department shall collect current taxes assessed on the County tax rolls within the City of Detroit, determine, settle, and collect delinquent taxes, and act as the agent for the County in connection with the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund.

Part V - Register of Deeds

4.251 Department Created

The department of Register of Deeds is hereby created. The head of the department is the elected Register of Deeds.

4.252 Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the department are those provided by law for registrars of deeds. Additional powers and duties may be assigned the department by a reorganization plan adopted in accordance with this Charter.

Part VI - Drain Commissioner

4.261 Department Created

The department of Drain Commissioner is hereby created. The head of the department is the elected Drain Commissioner.

4.262 Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the department are those provided by law for drain commissioners. Additional powers and duties may be assigned the department by a reorganization plan adopted in accordance with this Charter.

4.263 Annual Project Plan

The department shall submit an annual project plan to the CEO 6 months before the next fiscal year and shall notify the CEO of any change in the project plan within 30 days. The Drain Commissioner shall coordinate the project activities of the department with other County activities affecting County roads as directed by the CEO.

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4.314 Division of Human Relations

(a) The division of Human Relations is hereby created in the department of Corporation Counsel. The director of the division shall be appointed by the CEO for a term of 6 years. The director of Human Relations may be removed for cause by the CEO with the approval of a majority of the Commissioners serving.

The division shall provide advice to County agencies on matters of employment discrimination and contract compliance and may request the Commission and CEO to take appropriate action against non-complying agencies. The director shall provide reports at least monthly to the Commission and the CEO concerning the activities of the division.

4.321 Department Created

The Personnel department is hereby created. The director of the Personnel department shall have at least 5 years experience in personnel administration.

4.322 Powers and Duties

The Personnel department shall:

(1) Perform the personnel and labor relations functions for all agencies of the County except as otherwise provided by law or this Charter; and

(2) Establish policies and programs for recruitment of potential employees and for training and development including career planning.

4.323 Labor Relations

(a) The division of Labor Relations is hereby created within the Personnel department. The director of the Labor Relations division shall be under the direct supervision of the CEO.

(b) The division of Labor Relations shall act for the County under the direction of the CEO in the negotiation and administration of collective bargaining contracts.

4.324 Employment Planning

(a) The division of Employment Planning is hereby created within the Personnel department.

(b) The division of Employment Planning shall:

(1) Establish and administer a classification plan for all positions in the classified service;

(2) Prepare, administer, and grade examinations of the classified service; and

(3) Establish a uniform employee performance appraisal system for the classified service which shall rate each person at least once annually, furnishing a copy of the appraisal to the employee.

4.325 Classification Plan

(a) The classification plan, to the extent practicable and possible, shall assemble duties, responsibilities, and qualifications into broad organizational groupings. Each classification shall have common levels of responsibility and complexity. At least 4 persons must hold positions in each classification unless otherwise provided by ordinance. Entry into classified positions shall be by open, competitive examination. The classification plan and any amendment of the classification plan shall be filed with the County Clerk as a public record. The plan or an amendment is effective 30 days after filing or at a later date prescribed in the plan.

(b) To the extent practicable, the division of Employment Planning shall use professionally developed examinations supported by empirical data demonstrating that the examination is predictive of, or significantly related to, the applicant's ability and capacity to serve in the position.

(c) The classified service includes all employees of the County except:

1) Elected officers and their deputies;

2) Persons holding appointments under this Charter;

3) Members of boards and commissions;

4) Persons employed to make or conduct a temporary or special inquiry, investigation, or examination on behalf of the County.

5) Managerial or confidential positions as prescribed by ordinance; and

6) The Personnel department;
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6) Employees serving directly under the County Commission or the CEO.

4.326 Civil Service Commission
(a) The Civil Service Commission is hereby created as a division within the Personnel department. The Commission consists of 3 members appointed for terms of 6 years, 1 of which expires in January of each odd year, but of the members first appointed, I shall serve a term of 2 years, 1 a term of 4 years, and 1 a term of 6 years. A commissioner shall not hold any other public office, except that of notary public, or be employed in any other capacity by the County or any other governmental agency, or any board, commission or department thereof. One commissioner shall be a qualified elector from the County seat, one commissioner shall be a qualified elector from outside the County seat and the third member shall be a qualified elector with knowledge of and experience in labor relations. Not more than 2 commissioners may be from the same political party. A member may be removed by the CEO for cause.
(b) The Civil Service Commission shall meet at least once each month. Members shall be paid on a per diem basis. The Commission may not meet more than 6 days a month, except with prior approval of the director of the Personnel department.
(c) The Civil Service Commission shall hear and decide grievance cases arising under the classified service and grievance cases of examinees based on an allegation that the examination did not comply with the requirements of the Charter or the rules established by the division of Employment Planning. The Civil Service Commission may grant relief to an examinee only upon a finding of clear and convincing evidence that the examination failed to conform to those requirements.
(d) The Civil Service Commission may subpoena witnesses and documents, administer oaths, and take testimony. The Civil Service Commission may require compliance with a subpoena by applying to an appropriate court. The Civil Service Commission may delegate its powers to a hearing officer. The hearing officer shall file a written report of the decision, setting forth findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended actions. The decision of the hearing officer is reviewable by the Commission in accordance with rules established by the Commission.
(e) The grievance procedure established by the Civil Service Commission is the exclusive procedure for classified employees not covered by a collective bargaining contract. If the classified employee is covered by a collective bargaining contract that contains a non-exclusive, different procedure, the employee may elect one of the procedures.
(f) If the grievance procedure provided by the collective bargaining contract does not result in a final and enforceable determination, the classified employee may utilize the Civil Service Commission grievance procedure only after completion of the contract procedure.

4.327 Promotion
Except as otherwise provided by a collective bargaining contract, promotion in the classified service shall be by competitive examination. The names of the persons having the 3 highest passing scores in a promotion examination shall be forwarded to the head of the department for promotion selection. The employee must have received a favorable performance appraisal at the last performance rating prior to the selection. The division of Employment Planning shall give notice as provided by rule of the availability of positions in the classified service and the dates of promotion examinations at least 30 days in advance ofually hiring or promotion examination.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH — Continued

33.31 Department Created
The department of Management and Budget is hereby created. The director of the department is the Chief Financial Officer. The director shall be appointed by the CEO and serve at the pleasure of the CEO. Approval by the Commission of the appointment is not required.

33.32 Powers and Duties
The department of Management and Budget has powers and duties to:
1. Effectuate the provisions of Article V of this Charter;
2. Implement administrative procedures and practices required by the CEO; and
3. Supervise and direct the activities of the divisions of the department.

33.33 Assessment and Equalization
(a) The division of Assessment and Equalization is hereby created within the department of Management and Budget. The director of the division has a 6-year term and may be removed for cause by the CEO with the approval of a majority of the Commissioners serving. The director shall possess qualifications required by law.
(b) The division has powers and duties to:
1. Assist the County Commission with the equalization of assessments of property subject to taxation in the County in accordance with law.
2. Prepare reports and other documents required by law; and
3. Enter into contracts with political subdivisions within the County to provide assessing, tax roll preparation, tax billing, or other related services.

33.39 Purchasing
The division of Purchasing is hereby created in the department of Management and Budget.

33.40 Health
The department of Health is hereby created.

33.42 Powers and Duties
The department shall maintain health programs, including programs relating to aging, air, land, and water pollution, respiratory diseases, and substance abuse and shall be responsible for the activities provided by law for a medical examiner.

33.43 Environmental Protection
(a) The division of Environmental Protection is hereby created in the department of Health. The director of the division shall have had at least 5 years experience in environmental management.
(b) The division shall investigate violations of environmental protection laws and ordinances, and may seek civil and criminal penalties provided by law, and may recommend ordinances and rules providing additional protection for the County environment from contamination, impairment, or destruction.

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Part VIII — General Provisions — Governing Departments

4.381 Other Agencies

Other agencies, departments, instrumentalities, and boards and commissions of the County may be created only by ordinance or a reorganization plan.

4.382 Directors and Deputies

Unless otherwise specified by this Charter, each department shall be headed by a director. Each department, other than those headed by a board or commission, may have a deputy director who shall exercise the powers and duties of the director if the director is absent or disabled or if the office of director is vacant.

4.383 Reorganization Power Limited

The powers and duties of all departments and divisions created under this Chapter may be modified by a reorganization plan other than powers and duties specifically granted to the division of Human Relations, the division of the Civil Service Commission, the division of Assessment and Equalization, the department of Senior Citizen Services, and the Retirement Commission.

4.384 Divisions

The powers and duties of a division are subject to the control and supervision of the department except the powers and duties of divisions that are not modifiable under Section 4.383.

4.385 Appointments

Unless otherwise specifically provided by this Charter or law:

1. The Deputy CEO, directors, deputy directors, members of boards and commissions, representatives of the County on intergovernmental bodies, and all other officials or representatives not in the classified service shall be appointed by the CEO with the approval of a majority of Commissioners serving.

2. If the Commission fails to act on a appointment within 30 days after its submission to the Commission, the appointment is effective.

3. Appointees in County government serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

4.386 Vacancies

A vacancy in an office created under this article occurs if the holder of the office dies, resigns, is removed from office, or is no longer a qualified elector of the County.

Part IX — Human Relations

Charter Commission holds Community forum.
ARTICLE V  
FINANCE

(Sections)

5.111 Financial Management Principles

Wayne County shall employ generally accepted principles of accounting, auditing, and reporting, appropriate to local government and as required by law, in the conduct of its financial affairs.

5.112 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the County is established by ordinance.

5.113 Independent Audit

(a) An independent external auditor shall be engaged pursuant to contract by the CEO with the approval of a majority of the Commissioners serving. The auditor shall be a certified public accountant. The term of the contract shall be established by the Commission, but the first term shall be for not less than 3 years and the auditor may not serve more than 8 consecutive years. The contract may be terminated for cause by a majority of the Commissioners serving.

(b) The auditor shall audit annually all funds and property of the County and shall report the extent of compliance with Section 5.111. The audit and report shall be completed within 120 days after the fiscal year. Copies of the audit and report shall be transmitted to the Commissioners, the State Treasurer, and as required by ordinance and shall be available for public inspection.

5.121 Budget Preparation and Submission

The CEO shall prepare and submit a comprehensive budget for the County.

5.122 Policy Statement

At least 9 months before the next fiscal year, the CEO shall transmit the budget policy statement to all agencies to be included in the comprehensive budget. This statement shall estimate the revenues available for appropriation in the next fiscal year and include a budget policy statement.

5.123 Budget Request

At least 6 months before the next fiscal year, all agencies included in the comprehensive budget shall submit to the CEO their budget requests and other information required by the CEO.

5.124 Budget Documents and Transmittal

The CEO shall transmit the comprehensive budget for the County's next fiscal year to the County Commissioners at least 120 days before the fiscal year. The comprehensive budget shall contain the budget message, budget document, the proposed appropriation ordinance, and other information required by law or ordinance.

5.125 Budget Message

The budget message shall: (1) Describe the proposed fiscal policy of the County; (2) Indicate the important features of the budget, including major changes; (3) Explain the budget in fiscal and program terms; (4) Explain the estimates of revenues and proposed expenditures; (5) Summarize the debt position; (6) Summarize the fiscal data for the current fiscal years and the current year for each major category of revenue and expenditures; and (7) Include estimates of revenue and expenditures for each major category for the next 5 fiscal years.

5.126 Budget Document

The budget document shall contain information showing: (1) Full costs of each agency by division; (2) Full costs of conducting County functions and operations; (3) Major program goals and objectives; (4) Outcomes of expenditures, including personnel, fringe benefits, pensions, supplies, materials, rent, travel, and equipment by agency; (5) A statement of special funds; (6) A statement of expenditures; (7) A debt service statement; (8) A capital outlay statement; (9) A statement on pensions and budget stabilization; and (10) A statement of surplus or deficit.

(a) Statement of Estimated Revenue

The statement of estimated revenue shall include taxes, tolls, special assessments, excises, charges, reimbursements, State grants and contract receipts, federal grants and contract receipts, investment income, all other receipts, and unencumbered balances available for reappropriation. The statement shall include a comparison of estimated revenue by type to revenue by type in the current fiscal year and the prior 2 fiscal years and an explanation of any significant increase or decrease.

(b) Report of Special Funds

The report of special funds shall separately state the revenues and expenditures for the current year and prior 2 fiscal years of funds which can be used only for limited purposes.

(c) Statement of Expenditures

The statement of expenditures shall include: (1) An explanation of proposed expenditures in sub-unit detail certified by the CEO and as required by law; (2) A comparison of actual expenditures for each sub-unit detail in the current year and prior 2 fiscal years; (3) An estimate of projected expenditures for the current and next 3 fiscal years; and (4) An indication of the amount and type of revenue available for each category of expenditure and expected increases or decreases in those revenues.

(d) Debt Service Statement

The debt service statement shall: (1) Describe the current status of any indebtedness issued by the County or a County agency; (2) Describe the present condition of any sinking or debt retirement fund; (3) Describe interest requirements for the next fiscal year; (4) Describe any authorization for debt which has not yet been issued; (5) Contain an accounting of revenue pledged for the retirement of any revenue bonds, including an estimate of those revenues in the current fiscal year and the next 5 fiscal years; and (6) Include certification by the CEO of the level of appropriations required to meet the debt service requirements of the County for the next fiscal year.

(e) Pensions and Budget Stabilization

The statement of pensions and budget stabilization fund shall contain the certification of the CEO with respect to the level of funding required for pensions under the State Constitution and the level of funding required for the budget stabilization fund.

(f) Capital Outlay

The capital outlay statement shall: (1) Provide an informational summary of projected revenues and expenditure for each special purpose capital outlay fund of the County; (2) State the estimated cost of each project upon completion; (3) State appropriations to date for the project; (4) Indicate the estimated annual operating cost for the project and the program utilizing the project, if any; (5) Indicate the source of operating funding for the project and any program utilizing the project for the current year and the next 3 fiscal years; and (6) Contain a 3-year forecast of capital outlay needs.

(g) Surplus or Deficit

The statement of surplus or deficit shall contain an estimate of the surplus or deficit for the current fiscal year in each fund.
ARTICLE V  FINANCE — Continued

5.127 Appropriation Ordinance

The proposed appropriation ordinance shall: (1) Incorporate the comprehensive budget in detail consistent with the chart of accounts and budget document; (2) Include appropriate budget execution instructions and establish the transfer and impoundment authority of the CEO; and (3) Include a statement of revenue by type and fund related to each proposed expenditure. The proposed ordinance may not recommend expenditures, including any accumulated deficit, that exceed revenues, including any surplus.

5.131 Appropriation Ordinance

Introduction

At least 105 days before the next fiscal year, the County Commission shall introduce the proposed appropriation ordinance.

5.132 Hearings

At least 80 days before the next fiscal year, the County Commission shall complete hearings on the budget. The Commission shall afford an opportunity for persons authorized by law to testify. The Commission may direct the CEO to submit additional information concerning the comprehensive budget.

5.133 Public Hearings

At least 75 days before the next fiscal year, the County Commission shall hold at least 2 public hearings to receive citizen testimony. Notice of these hearings shall be published as required by law.

5.134 Appropriation Ordinance

(a) At least 30 days before the next fiscal year, the County Commission shall adopt an appropriation ordinance. The total of appropriations shall not exceed the revenue estimates certified by the CEO and any increase in revenue raising authority finally adopted. Whenever proposed total expenditures equal total available estimated revenues, a Commissioner proposing an amendment which increases appropriations on final adoption must propose a balancing increase in revenue raising authority or a reduction in other proposed expenditures. The appropriation ordinance shall contain the mandatory appropriation for debt service, pensions, and the budget mandate to spend.

5.135 Allotments

On or before the first day of the fiscal year, the CEO shall establish a schedule of periodic allotments for the fiscal year. The CEO may revise the allotments from time to time. The allotments are binding on agencies included in the comprehensive budget and shall not be exceeded.

5.133 Disbursement Procedure

An expenditure may be made and a contractual obligation incurred only if an unencumbered and allotted appropriation is available. An expenditure made or obligation incurred in violation of this section is void. The Chief Financial Officer shall maintain an appropriations and allotments ledger, including a record of encumbrances. The CEO, in accordance with this Charter and as provided by law, shall establish a system of accounts and specify uniform accounting procedures and procedures for the expenditures of funds. Payments shall be made by the Treasurer only if authorized by the Chief Financial Officer and only if funds are available for the expenditure.

5.144 Reports to the County Commission

The CEO shall file a written report with the Commission on the financial condition of the County at least quarterly. The report shall include:

(1) Expenditures and encumbrances since the prior report and year-to-date for each appropriation;
(2) Any revision of allotments made by the CEO;
(3) Actual revenue receipts by type, indicating variances from the revenue estimates contained in the comprehensive budget;
(4) Unencumbered balances in appropriations and the current allotment schedule;
(5) Statement of actions taken to comply with recommendations in audit reports; and
(6) Additional information required by ordinance.

5.145 Appropriation Ordinance Amendments

The Commission may amend the appropriation ordinance. An amendment to increase appropriations may be made only if sufficient unappropriated revenue is available.
5.146 Budget Reductions

If the CEO certifies to the Commission a reduction in estimated revenue of any type that would cause an expenditure of an approved appropriation to exceed the available revenue and submits a proposed appropriation reduction, the Commission must reduce appropriations to avoid the deficit. If the Commission fails to amend the appropriation ordinance within 30 days after the certification of the reduced revenue, the requested appropriation reduction submitted by the CEO takes effect.

5.147 Transfers and Impoundments

Transfers among appropriations and impoundments of appropriations may only be made in accordance with the appropriation ordinance as adopted or amended.

5.148 Program Review

The Commission, upon recommendation of the CEO, shall establish a schedule requiring every County operation or function to have a program review at least every 4 years. The CEO shall conduct the program review and submit a report of each program review to the Commissioners. The program review shall analyze the necessity and cost effectiveness of the operation or function and include recommended changes, including expansion, elimination, or alterations of the operation or function.

5.151 Comprehensive Annual Report

Within 120 days after each fiscal year, the final comprehensive annual financial report, adhering to the accounting and reporting standards required by law or this Charter, and certified by the independent auditor, shall be transmitted to the Commission and the State Treasurer.

5.161 Budget Stabilization Fund

A separate budget stabilization fund is created. Except as otherwise provided by law or this Charter, appropriations to the fund may be made for any fiscal year. Appropriations from the fund may be made as provided by law. If the growth in general-purpose, general-fund revenues exceeds growth in the price index specified by ordinance, the CEO may recommend to the Commission appropriations to the budget stabilization fund not to exceed 50% of that excess growth.

5.171 Budget Deficits

If expenditures exceed revenues in any fiscal year, the CEO shall submit a specific 5-year plan for short-term financial recovery and long-term financial stability to the Governor and the Legislature prior to the adoption of the next annual budget. The 5-year plan shall include those items required by law, the Governor, or the Legislature.

5.172 Debt Limit and Borrowing Authority

The debt limit of the County shall be as provided by law. The County may borrow in accordance with law.

5.181 Taxing Authority

(a) The County may, by ordinance levy and collect any tax, fee, rent, toll, or excise authorized by law. The County may levy on ad valorem property tax not in excess of 1% of the State equalized valuation of the taxable property within the County.

(b) The County is authorized to levy an ad valorem property tax not to exceed 6.07 mills. As provided by law, the 6.07 mills is a transfer of the millage allocated to the County from the 15 mill limitation authorized by Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution. This section does not authorize an increase in rate of taxation as defined by Article IX, Section 31 of the Constitution.

(c) An increase in the authorization may be approved by the voters of the County for a period of not more than 20 years provided the increase does not produce a total authorization of more than 10 mills.

(d) The County may impose taxes without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or evidences of indebtedness approved by the voters.

5.182 Net Limitation Tax Rate

As provided by law, the net limitation tax rate to be allocated to other taxing units in the county is 3.93 mills. The net limitation tax rate is from the 15 mill limitation authorized by Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution. The County Tax Allocation Board shall meet annually, as required by law, to allocate the net limitation tax rate. As provided by Article IX, Section 31 of the Constitution, the net limitation tax rate shall not be increased without a vote of the people.

5.191 General Provision

Failure to meet the deadlines prescribed by this article does not invalidate a duly enacted appropriation ordinance.
ARTICLE VI

RETIREMENT

(Sections)

6.111 Retirement System

The Wayne County Employees Retirement System created by ordinance is continued for the purpose of providing retirement income to eligible employees and survivor benefits. The County Commission may amend the ordinance, but an amendment shall not impair the accrued rights or benefits of any employee, retired employee, or survivor beneficiary.

6.112 Retirement Commission

The Retirement Commission is composed of 8 members: The CEO or the designee of the CEO, the chairperson of the County Commission, and 6 elected members. The members must be residents of Wayne County. Four members shall be active employees elected by active employees of the County in the manner provided by ordinance and 2 members shall be retired employees elected by retired employees of the County in the manner provided by ordinance. The term of the elected members is 4 years. The Retirement Commission shall administer and manage the Retirement System. The costs of administration and management of the Retirement System shall be paid from the investment earnings of the Retirement System.

6.113 Financial Management

The financial objective of the Retirement System is to establish and receive contributions each fiscal year which, as a percentage of active member payroll, are designed to remain approximately level from year to year. Specifically, contributions shall be sufficient to (i) cover fully costs allocated to the current year by the actuarial funding method, and (ii) liquidate over a period of years the unfunded costs allocated to prior years by the actuarial funding method. The period of years used in the application of item (ii) shall not exceed 35 years for unfunded amounts in existence December 1, 1982, 25 years for unfunded amounts resulting from benefit changes effective on or after December 1, 1982, and 13 years for experience gains and losses during years ending after November 30, 1981. Contributions made after November 30, 1981, which are in excess of the minimum requirement, may be used to reduce contribution requirements in a subsequent fiscal year. The actuarial funding method must produce contribution requirements which are not less than those produced by the individual-entry-age-normal-cost-actuarial method.

6.119 Employment of Actuary

The actuary employed by the Retirement System must have 5 years experience as a practicing actuary.

ARTICLE VII

SPECIFIC POWERS & PROVISIONS

7.111 Inter-Governmental Contracts

(a) The CEO with the approval of the County Commission may:

(1) Enter into any intergovernmental contract which is not specifically prohibited by law.

(2) Join, establish, or form with any other governmental unit an intergovernmental district or authority for the purpose of performing a public function or service, which each is authorized to perform separately, the performance of which is not prohibited.

(3) Accept, upon mutually agreed conditions, the transfer of performance of any municipal function or service from any governmental unit wholly or partially within the County, if the performance of that function or service by the County is not specifically prohibited by law, and if the function or service is offered on a County-wide basis.

(b)Provide by contract services or functions in any political sub-division of the County with the agreement of the legislative body of that sub-division and with approval of the contract by the Commission. The cost of services or functions provided to a political sub-division of the County, but not provided County-wide, shall be paid by the political sub-division in which the services or functions are performed. The revenues collected for the contracted services or functions shall be used first to pay for the contracted services.

(b) This section applies to all contracts of the County, including those to be performed by departments headed by elected officers.

7.112 Initiative, Referendum and Recall

(a) The people of Wayne County reserve the power to amend and revise this Charter, the power to recall elective officers, and the powers of initiative and referendum.

(b) The scope of these reserved powers are the same as comparable powers under the State Constitution. The procedures for the exercise of these reserved powers may be established by ordinance. In the absence of an ordinance establishing procedures, the procedures provided by law for the exercise of the reserved rights under the State Constitution are applicable. Petitions must be signed by registered voters constituting not less than 10% of the base vote to amend or revise the Charter; not less than 25% of the base vote to recall an elected officer; not less than 8% of the base vote to invoke the initiative; and not less than 5% of the base vote to invoke the referendum. The base vote is the total vote cast in the County or the affected district for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election. The petitions must be filed with the County Clerk.

7.113 Public Meetings

Meetings of the Commission and all other County boards and commissions are open to the public as provided by law.

7.119 Freedom of Information

County records are public and open to inspection as provided by law.

7.115 Restrictions on Appointments and Employment

(a) An elected County officer may not be hired or appointed to a compensated County position until at least one year has passed after completion of the term of office. This restriction does not apply to officers elected prior to the effective date of this Charter.

(b) A member of an appointed board or commission may not be appointed or hired to a compensated position created by that board or commission until at least one year has passed after the completion of the term of office.

7.116 Penalties for Violation

The County Commission may provide penalties for violations of this Charter or any ordinance.

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ARTICLE VII  SPECIFIC POWERS & PROVISIONS — Continued

7.117 Applicability of Article V of This Charter

Provisions of Article V apply to the Road Commission unless the Road Commission is specifically exempted.

7.118 Home Rule Unaffected

This Charter does not affect the exercise of home rule powers of governmental units within the County.

7.119 Public Utilities

The acquisition, operation, and sale of public utility facilities by the County for furnishing light, heat, or power is subject to the restrictions imposed on cities and villages by the State Constitution and applicable law.

7.120 Drainage Boards

Unless otherwise required by law, each County drainage board shall consist of the Drain Commissioner and 2 members of the County Commission.

7.121 Severability

If any provision of this Charter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or provisions of the Charter.

ARTICLE VIII  TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

8.111 Ordinances Continued

Ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations in force when this Charter takes effect, which are not inconsistent with this Charter, remain effective until amended or repealed.

8.112 Laws Continued

Except as otherwise provided by this Charter, the general statutes and local acts of this State regarding counties and County officers continue in effect.

8.113 Succession of County Rights

Wayne County, as created and structured under this Charter, succeeds to and is vested with the property, real and personal, money, rights, credits and effects, and the records, files, books, and papers belonging to the County as it formerly existed. Neither the rights nor the liabilities existing when it becomes a Home Rule County, nor a suit or prosecution of any kind commenced before, and continuing at the time it becomes a Home Rule County is, in any manner, affected by the change, but is to continue, stand, or progress as if the change had not been made. The debts and liabilities of the County, the authorized tax rates approved by the voters, and taxes and assessments levied and uncollected at the time of the change remain effective until they expire, are discharged, or collected the same as if the change to home rule had not been made.

8.114 Retirement Commission

The Wayne County Retirement Commission continues to hold office until the members of the new Retirement Commission are elected under Section 6.112.

8.115 Transition by County Commission

The County Commission shall provide by ordinance or resolution for the orderly transition of County government not inconsistent with this Charter.

8.116 Civil Service Rights

This Charter does not affect any vested rights or vested status of any Wayne County employee under the civil service system in effect prior to the effective date of this Charter.

8.117 Continuity of Government

(a) Departments headed by elected officers are established on the effective date of this Charter.

(b) Departments specifically created under Chapter 3 of Article IV are established six months after the effective date of this Charter or on the date prescribed by order of the CEO, whichever is earlier. When established, the prior entity exercising the same powers and duties is abolished.

(c) Other agencies, departments, instrumentalities, boards, commissions, and other administrative units of the County existing on the date this Charter becomes effective shall continue until displaced in accordance with a reorganization plan.

(d) The Board of Auditors is abolished on the effective date of this Charter.

8.118 Temporary Continuance of Positions

Persons holding unclassified positions in agencies, departments, instrumentalities, boards, commissions, and other administrative units of the County on the date this Charter becomes effective continue to hold those positions until successors are appointed in accordance with this Charter, the entity in which the position is held is abolished or displaced, or the CEO removes the person, whichever is earlier.

8.119 Effective Date

This Charter takes effect on January 1, 1983 but Sections 8.120 and 8.121 are effective upon adoption of this Charter.

8.120 Apportionment for Commissioners and Elections

(a) The existing County apportionment commission shall provide the apportionment plan as provided by law for the initial election of County Commissioners under this Charter in the 1982 primary and general elections for the Commission established under this Charter.

(b) The County Clerk shall provide, in accordance with law, for the election of all officers elected under this Charter on a district or County-wide basis in the 1982 primary and general elections.

(c) The election of a member of the Board of Auditors shall not be held in November, 1982.

8.121 Transition Planning

The existing County Board of Commissioners should appropriate sufficient funds to operate a transition office for the persons elected under this Charter in the general election in 1982.

8.122 Elected Officers Continued and Original Terms

(a) The persons holding the offices of Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and Drain Commissioner shall be continued in office until the expiration of the terms for which they were elected prior to the effective date of this Charter.

(b) The persons first elected under this Charter to the offices of Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and Drain Commissioner shall serve terms of 2 years commencing January 1, 1985 and ending December 31, 1986. Their successors shall be elected for terms of 4 years.
ARTICLE IX

SELECTION OF THE CEO

(Sections)
9.111 Elected Chief Executive Officer

(a) The CEO shall be elected at large on a partisan basis for a 4 year term. A candidate for the office of CEO must be a qualified elector of the County at the time of election. If a party candidate nominated in the primary election dies or otherwise becomes unable to be elected, a successor candidate shall be selected in the same manner that a successor candidate is selected for the office of County Clerk.

(b) If the office of CEO becomes vacant, a successor shall be elected at a special election held concurrently with the next regular County general election. The successor shall fill the unexpired term.

(c) State law as to the qualifications and registration of voters, the filing for office by candidates, and the conduct and canvass of county elections for county officers elected under Article IV shall also apply to the office of CEO.

(Sections)
9.111 Appointed Chief Executive Officer

(a) The CEO shall be appointed for a 4 year term by a majority of the County Commissioners serving. The CEO must be a qualified elector of the County at the time of appointment.

(b) A commissioner or a former commissioner whose service on the County Commission did not terminate more than 2 years previously may not be appointed CEO.

(c) The CEO may be removed for cause by a 2/3 vote of Commissioners serving. Any successor shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

(d) The Commission shall select a Search Committee for the purpose of obtaining and screening candidates for the office of CEO at its first meeting after a vacancy occurs or if the Commission has notice that a vacancy may occur. The Commission shall appoint the CEO within 3 months after the selection of the Search Committee.

WHAT IS COUNTY GOVERNMENT?

HEALTH PROTECTION

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

ROAD AND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

OPERATION OF METROPOLITAN AIRPORT
WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER PROPOSAL BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1981

AN ELECTOR MAY VOTE YES OR NO ON EITHER, OR BOTH, OF THE CHARTERS. A charter shall be declared adopted by the electors if it receives more yes votes than no votes. If both charters receive more yes votes than no votes, the charter which receives the higher number of yes votes shall be declared adopted.

BRIEF CHARTER EXPLANATIONS
Both proposed County charters, among other things, provide for:
1.) A reduction of the number of County Commissioners from 27 to 15.
2.) The elimination of the Board of Auditors.
3.) A balanced budget and an annual audit.

COUNTY CHARTER PROPOSAL No. 1
Shall the proposed home rule charter for the County of Wayne containing the provision for an elected County Executive be adopted?

YES ☐ NO ☐

COUNTY CHARTER PROPOSAL No. 2
Shall the proposed home rule charter for the County of Wayne containing the provision for an appointed Chief Administrative Officer be adopted?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Voters — The Proposed Wayne County Charter — It’s In Your Hands!
YOU DECIDE NOVEMBER 3RD
On November 3, 1981, the people of Wayne County will vote on two proposed home rule charters for the County of Wayne. The charters are identical in every way except that one provides for an elected Chief Executive Officer and the other for an appointed Chief Executive Officer.
You may vote “Yes” or “No” on either or both of the proposed charters. The charter receiving the greatest number of "yes" votes, providing it is a majority, will go into effect on January 1, 1983.
If both charters are defeated, the current system of county government continues.
This 16-page newspaper contained the proposed charter that Wayne County residents voted on Nov. 3, 1981.