

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERVIEW CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RIVERVIEW, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019 A.D.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF
THE PETER ROTTEVEEL MUNICIPAL BUILDING
14100 CIVIC PARK DRIVE, RIVERVIEW, MICHIGAN 48193-7689

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Swift

Present: Councilmembers Blanchette, Coffey, Towle, Elmer Trombley, James Trombley,

Excused: Councilmember Workman (Vacation)

At the regular meeting of the Riverview City Council of April 15, 2019, the following resolution was offered:

Motion by Councilmember Coffey, seconded by Councilmember Blanchette, to Adopt Resolution 19-07 to Amend Charter Chapter 17, Sections 7.4, regarding the "Publishing of and Recording of Ordinances," and 19.4, the "Mailing of Notices;" and further, to place said Charter Proposal question on the November 5, 2019 city election ballot.

CHARTER AMENDMENT
TO AMEND SECTION 7.4 PUBLICATION AND
RECORDING OF ORDINANCE AND SECTION 19.4
PUBLICATION AND MAILING OF NOTICES

WHEREAS, Section 19.4 of the Riverview City Charter entitled:

Definition of Publication. "Mailing of Notices." presently provides a requirement in the Charter for publication of notices or ordinances by publishing an appropriate insertion in a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of news of a general character which newspaper shall have a general circulation at regular intervals in the City for at least two years immediately preceding the time that it is used for such publication purposes and that an affidavit of the printer or publisher of the newspaper annexed to a printed copy of such notice, ordinance or proceeding taken from the paper shall be prima facie evidence of such publication; and

WHEREAS, the City also has available to it, several other mediums for communicating with citizens including cable television, internet website, electronic signboards as well as traditional public posting at public buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City deems it important for the citizens to decide which medium they would prefer for receiving copies of notices and other communications concerning City business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that amendments to Section 19.4 and 7.4 of the Riverview City Charter be placed on the November 5, 2019 ballot for consideration by the Electorate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendment to Section 19.4 of the City Charter read as follows:

Section 19.4 Publication and mailing of notices.

The requirement contained in this Charter for the publishing or publication of locally required notices or ordinances shall be met either by publishing an appropriate insertion in a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of news of a general character which newspaper shall have a general circulation at regular intervals in the City for at least two years immediately preceding the time that it is used for such publication purposes or; by posting local notices and ordinances on the City's official internet website, or the public access channel of any cable or satellite provider serving the City together with a posting of a written copy at City Hall and the Riverview Veterans Memorial Library. The Publisher of the newspaper, or in the case of website, cable, satellite and hard copy posting, the City Clerk or his or her assistant, shall annex to a printed copy of such notice, ordinance or proceeding, an affidavit specifying the times of publication or posting, which shall be prima facie evidence of such publication.

In any case in which this Charter requires the mailing of notices, the affidavit of the officer or employee responsible for such mailing that such notice was mailed, shall be prima facie evidence of such mailing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendment to Section 7.4 of the City Charter reads as follows:

Section 7.4 Publication and recording of ordinances

Each ordinance shall be published within fifteen (15) days after its enactment in one of the following methods:

- (a) the full text thereof may be published in a newspaper as defined in Section 19.4, either separately or as part of the published council proceedings; or
- (b) the full text thereof may be published on the City's official internet webpage together with hard copies which shall be posted at City Hall, and the Riverview Veterans Memorial Library; or
- (c) the full text thereof may be posted on the public access site of all cable and satellite providers serving the City, with hard copies which shall be posted at City Hall and the Riverview Veterans Memorial Library. In cases of ordinances over 500 words in length, a digest, summary or statement of purpose of the ordinance approved by the Council may be posted in any of the above referenced media either separately or as part of the published Council proceedings or summary thereof. In such cases, then printed copies shall promptly be made available in the Clerk's office as stated in such ordinance.

All ordinances shall be recorded by the Clerk and a book to be called "The Ordinance Book" and it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Clerk to authenticate

such records by their official signature thereon but the failure to so record and authenticate any such ordinance shall not invalidate it or suspend its operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed Charter language be submitted to the Attorney General and Governor of the State of Michigan for their approval pursuant to MCLA 117.22.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following language for the proposed Charter question be adopted and submitted to the Office of the State's Attorney General and Governor for approval for placement on the November 5, 2019 ballot:

PROPOSED CHARTER QUESTION

Shall Section 7.4 of the Riverview City Charter, entitled "Publication and Recording of Ordinances" and Section 19.4 entitled "Definition of Publication" be amended to permit, as an alternative to newspaper publication, the posting and publishing of locally required notices and ordinances, on the City's official internet website, along with paper copies to be posted in two public buildings; or on the public access stations of the cable and satellite providers operating in the City," together with paper copies to be posted in two public buildings?

AYES: Mayor Swift, Councilmembers Blanchette, Coffey, Towle, Elmer Trombley, James Trombley

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Workman

ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Andrew M. Swift, Mayor

I, Cynthia M. Hutchison, duly authorized City Clerk of the City of Riverview, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Riverview City Council at their regular meeting of April 15, 2019.

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Cynthia M. Hutchison, City Clerk