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To: Mayor Steele, City Council
From: Jimmy Liles, C.A.
Subject: Home Rule Charter Review Commission

During the Council meeting, I was directed to reach out the members of the last Home Rule Charter Review Commission and work on getting them back together to review possible changes to the Home Rule Charter.

Although the Commission will not be limited to their review of the Charter, the specific areas that are currently being requested for review are Section 10.3 (a) which addresses the number of signatures needed for a recall and Article VII which addresses the Municipal Court.

I attempted to reach out to all the commission members and was able to confirm all but three were able to continue to serve. I have contacted three replacements that have agreed to serve in their place. These replacements are listed below.

According to the Charter, the Charter Review Commission must be made up of nine (9) qualified voters for the City, none of whom shall be an elected official of the City. No more than three (3) of the Commission members shall reside in any one Council District. With these requirements in mind, I would like to submit the following names for consideration:

District #1

Andrea Long
Randall Bettis
Matt Lander

District #2

Sarah Bader
David Larsen (Replacement)
Kent Ward (Replacement)

District #3

Athena Fitts (Replacement)
Mark Hartsock
Tony Manasseri

It is my recommendation that Council approve the attached ordinance establishing Home Rule Charter Review Commission and appoint the listed individuals.

Jimmy

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1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA ESTABLISHING A**
2 **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE CITY’S CHARTER AND**
3 **RECOMMEND ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS THERETO.**
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6 **WHEREAS** Section 13.8 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to, from
7 time to time, establish a Charter Review Commission; and
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9 **WHEREAS** said Charter Review Commission is charged with reviewing and
10 recommending amendments to the City’s Charter; and
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12 **WHEREAS** the City Council desires to establish a Charter Review Commission
13 at this time.
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15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
16 **NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:**
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18 **SECTION 1:** City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 13.8, hereby
19 establishes a Charter Review Commission. Said Commission is charged with reviewing
20 the City Charter and recommending any amendments the Commission may deem
21 advisable. The Commission is authorized and empowered to exercise any other powers
22 or duties deemed advisable by the Commission to carry out the charge set forth herein.
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24 **SECTION 2:** City Council hereby appoints the following individuals to the Charter
25 Review Commission established by this Ordinance:
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- 27 • Andrea Long – District 1
- 28 • Randall Bettis – District 1
- 29 • Matt Lander – District 1
- 30 • Sarah Bader – District 2
- 31 • David Larsen – District 2
- 32 • Kent Ward – District 2
- 33 • Athena Fitts – District 3
- 34 • Mark Hartsock – District 3
- 35 • Tony Manasserri – District 3
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37 **SECTION 3:** The Commission shall, at its first meeting, elect a Chair and a Vice
38 Chair. The Chair of the Commission shall preside over all meetings of the Commission,
39 set the agenda of the Commission, and perform any other functions or duties that the
40 Commission may provide. The Commission shall meet upon the call of the Chair,
41 provided that notice is provided to the other members of the Commission and an
42 agenda for the meeting is provided. The Commission is authorized to establish rules of
43 order and decorum for the conduct of its meetings, which shall be enforced by the
44 Chair, and may, at the discretion of the Commission, take public testimony on any item
45 considered by the Commission. The Vice Chair is authorized and empowered to
46 perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair. The Commission is further

47 authorized and empowered to do all things which may be necessary or convenient to
48 carry out the terms and intent of this Ordinance.

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50 **SECTION 4:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its
51 final passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the
52 provisions of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter.

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55 **ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2021.**

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58 ATTEST:

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62 CITY CLERK

_____ PRESIDING OFFICER

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64 **APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2021.**

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67 ATTEST:

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71 CITY CLERK

_____ MAYOR

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73 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY