**CITY OF RICHWOOD**

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION 2020**

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**General Comments:**

The 2020 Charter Review Commission was appointed in October 2020. They met as available in four separate meetings beginning October 21, 2020 through January 6, 2021. The Commission was supported by administrative staff.

**Recommendations:**

**Section 3.01. - Number, selection and term.**

The legislative and governing body of the City shall consist of a Mayor and five council members and shall be known as the "City Council of the City of Richwood."

(1) The Mayor shall be elected from the City at large. The election of members of the City Council shall be by position from the City at large, designating council positions as position one through position five, inclusive, authorizing qualified voters to vote on a candidate for each council position and providing for interim determination of council positions by lot.

(2) The Mayor shall be the presiding officer of the City Council and shall be recognized as the head of the City government for all ceremonial purposes and by the governor for purposes of military law, but shall have no regular administrative duties. The Mayor shall be entitled to vote only in the event it becomes necessary to break a tie vote.

(3) In each odd numbered year two council members and a Mayor shall be elected, and in each even numbered year three council members shall be elected.

(4) The Mayor and each council member shall hold office for a period of two years and until his/her successor is elected and qualified. No person shall serve as Mayor or council member for more than three (3) consecutive terms in any position. One must be removed from City Council for a period of one (1) year to reapply. All elections shall be held in the manner provided in article 5 of this Charter.

(5) All members of the City Council shall be subject to removal from office under the terms and conditions of the recall provisions of this Charter.

*Rationale*

The proposed amendment adds term limits to allow for new members of the board who may not feel comfortable opposing a long-standing incumbent.

This report and recommendation is hereby presented to City Council on January 11, 2021.

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