

The City of Holyoke, through its' Honorable City Council and Honorable Mayor, hereby petition the Massachusetts General Court to enact legislation amending the city charter and that said legislation be entitled:

AN ACT OF AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HOLYOKE

And that said act shall read as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 19 – Establishment and composition of fire department, appointment, terms and powers of fire commissioner. In the third sentence, strike the term “exclusively” and replace with the language “with city council approval”.

SECTION 2: Section 21 – Establishment and composition of police department; appointment and removal of police chief, subordinate officers and members; act repealed.

In the second sentence, strike the following language “The power of appointment of said chief of police, subordinate officers and members of the police force shall be vested in the mayor exclusively,” and replace with the following language “The chief of police shall be appointed by the mayor with city council confirmation. Appointment of subordinate officers and police force shall be made by the mayor,”

SECTION 3: Section 34 – Enumeration of officers and boards; appointment and terms; oaths of office.

In the first sentence, after the term “mayor”, insert the following language “with city council confirmation.”

In the second sentence, after the language “I. – A board of public works, consisting of three persons”, insert the following language “shall be appointed by the mayor with city council confirmation”.

In the third sentence, after the language “II. – Three fire commissioners” insert the following language “, shall be appointed by the mayor with city council confirmation.”

In the sixth sentence, after the language “IV. – A chief of police”, insert the following language “shall be appointed by the mayor with city council confirmation.”

In the seventh sentence, after the language “V. – A board of health”, insert the following language “shall be appointed by the mayor with city council confirmation,”

In the eighth sentence, after the language “VI. – A city engineer,” insert the following language “shall be appointed by the mayor with city council confirmation,”

In the ninth sentence, after the language "VII. – A general superintendent of public works" insert the following language "shall be appointed by the mayor with city council confirmation."

In the tenth sentence, after the term "mayor", insert the following language "with city council confirmation,".

In the thirteenth sentence, after the language "In the month of January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven the mayor", insert the following language "with city council confirmation,". In the thirteenth sentence, after the language ", and thereafter annually in the month of January the mayor" insert the following language "with city council confirmation".

In the fifteenth sentence, after the term "city engineer," insert the following language "with city council confirmation,". In the fifteenth sentence, after the language "and thereafter the mayor" insert the following language "with city council confirmation".

In the seventeenth sentence, after the term "chief of police", insert the following language "with city council confirmation".

SECTION 4: This act shall take effect upon passage.

Holyoke City Clerk

Present to the Mayor for Approval:

Holyoke City Clerk

Date

Mayor of the City of Holyoke

Date