

Home Rule Charter § 912. City Council Action on Capital Program

“Shall Section 912(a)(2) of the Reading Home Rule Charter be amended to allow for the holding of the Capital Program Public Hearing on the same day as the Operating Budget Public Hearing during each fiscal year of the City?”

Simple Explanation

The current City Charter requires City Council to hold two public hearings on separate days: one for the Operating Budget and a separate one for the Capital Program. Holding both budget hearings on the same day would be a more efficient use of time for Reading government officials and residents as well as encourage more public attendance and participation in the process.

Home Rule Charter § 1102. Initiative and Referendum

“Shall Sections 1102 through 1109 of the Reading Home Rule Charter be amended to replace the Initiative and Referendum process with that defined in the Pennsylvania Third Class City Code?”

Simple Explanation

The current City Charter sets out a local Initiative and Referendum process that is cumbersome and flawed. Returning to the provisions in the Pennsylvania Third Class City Code sets out a more efficient and effective process.