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Ashland Charter Committee

As you requested, attached is my highlighted version of the current city charter. I understand you wish to compare it with the version submitted to you by former city attorney Paul Nolte.

As with Paul's version, charter provisions ~~lined through~~ in my version should not be included in a new charter. Text that is outmoded, antiquated and obsolete is shown in orange, and text that has been superseded by state law is shown in green.

Sections that could be eliminated from the charter, but merit analysis and consideration for enactment by ordinance are shown in a single box in pink type.

Provisions that may be politically sensitive, and merit discussion and consideration beyond legal analysis are shown in a double box in blue type.

Some sections of the current charter are not highlighted. This means they do not clearly fit into one of the four categories of highlighted provisions. However, almost all sections of the current charter should be revised and substantially edited before inclusion in a new charter.

Also attached is an Ashland version of the 2004 LOC Model Charter. As with the current city charter version, sections of the Ashland Model Charter draft that may be politically sensitive are shown in blue type. The committee will want to review and consider all sections of the model, but the provisions should not require substantial editing before inclusion in a new charter.

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