

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
APRIL 13, 2010 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Referendum Advisory Question – Term Limits for Municipal Offices	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Dave Fieldman Village Manager

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to place the following non-binding advisory question on the November 2, 2010 local election ballot:

- Shall the Village of Downers Grove place the following term limits on municipal offices?
 - Mayoral term limited to two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms.
 - Six Village Commissioners limited to three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms each.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals include *Exceptional Services and Communication*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the April 6, 2010 meeting. Staff recommends approval on the April 13, 2010 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

Mayor Sandack has requested that three non-binding advisory questions be placed on the November 2, 2010 local election ballot. Resolutions have been prepared for each of the three advisory questions and Village Council approval of each resolution is required prior to placing the items on the 2010 local election ballot. The following non-binding advisory question is proposed for Village Council consideration:

- Shall the Village of Downers Grove place the following term limits on municipal offices?
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 - Six Village Commissioners limited to three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms each.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Village Attorney **DATE:** April 13, 2010
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: _____ **FILE REF:** _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

Motion to Adopt "A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF A PUBLIC QUESTION CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE", as presented.

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of the attached resolution shall place the following non-binding advisory question on the November 2, 2010 local election ballot:

- o Shall the Village of Downers Grove place the following term limits on municipal offices?
 - o Mayoral term limited to two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms.
 - o Six Village Commissioners limited to three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms each.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:

RESOLUTION _____

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF A PUBLIC QUESTION CONCERNING
TERM LIMITS FOR MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove recognizes the impact of quality leadership on the Village Council; and

WHEREAS, while appreciative of the many who serve and have served in the past, the Village Council is aware that many highly competent and qualified individuals reside within the corporate limits of the Village; and

WHEREAS, it is important to offer the opportunity to serve the public to a wide range and number of individuals; and

WHEREAS, fresh ideas and perspectives are a welcome addition to any governing body; and

WHEREAS, currently there are no term limits on the offices of Mayor or six Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council is interested in determining whether term limits are desired by residents of the Village; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove as follows:

Section 1. The provisions set forth in the preamble are hereby incorporated into this resolution.

Section 2. A public question shall be submitted to the voters of the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, at the November 2, 2010 General Election (or the next available election permitted by the general election law) as follows:

Shall the Village of Downers Grove place the following term limits on municipal offices? a). Mayoral term limited to two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms. b) Six Village Commissioners limited to three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms each.	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
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Section 3. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this authorizing resolution within ten (10) days after passage in a newspaper of general circulation within the Village and to file this authorizing resolution and/or other related matters with the appropriate election officials in accordance with applicable law.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in a manner provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:
Published:
Attest: _____
Village Clerk