

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2010 AGENDA**

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

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to place the following binding question on the April 5, 2011 local election ballot:

Shall the following terms limits be placed on the offices of Mayor and Commissioners for the Village of Downers Grove?

- 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

The advisory referendum regarding term limits was approved at the November 2, 2010 general election. Mayor Sandack requested that this binding referendum be placed on the April 11, 2010 Consolidated Election ballot in order to follow through with the wishes of the majority of the electorate. Council discussed the resolution at the December 7, 2010 meeting.

BACKGROUND

In light of voter approval of the advisory question concerning term limits, the following binding advisory question is proposed for Village Council consideration:

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- Six Village Commissioners limited to three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms each.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION _____

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF A BINDING 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, at the November 2, 2010 general election, an advisory referendum regarding the placement of term limits on the offices of Mayor and Commissioners received majority approval of the electors; and

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 authorizes home rule municipalities, such as the Village of Downers Grove, to approve changes to its officers, their manner of selection and terms of office, only as authorized by binding referendum; and

WHEREAS, in light of the successful advisory referendum regarding term limits, the Village Council now desires to place a binding public question on the ballot for the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election;

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 binding public question shall be submitted to the voters of the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, at the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election as follows:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Shall the following terms limits be placed on the offices of Mayor and Commissioners for the Village of Downers Grove to be effective for officials elected at the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election and all those elected thereafter?		
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.		

Section 3. The Village Clerk is hereby directed 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