

CITY OF DUQUESNE

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2024-02

COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

PRESENTED BY: City of Duquesne

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

FIRST READING: March 5, 2024

SECOND/THIRD READING: April 2, 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUQUESNE, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF STUDYING THE EXISTING FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND CONSIDERING THE ADVISABILITY OF THE ADOPTION OF A HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF DUQUESNE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Duquesne operates as a Pennsylvania Third-Class City Charter Law; and

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Duquesne believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City to elect a government study commission to: (1) study the form of government of the City of Duquesne; (2) to compare it with other available forms of government under the laws of the Commonwealth; and (3) determine whether or not the government of the City of Duquesne would be strengthened or made more clearly responsible or accountable to the people or the government or more economical or efficient under a changed form of government.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Duquesne County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1.

The Preamble and background set forth above is incorporated herein as a statement of the legislative intent and purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, 53 Pa.C.S. § 2901-3171, an election shall be held on the following question, which question shall be provided to the electors of the City of Duquesne at the next General election to be held on November 5, 2024:

“Shall a government study commission of **seven** members be elected to study the existing form of government of the municipality to consider the advisability of the adoption of a home rule charter and, if advisable, to draft and recommend a home rule charter?”

SECTION 3.

Within five (5) days of final enactment of this Ordinance, the City Manager of the City of Duquesne shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Duquesne County Board of Elections, together with a copy of the question to be submitted to the electors of the City of Duquesne.

SECTION 4.

All ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions insofar as they are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded.

SECTION 5.

In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this Ordinance; it being the intent of the City of Duquesne that the remainder of Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 2nd day of April, 2024, by the Council of the City of Duquesne, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

CITY OF DUQUESNE:

Douglas Sample, City Manager

R. Scott Adams, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Douglas Sample the City Manager for the City of Duquesne, hereby certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2024-01, signed by R. Scott Adams, Mayor of the City of Duquesne, Pennsylvania; the same being an ordinance of the City of Duquesne authorizing a referendum on the question of studying the existing form of government and considering the advisability of the adoption of a Home Rule Charter for the City of Duquesne.

This ordinance was duly adopted by Duquesne City Council at a meeting of City Council on March 2, 2024 in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 12 South Second St, Duquesne, Pennsylvania, 15110.

Douglas Sample, City Manager