

# Article 9: Area Councils

## Scenario 2: Revise and Restructure Article 9

### Deliberate Title/Purpose

Discussion: Area Councils: The City Council may establish neighborhood area councils to advise the city council and the mayor on neighborhood and city-wide issues.

### Deliberate Boundaries

- a. Set by Ordinance
- b. Set by Charter

Discussion: Area council boundaries shall be established according to guidelines set forth by City Council ordinance.

### Deliberate Formation of a New Council

- a. Set by Ordinance
- b. Set by Charter

Discussion: Formation of area councils shall be set by ordinance.

## **Deliberate Elections**

- Set by Ordinance
- Set by Charter

### **Discussion:**

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## **Deliberate Powers and Duties**

- Set by Ordinance
- Set by Charter
  - Advisory vs. substantive powers

**Discussion:** Area councils shall have advisory roles. These advisory bodies' specific responsibilities shall be determined by the City Council via ordinance.

## Deliberate Other Provisions

- Bylaws, annual report, financial records
- Indemnity (Article 11?)
- Communication and contact with staff
- Membership (i.e businesses and nonprofits)

Discussion: Ordinances shall include Provisions for area council bylaws, annual reporting, and financial records. The area councils shall create bylaws conforming to the guidelines set forth by City Council ordinance, and set bylaws must be approved by the City Council. The City Council shall designate an area council liaison.

## Scenario 1: Remove from the charter

### 1. Deliberate: Transition Provisions

### 2. Status of existing Area Councils:

#### a. Grandfather area councils indefinitely, or until the council acts on their status

##### i. Elections:

1. Run by Elections Department
2. AC's run their own elections
3. By appointment (similar to boards and commissions)

#### b. Include "sunset clause" (allow them to exist for a certain period of time unless/until the City Council acts to extend, shorten, or eliminate the sunset clause)

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#### c. Area Councils may become associations

#### d. Other