

## **Proposal 54**

### **Digest**

This proposed amendment would require the preparation of plans for infrastructure, which is a core responsibility of the city. The preparation of functional plans to help maintain and improve it would be separately added to the duties of four department directors. The functional plans for critical city infrastructure would include a thirty-year outlook on needs and would connect city infrastructure planning to the relevant state and federal laws governing each infrastructure type. The plans would list upgrades needed for aging systems and new installations for growing areas. The list of projects and the reasons for each would help guide priorities for the capital improvement programs of the city. The proposal adds the terms *smart growth* and *sustainability principles* to development plans.

The proposal includes: 1) a wastewater functional plan; 2) an energy efficiency plan; 3) a functional plan for parks and recreation; 4) an energy conservation and emissions reduction plan; and 5) adding the formation of smart and sustainable communities to the definition of development plans under the Department of Planning and Permitting in section 6-1509.

### **Question**

Should the Charter be amended to require the preparation of infrastructure functional plans?

**YES** \_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_

### **Present Situation**

The departments listed use different methods to choose projects for their capital improvement plans and budgets. There is no overall master plan for energy efficiency in city buildings, for parks and recreation or for energy conservation and emissions reduction in transportation. Wastewater capital budgets and projects are selected to conform to a federal consent decree in effect until 2022.

### **If Proposal Passes**

Infrastructure functional plans would help identify needs over a long-term period. This includes the need to replace and upgrade aging infrastructure now in place and to build new infrastructure in growing areas. Priorities and expenditures would be guided by these plans, which would be updated every five years.