

2007-0067

PETITION TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

St. Charles Parish Council Chairman  
P. O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057  
(985) 783-5000

Today's Date:



Dear Chairman:

Please place my name to address the Council on:

DATE:

~~2-14-07~~ 2-26-07

SPECIFIC TOPIC:

Charter Change

(\*see specific  
guidelines on  
reverse and  
refer to

Parish Charter—  
Article VII., Sec. I.)

DOCUMENTS, IF ANY: YES / NO

NAME:

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SIGNATURE:

JACK FISHER

2-15-07

12:30

Spoke to Mr. Fisher

\* term limits

Dear Constituent:

Thank you for your active participation. Your views and making our decisions. The Council has a considerable amount of therefore, please note the following items that are expected of you:

- > The Home Rule Charter provides for citizens to initiating debate, discussion, or question and answer sessions with Councilmembers or Administration Officials. Your right is also guaranteed to examine public documents as you prepare your presentation. Should you have any questions for Councilmembers and/or Department Heads as you prepare, please forward such inquiries to the Council Office to insure a timely response. Should you wish to speak to any Official or Department personally, a complete list of contact information will be furnished at your request.
- > Please be brief and limit your comments to the specific subject matter on which you have requested to address the Council.
- > Please forward supporting documents to the Council Secretary for distribution to the Parish Council before your scheduled appearance in order for the Council to prepare themselves, if necessary.
- > Upon completion of your allotted time to address the Council, please respect the time given to Councilmembers to respond to your comments by not interrupting or interjecting remarks.
- > Slanderous remarks and comments will not be tolerated. If slanderous remarks or comments are made, your opportunity to address the Council will end, regardless of the remaining time left to address the Council.
- > Repetitious comments and subject matter will be strictly limited.

A confirmation letter will follow when your name is placed on the agenda.

Sincerely  
April Black  
APRIL BLACK  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN  
(OVER)

FROM: JACK FISHER

TO: ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL

attached are the notes I sent you last week. Along with these notes I have attached. what I believe to be a proposition similar to the proposition Kenner used to modify their charter to accommodate the issue being discussed.

If I did not truly believe the terms limits issue was unfair to the people I wouldn't be discussing this with you.

Again, I have a problem with terms limits applying only to the council and parish president. It implies that this group is less trustworthy than other elected officials. if you disagree with me, please explain why. I'm not raising this issue to be confrontational, rather, it's a question that I have had for some time. If someone can explain why term limits are necessary for one group and not the others PLEAD DO.

3/6/2007

How many of you (council members) are prohibited by term limits from running for the position you now hold?

I'm here hoping to open the terms limit rule, to discussion.

It is my understanding that the original parish charter did not include term limits (1970's)

In the 1990's the charter was changed to include term limits. When I asked for background information on how the term limit amendment came about I was informed that there was very little council discussion, no committee meetings, and no formal input from the public. The mood of the public at the time was pro term limits, it was proposed, put on the ballot and the voters approved the charter amendment.

I don't think we should eliminate terms limits as there are too many important reasons why we should keep it. However, I have a problem with the term limits in that it sometimes takes an effective official out of office at an inopportune time. Not to mention the fact that the Council & Parish President are the only elected officials in the parish with term limits.

What I would like you to do is propose to the voters an amendment to the charter that would allow a term limited official to petition the electorate of their district, in an attempt to get their name on the ballot for the next election, I assume it would take 1/3 of the registered voters to get back on the ballot.

Getting 1/3 of registered voters to sign the petition would take a lot of work....

you would be asking the voters for permission to run again.....

do you think a official who has not been effective or responsive to their constituents has a very good chance of getting back on the ballot?.

On the other had if an official is doing a great job or is involved in major project which should get uninterrupted attention, you might get the petition signed.

Regardless of who you are it would be quite a task to get 1/3 of the registered voters to sign off on this.

I'm not sure what has to be done to amend the charter. I assume it will take a vote of the people. I ask that you put this out to the public at the earliest possible date as this seems to be fair to the voters and the elected officials. Let the people decide.

I am of the impression that we would not be the first political body to provide for this process. I understand Kenner has it in their charter and it has been used.

Thank you for your time

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2/27/2007

TO: THE ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL

I AM REQUESTING THAT THE ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL PLACE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER ON AN ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE ELECTORS OF ST CHARLES PARISH, TO DETERMINE IF THEY WISH TO AMEND THE CHARTER AS FOLLOWS:

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**PROPOSITION 1**

THE ST CHARLES PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER, ARTICLE III, SECTION A, 4 SHALL BE AMENDED BY INSERTING THE FOLLOWING:

NOT WITHSTANDING THE IMPOSITION OF THE TWO (2) TERM LIMITATION, AN INCUMBENT COUNCILMAN IN THE SECOND OR ANY SUCCESSIVE TERM MAY PRESENT A PETITION TO WAIVE THE TERM LIMITATION SIGNED BY THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS OF THE VOTING AREA AS WILL IN NUMBER EQUAL NOT LESS THAN THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD (33 1/3%) PERCENT OF THE NUMBER OF THE TOTAL ELECTORS OF THE VOTING AREA WHICH THE ELECTIVE OFFICE REPRESENTS.

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

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**PROPOSITION 2**

THE ST CHARLES PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER, ARTICLE III, SECTION B, 1 SHALL BE AMENDED BY INSERTING THE FOLLOWING:

NOT WITHSTANDING THE IMPOSITION OF THE TWO (2) TERM LIMITATION, AN INCUMBENT PARISH PRESIDENT IN THE SECOND OR ANY SUCCESSIVE TERM MAY PRESENT A PETITION TO WAIVE THE TERM LIMITATION SIGNED BY THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS OF THE VOTING AREA AS WILL IN NUMBER EQUAL NOT LESS THAN THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD (33 1/3%) PERCENT OF THE NUMBER OF THE TOTAL ELECTORS OF THE VOTING AREA WHICH THE ELECTIVE OFFICE REPRESENTS.

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

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3/6/2007