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Dear Mr. Cooper:

The Memphis Charter Commission has undertaken the task of consolidating the City's Charter into one comprehensive document. Currently, the original Charter is set forth in one document and certain home rule amendments, and other amendments to the Charter are set forth in other documents. The Charter Commission devises to have one document that contains all original Charter provisions and applicable updates. In addition, the Charter Commission expects to submit proposals to the public for certain additional substantive changes to the Charter to be placed on the November 2008 ballot.

Please advise whether the Charter Commission, pursuant to Art. XI, §9 of the Tennessee Constitution, can place the non-substantive revisions on the August 2008 ballot, and subsequently place the additional substantive amendment proposals on the November 2008 ballot. Your prompt response to this inquiry would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Representative G. A. Hardaway, Sr.