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Dearborn City Charter provisions **for vacancy in office**

Biography provided for Mayor Pro Tem John B. O'Reilly, Jr.

DEARBORN, Mich. – Under the Dearborn City Charter, section 6.4, titled Vacancies in Elective Office: “If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor and the unexpired term is one year or more, the council president shall serve as Mayor Pro Tem. An election to fill the unexpired term of office shall be held within 90 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.”

According to the City Charter, an election date must be set within 90 days. The City Council has the authority to set the election. State election law will also influence the date of the special election. State election law sets February 27 as one option for special elections.

The winner of the special election will serve as mayor through December, 2009. The next regularly scheduled mayoral election is in November, 2009.

John B. O'Reilly, Jr., as City Council president, is Mayor Pro Tem.

O'Reilly is in his fifth consecutive term on the City Council. The highest vote-getter in each of his elections, he has also been council president for all five of his terms. He was first elected in 1989.

He is the executive director of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance.

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