



Charter Review Committee



Public Comment



Perfecting Charges

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Summary of Committee Recommendations

D. Modify the mix of single and at-large districts

F. Additional Council seats based on population size and estimated growth

The Committee recommends amending the Charter to transition Council places 5 and 6 to single-member districts, and creating two additional single-member places, resulting in an 8-person single-member district Council with an at-large Mayor. (8-4)

Ballot Language:

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide for the election of council members from 8 geographical single-member districts, with the mayor to be elected from the city at large?

E. Increase the Council term to 3 or 4 years

- The Committee does not recommend an increase to the two-year Council term to either a three or four-year term. (10-1)
- No ballot language

G. Modify the Mayor and Council stipend

The Committee recommends modifying the Mayor and Council stipend to provide for an annual increase to the Mayor and Council stipend based on the annual cost of living increase given to city employees with a cap of no more than the previous year's consumer price index (CPI). (10-3)

Ballot language:

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide for an annual increase to the Mayor and Council member stipend equal to the annual cost of living increase given to city employees?

H. Require a statement less than 200 words on the grounds for removal for recall petitions

- The Committee does not recommend requiring a statement less than 200 words on the grounds for removal for recall petitions. (11-2)
- No ballot language

I. Increase the Municipal Judge term to 4 years

The Committee recommends increasing the term of the Municipal Judge from two years to four years. (8-4)

Ballot language:

Shall the City Charter be amended by adding a four-year appointment term for the Municipal Judge?

J. Modify the Ethics Ordinance requirements

- The Committee does not recommend any modifications to the Ethics Ordinance requirements. (14-0)
- No ballot language

K. Review additional sections not listed

The Committee recommends implementing a one-year residency requirement for individuals serving on all judicial and quasi-judicial citizen boards, committees, or commissions appointed by Council. (13-1)

Ballot language:

Shall the City Charter be amended to require members of judicial or quasi-judicial boards and commissions be domiciled in the City one year prior to appointment?

Next Steps

- Staff will present the recommendations to Council on December 3 and 17.
- Council will consider and approve the final ballot measures and call the election in January.
- Election on May 3, 2025
- Staff will continue to communicate with the committee via email.

