

# **City Charter Amendment Resident Advisory Committee**

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# 3 Categories of Amendments

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## 1) Non-substantive changes

- Gender, capitalization, eliminate legalese

## 2) Non-Substantive and Clarifying

- Non-substantive changes plus some changes that primarily are intended as clarifying OR non-substantive changes in addition to substantive changes already proposed to voters in the Nov. 4 election

## 3) Substantive changes

- Gender neutral terminology, consistency of capitalization, elimination of technical legal language, and a substantive change to residency requirements for directors of City departments



# Non-Substantive Changes

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- Discussion of proposed amendments to Articles II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII pertaining to gender neutral terminology, consistency of capitalization, and elimination of technical legal language.



# Time to Vote

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Move to recommend to Council the proposed non-substantive revisions to Sections 2.01, 2.03, 2.04, 2.07, 2.09, 2.10, 2.11, 2.14, 2.15, 2.17, 2.18, Articles III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII addressing gender neutrality, grammar and punctuation, elimination of technical legal language or wordiness, and consistency of capitalization







# Non-Substantive and Clarifying

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- Discussion of proposed amendments to Sections 1.03, 2.02, 2.12, 2.16, and Article X



# Time to Vote

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Move to recommend to Council the proposed revisions to Section

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# Substantive Changes

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- Discussion of proposed amendments to Sections 2.05, 2.06, 2.08, 2.13, 9.02 and 9.03.



# Time to Vote

## Section 2.05

- In addition to non-substantive changes, clarifies that prohibition against city employment while holding office applies to employment with the City of Chandler, makes substantive change to requirement that councilmember resign to run upon filing nomination papers with the city clerk (consistent with state law) and provides that council shall have 45 days to fill the resulting vacancy by appointment.
- Move to recommend to Council the proposed revisions to Section 2.05.





# Time to Vote

## Section 2.06

- In addition to non-substantive changes, provides that council shall have 45 days to fill a vacancy resulting from death, resignation, forfeiture, or removal from office.
- Move to recommend to Council the proposed revisions to Section 2.06.





# Time to Vote

## Section 2.08

- Authorizes the city manager to establish and organize the offices and departments of the city subject to the review and approval of the city council
- Move to recommend to Council the proposed revisions to Section 2.08.





# Time to Vote

## Section 2.13

- In addition to non-substantive changes, eliminates requirement that city departments be established or altered by ordinance consistent with proposed amendments to Section 2.08 and eliminates provision referencing regulation of rates and fees by a public utility because the city has no authority to regulate public utilities.
- Move to recommend to Council the proposed revisions to Section 2.13.





# Time to Vote

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## Section 9.02

- In addition to non-substantive changes, adds gender and other protected status as bases for prohibited discrimination.
- Move to recommend to Council the proposed revisions to Section 9.02.





# Time to Vote

## Section 9.03

- Eliminates requirement that department heads establish residency in the city within six month of appointment, continues residence requirement for city manager, and authorizes council to require residency as a condition for any other position council appoints.
- Move to recommend to Council the proposed revisions to Section 9.03.





# Committee Review and Recommendation Process

Committee Reviewed Charter  
&  
Identified Opportunities to Revise

Committee Makes Recommendations  
to Council on Proposed Charter  
Amendments

Committee Consensus on  
Proposed Charter Revisions

Committee Directed Staff to Prepare  
Draft Charter Amendment Language  
for Consideration by Committee





# Thank you!

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Questions?