

Charter Amendments

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What is a City Charter?

- A document that outlines the City's governmental structure, identifies jurisdiction, and provides enabling authority for self-rule.
- Was originally voted on by the citizens in 1958 and has been amended 8 times since then.
 - Last amendment 2015
- Any amendment to the Charter requires approval by a majority of qualified electors voting in election.
 - Under State law, each change to the Charter must be considered by the voters independently.



Process for Charter Amendments

- No established process for amendments
 - Staff driven
 - Citizen driven – Initiative Petition
- Charter Review Committee
 - Internal or External
- Recommendations presented to Council
- Election called
- Public Education and Outreach



Possible Amendments

- 34 amendments identified by staff
 - Election Dates
 - Lease of City Property
 - Procurement Practices
 - Personnel Matters
- Other considerations from Council
 - Term of Mayor
 - Term Limits
 - Candidate Signature Requirements



Staff Recommendations

- Focus on the Backlog of Technical Amendments
- Allow Staff to Convene an Internal Charter Review Committee
 - Unsuccessful in convening a citizen committee for the Charter
 - A robust Citizen Bond Committee has been formed and is working on potential bond questions.
- Consider the 2023 Election Cycle
 - March, May, August, or November
 - Do not compete with other questions or overwhelm voters this year



Questions and Discussion