

**FLAGSTAFF CITY CHARTER
2022
AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED BY STAFF**

1 II 16 STAFF FAILURE TO VOTE

No member of the Council present at any meeting shall be excused from voting, except in matters involving the consideration of their own official conduct **OR A DECLARED CONFLICT OF INTEREST**. In all other cases, a failure to vote shall be entered on the minutes as an affirmative vote.

PURPOSE Failure to vote should be excused in matters in which the Councilmember has a conflict of interest.

2 IV 1 (d) STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES

~~(a) City officials, as designated by this Article, and all heads of departments shall be residents of the City during their tenure of office.~~

PURPOSE To remove the requirement for residency of City Clerk, City Treasurer, Deputy City Managers, and City Attorney.

3 IV 3 STAFF CITY TREASURER

The City Manager shall, ~~with approval of the Council~~, appoint an officer of the City, who shall have the title of City Treasurer, and who shall receive and have custody of all the money the City, and shall keep and save said money, and dispense the same only as provided by ordinance, and who shall always be bound by the Constitution, laws of the State, Charter of the City, and ordinances, and upon whom legal garnishments may be served. The City Treasurer will serve at the pleasure of the City Manager.

PURPOSE To remove the requirement that the Council approve appointment of the City Treasurer.

4 IV 5 STAFF PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS

HR The Council shall **ADOPT AN** ~~by ordinance~~ **THAT REQUIRES THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH** ~~, provide for the establishment of~~ Personnel Rules and Regulations for the purpose of regulating and controlling the appointments, promotions, demotions, discharges, and reinstatements of all officers and employees of the City, except those elected by the people, members of appointive boards and commissions ~~and volunteers who serve without pay~~, and also except the City Manager, the City Attorney, and the **PRESIDING MAGISTRATE** ~~Police Judges~~.

Jessica C.

PURPOSE Provides for Council to adopt an ordinance that requires the City Manager to establish the Personnel Rules and Regulations. Removes volunteers from the list of those subject to Council control, but leaves Board and Commission members under Council control. This is consistent with regular practice.

5	V	1	STAFF	APPOINTIVE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
<p>Heidi The Council may, by ordinance, create, change, or abolish boards or commissions as, in its judgment, are required, or as are now or hereafter provided by law, and may grant to them such powers and duties as are consistent with the provisions of this Charter. All members of appointive boards or commissions shall at the time of their appointment be a resident of the City, and shall maintain this residency for the duration of the term in office.</p>				
<p>PURPOSE Would allow non-city residents to serve on boards and commissions.</p>				
6	VI	1	STAFF	FISCAL
<p>Carryover <u><i>Option 1</i></u> The provisions of the Constitution and the Laws of the State as the same now exist or hereafter may be amended governing the budget, taxation, financial, and fiscal powers of the City ARE A MATTER OF LOCAL CONCERN. shall apply to the governing and conduct of same in the City. THE COUNCIL MAY BY ORDINANCE PROVIDE A SYSTEM FOR THE ASSESSMENT, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ALL CITY TAXES, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHARTER.</p>				
<p><u><i>Option 2</i></u> The provisions of the Constitution and the Laws of the State as the same now exist or hereafter may be amended governing the budget, taxation, financial, and fiscal powers of the City shall apply to the governing and conduct of same in the City. THE COUNCIL MAY BY ORDINANCE PROVIDE A SYSTEM FOR THE ASSESSMENT, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ALL CITY TAXES, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHARTER.</p>				
<p>PURPOSE This is an effort to bring the City Charter more in line with recent legislative changes to the Model City Tax Code, including the incorporation of recent legislative emphasis on tax simplification. The proposed changes also more clearly define the abilities of Council to self-administer the already adopted tax code.</p>				
<p>WOULD THIS BE IN CONFLICT WITH CURRENT STATE LAW CONCERNING TAX COLLECTION?</p>				
7	VI	2 (b)	STAFF	ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES
<p>Carryover <u><i>Option 1</i></u> (b) The Council shall have the power to levy a Transaction Privilege Tax (Sales Tax) PROVIDED THAT NO LEVY MEASURED ON GROSS RECEIPTS, GROSS INCOME OR GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES OF THE TAXPAYER SHALL BE LEVIED AT A RATE IN EXCESS OF ONE PERCENT (1%) subject to approval UNLESS SUCH RATE IS APPROVED by a majority of the qualified electors voting in the regularly scheduled general OR A SPECIAL election.</p>				
<p><u><i>Option 2</i></u> (b) The Council shall have the power to levy a Transaction Privilege Tax (Sales Tax) PROVIDED THAT NO LEVY MEASURED ON GROSS RECEIPTS, GROSS INCOME OR GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES OF THE TAXPAYER SHALL BE LEVIED AT A RATE IN EXCESS</p>				

OF TWO PERCENT (2%) ~~subject to approval~~ UNLESS SUCH RATE IS APPROVED by a majority of the qualified electors voting in the regularly scheduled general OR A SPECIAL election.

Option 3

~~(b) The Council shall have the power to levy a Transaction Privilege Tax (Sales Tax) subject to approval by a majority of the qualified electors voting in the regularly scheduled general election.~~

PURPOSE This is an effort to bring the City Charter more in line with recent legislative changes to the Model City Tax Code, including the incorporation of recent legislative emphasis on tax simplification. The proposed changes also more clearly define the abilities of Council to self-administer the already adopted tax code.

RT SUGGESTS MAY NOT BE NECESSARY

8 VI 4 STAFF CASH BASIS FUND SET UP; TRANSFER OF SUMS FROM CASH BASIS FUND TO OTHER FUNDS

Carryover ~~The Council may, by ordinance, create and maintain a permanent revolving fund to be known as the Cash Basis Fund, for the purpose of putting the payment of the running expenses of the City on a cash basis. For this purpose, the Council may provide that from the money received from other sources, a sum equal to not less than two and one half (2 1/2) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of said property shall be placed in such fund, until the accumulated amount of such fund shall be sufficient to meet all legal demands against the Treasury for the first four (4) months, or other necessary period, of the succeeding fiscal year.~~

~~The Council shall have power to transfer from the Cash Basis Fund to any other fund or funds such sum or sums as may be required for the purpose of placing such fund or funds, as nearly as possible, on a cash basis. It shall be the duty of the Council to provide that all money so transferred from the Cash Basis Fund shall be returned thereto before the end of the fiscal year.~~

PURPOSE Not used

9 VII 5 STAFF WHEN ACTIONS ARE TO BE TAKEN BY ORDINANCE

Anja In addition to other acts required by law, or by specific provision of this Charter to be done by ordinance, those acts of the Council shall be by ordinance which provide for acquisition, sale, or exchange of public real property **IN FEE SIMPLE** and to sell
Rick personal property valued in excess of that amount established by ordinance; establishment or change of fire limits or zones; establishment or change of a zoning district; the levy of any tax or assessment; imposition or provide for imposing fine or other penalties; adoption of a code by reference or amend the City code; ~~the authorization to borrow money;~~ granting, renewal, or extending a franchise; the amendment of or repeal of any ordinance.

PURPOSE This change helps clarify the City may grant and accept easements without an ordinance.

Requiring debt related financing to go through an ordinance process delays the ability to be more effective in issuing debt as well as it delays the date to issue debt by 35 days. In the best interest of financing having additional flexibility on speed of issuing debt could improve the rate of return on the debt. I am not aware of any other cities that require an ordinance for this purpose.

10	VII	6	STAFF	READING AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: EFFECTIVE DATE
			Stacy	All proposed ordinances and resolutions shall either be read in full or posted in a public place at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to its adoption, provided if any amendments are proposed to a posted ordinance or resolution such amendments shall be read in full prior to its adoption. An ordinance may be read for the final time at the same meeting as when introduced upon unanimous consent of those Councilmembers present. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS A resolution shall require only one (1) reading before its adoption and may be adopted at the same meeting at which it is first introduced by a majority of those Councilmembers present.
			PURPOSE	A single read of ordinances would streamline the time period for ordinance adoption.
11	VII	6	STAFF	READING AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: EFFECTIVE DATE
			Carryover	All proposed ordinances and resolutions shall either be read in full or posted in a public place at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to its adoption, provided if any amendments are proposed to a posted ordinance or resolution such amendments shall be read in full prior to its adoption. An ordinance may be read for the final time at the same meeting as when introduced upon unanimous consent of those Councilmembers present THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX (6) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL . A resolution shall require only one (1) reading before its adoption and may be adopted at the same meeting at which it is first introduced by a majority of those Councilmembers present.
			PURPOSE	It should not be harder to do first and final read together than it is to find an emergency.
12	VII	13 (a)	STAFF	PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION BY REFERENCE
			Carryover	(a) The Council may enact the provisions of a code or public record already in existence without setting forth such provisions, but the adopting ordinance shall be published in full. THE NUMBER OF COPIES REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE At least three (3) copies
			Stacy	three (3) copies of the code or public record shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk, and kept available for public use and inspection. A code or public record enacted by reference may be amended in the same manner.
			PURPOSE	This is an antiquated requirement in the digital age, State Statutes require one (1) paper copy and one (1) digital copy to be maintained. This verbiage would allow the Charter to change as State law changes.
13	VII	15	STAFF	CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES
			Carryover	Any and all ordinances of the City which have been enacted and published in the manner required at the time of their adoption, and which have not been repealed, shall be compiled, consolidated, revised, indexed, and arranged as a comprehensive ordinance code, and such code may be adopted by reference, with the same effect as an ordinance, by the passage of any ordinance for such purpose. Such code need not be published in the manner required for other ordinances, but not less than three (3) copies THE NUMBER OF COPIES REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE thereof shall be filed for use and examination by the public in the office of the City Clerk prior to the adoption thereof. Amendments to the code shall be enacted in the same manner as ordinances.
			Stacy	

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14 VIII 1 STAFF PREPARATION

Patrick All contracts shall be drawn under the supervision of the City Attorney, must be in writing, executed in the name of the City of Flagstaff by the Mayor, except as it may be otherwise provided, either by this Charter or by law, and must be countersigned by the City Clerk, who shall number and register the same in a book kept for that purpose. It is the intent of this Article that all contracts be awarded pursuant to the **SOLICITATION bidding** process whenever possible unless otherwise provided.

PURPOSE

15 VIII 2 STAFF PURCHASES, AND CONTRACTS, AND FOR CITY IMPROVEMENTS
(a,b,c,d)

Patrick (a) The City Manager shall contract for and purchase, or issue purchase authorization for, all supplies, materials, equipment, ~~and~~ services, **AND CITY IMPROVEMENTS** for the offices, departments, and agencies of the City.

OPTION 1: Procurement request.

(b) Any **PURCHASE OR** City improvement costing ~~fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)~~ **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000)** or more, ~~or any purchase costing more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)~~, shall be executed by contract, except where such improvements or purchase is authorized by the Council to be executed directly by a City department, in conformity with detailed plans, specifications, **SCOPE OF WORK**, and estimates approved by the City Manager. Such contracts shall be advertised for **SOLICITATION bids**, as directed in **THE PROCUREMENT CODE ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL Section 3 of this Article. The City Manager, with the approval of the City Council, may enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal is the most satisfactory.**

OPTION 2: Delete (b) altogether.

(c) **ALL CONTRACTS ARE SUBJECT TO LEGAL REVIEW, AT THE CITY ATTORNEY'S DISCRETION.** Any contract or purchase exceeding the sum of **ONE HUNDRED** ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars (**\$100**~~50~~,000) shall require the prior approval of the Council.

~~(d) — Alterations in any contract may be made when authorized by the Council upon the written recommendation of the City Manager.~~

PURPOSE Clarifies the City Manager authority to approve contracts for purchase of materials, services and improvements. Increases the formal purchasing threshold to \$100,000. Due to inflation and price increases over the years, several Arizona cities have increased their purchasing threshold to \$100,000 (e.g. Phoenix). The informal solicitation process can be completed relatively quickly, as it involves obtaining competitive quotes from businesses and obtaining the City Manager's approval of the contract. The formal solicitation process takes significant time and administrative expense, as it involves publication of the solicitation in a local newspaper for at least two consecutive weeks, posting on PlanetBids, a fixed closing date and time, a panel evaluation of the offers or responses, and formal contract award by Council.

Deletes requirement (d) to conform with common law: if a contract has been approved by the City Manager, the City Manager may approve an amendment. If a contract has been approved by the City Council, only the City Council may approve an amendment unless it has delegated such authority to another person.

16	VIII	3	STAFF	BIDS PROCUREMENT
			Patrick	<p>(A) CITY PURCHASES OF IMPROVEMENTS, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND SERVICES SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO PROCUREMENT PROCESSES SET FORTH IN THE PROCUREMENT CODE ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.</p> <p>(B) The advertisement for bids, SOLICITATIONS FOR PURCHASES OF \$100,000 OR MORE, shall distinctly and specifically state the character of the City improvement, purchase or kind of supplies, materials, equipment, and services required. Such notice shall be published at least once in the official newspaper, not less than five (5) days prior to the opening of THE RESPONSESbids. CITY WILL ADOPT MEASURES TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF SEALED RESPONSES. Bidding shall be: (1) Pursuant to the Arizona State Procurement Code as amended by the City Council; or (2) by sealed proposals; or (3) by other methods that provide for security of bids and competitive bidding and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Council.</p> <p>(C) CONTRACTS MAY BE AWARDED TO THE HIGHEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER, OR TO THE RESPONDENT WHOSE RESPONSE IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY. The City Manager, with the approval of the Council, shall have the power to reject any or all bids, and advertise for bids again RESPONSES TO THE SOLICITATION.</p>
			PURPOSE	These changes are consistent with the Arizona Procurement Code and City practices. Both the State and the City use a variety of procurement methods authorized by law, not just low/high bids.

17	VIII	3	STAFF	BIDS
			Patrick	The advertisement for FORMAL SOLICITATIONS bids shall distinctly and specifically state the character of the City improvement, purchase or kind of supplies, materials, equipment, and services required. Such notice shall be published at least once in the official newspaper, not less than five (5) days prior to the opening of bids RESPONSES. SOLICITING Bidding shall be: (1) Pursuant to the Arizona State Procurement Code AND THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF PROCUREMENT CODE as amended by the City Council ; or (2) by sealed bids RESPONSE ; or (3) by other methods that provide for security of bids RESPONSES and competitive SOLICITING bidding and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Council. The City Manager, with the approval of the Council, shall have the power to reject any or all bids RESPONSE , and advertise for SOLICITATIONS bids again.
			PURPOSE	These changes are consistent with City practices. The City uses a variety of procurement methods authorized by law, not just low/high bids.

18	VIII	5	STAFF	CONTRACTS FOR OFFICIAL ADVERTISING
			Patrick	(a) The City Manager shall let contracts annually for official advertising for the ensuing fiscal year. For this purpose, the Manager shall submit to each newspaper published in the City a notice describing the contemplated advertising, and asking for sealed proposals RESPONSES . The proposals RESPONSES shall specify the type and space to be used at the

rate or rates named in the ~~bid~~ **RESPONSES**. The City Manager shall let the contracts for such official advertising to the lowest qualified ~~bidder~~ **RESPONDER OR HIGHEST SCORING PROPOSAL** publishing a newspaper of general circulation in the City; provided that, the Manager may reject any and all **RESPONSES** ~~bids~~, and proceed to secure new bids in the manner provided herein.

PURPOSE These changes are consistent with City practices. The City uses a variety of procurement methods authorized by law, not just low/high bids.

19 VIII 6 **STAFF FRAUD AND COLLUSION**

Patrick Any member of the Council, or any officer or employee of the City who shall aid or assist a ~~bidder~~ **RESPONDER** in securing a contract to furnish labor, material, equipment, supplies, or services at a higher price than that proposed by any other ~~bidder~~ **RESPONDER**, or who shall favor one ~~bidder~~ **RESPONDER** over another by giving or withholding information, or who shall willfully mislead any ~~bidder~~ **RESPONDER** in regard to the character of the labor, material, equipment, supplies, or services called for, or the conditions under which the proposed work is to be done, or who shall knowingly certify to a greater amount of labor or service performed than actually has been performed, or to receipt of a greater amount or different kind of material, supplies, or equipment than actually has been received, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be removed from office.

PURPOSE These changes are consistent with City practices. The City uses a variety of procurement methods authorized by law, not just low/high bids.

20 VIII 7 **STAFF AVOIDANCE OF CONTRACTS MADE THROUGH FRAUD AND COLLUSION**

Patrick If at any time it shall be found that the person to whom a contract has been awarded has, in presenting any ~~bid or bids~~ **RESPONSE OR RESPONSES**, colluded with any other party or parties for the purpose of preventing any other ~~bid~~ **RESPONSE** being made, then the contract so awarded shall be null and void, and the City Manager shall advertise for **A new bids SOLICITATION** for said City improvements and/or supplies, materials, equipment, and services required, or the Council may provide for such public work to be done by the City under the direction of the City Manager.

PURPOSE These changes are consistent with City practices. The City uses a variety of procurement methods authorized by law, not just low/high bids.

21 VIII 9 **STAFF LEASES AND SALE OF CITY REAL PROPERTIES**

Bryce The Council may lease **OR SELL** any land, ~~AND~~ buildings, ~~or equipment~~ now or hereafter owned by the City on such terms and conditions as the Council may prescribe. All leases **AND SALES** shall be made to the highest responsible **AND RESPONSIVE** bidder **OR RESPONDER WHOSE RESPONSE IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY** after publication of notice thereof for at least one time per week for two weeks, stating **explicitly** the time and conditions of the proposed lease. However, the Council may, in its discretion, reject any and all **RESPONSES TO THE SOLICITATION**. ~~bids~~.

THE COUNCIL MAY SELL SUCH PORTIONS OF THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY NOT NEEDED OR NOT LIKELY TO BE NEEDED WITHIN A REASONABLE FUTURE TIME. IF THERE ARE NO RESPONSES SUBMITTED, THEN FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD THE CITY

MANAGER MAY, SUBJECT TO COUNCIL APPROVAL, ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO SELL THE PROPERTY FOR AN AMOUNT REASONABLY CONSISTENT WITH AN APPRAISAL WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND SOLICITATION PROCESS. SALE OR TRADE OF REAL PROPERTY WITH ANOTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY DOES NOT REQUIRE A NOTIFICATION AND SOLICITATION PROCESS.

PURPOSE Allows the City to lease or sell property for specific purposes (services or desired development). For example, the City seeks to lease buildings for after-school child care, community services, local theater, affordable housing, that benefit the community. Consolidates all Charter provisions related to real property in one section of the Charter.

22 VIII 10 STAFF SALE OF CITY **PERSONAL** PROPERTY

Patrick The Council may sell ~~such portions of the real and~~ **EQUIPMENT AND** personal property of the City not needed or not likely to be needed within a reasonable future time. Each sale shall be made on such conditions as the Council may prescribe to the highest responsible bidder **OR RESPONDER WHOSE RESPONSE IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY** after published notice of the sale in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Personal property valued in excess of ~~\$1,000.00~~ **\$500.00** shall be sold after published notice of the sale for at least once not less than five (5) days prior to opening of bids.
2. ~~Real property shall be sold after published notice of the sale for at least one time per week for three weeks prior to opening of bids. The Council shall have the right to reject any and all bids. If there are no bids submitted, then for a two-year period the City Manager may, subject to Council approval, enter into an agreement to sell the property for an amount reasonably consistent with an appraisal without further notice and bid process. Sale or trade of real property with another government entity does not require a notification and bid process.~~
3. The City ~~TREASURER~~ **Manager** may sell or otherwise dispose of any personal property having a value of ~~\$1,000.00~~ **\$500.00** or less without published notice, but written advice of such sale or disposal shall be given to the Council **FOR ALL ITEMS ABOVE \$500.00.**

PURPOSE These changes are consistent with City practices. The City desires flexibility to also sell personal property to organizations that can put it to community use versus private use. Consolidates all Charter provisions related to personal property in one section of the Charter.

23 IX 2(a) STAFF QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS; REGISTRATION
2(b)

Stacy (a) The qualifications of electors shall be as required by the Constitution and laws of this State for State and County electors. ~~Electors shall also be residents of the City for at least thirty (30) days prior to any Primary, General, or Special elections held therein.~~

(b) ~~Registration of voters shall be as provided by City ordinance.~~

PURPOSE The City cannot prevent registered voters from voting if they have not lived in the city for more than 30 days.

Voter registration is the purview of the state.

24 IX 4(b) STAFF NOMINATION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Stacy The petition or petitions for nomination, consisting of signatures of qualified voters, aggregating not less than five (5) percent, nor more than ten (10) percent of the number of electors voting at the last preceding municipal General Election, **OR AS OTHERWISE SET BY CITY ORDINANCE**, shall be presented to the City Clerk **BEFORE THE DATE SET FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION AS DETERMINED BY ARIZONA STATUTES AS MAY BE AMENDED** ~~not earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days, nor later than ninety (90) days before the date set for the Primary Election~~. The City Clerk shall endorse on such petition or petitions the date and the time when the same was received by the City Clerk, and shall cause the candidates' names to be printed on the ballot.

PURPOSE Reduces the number of signatures needed to qualify for the ballot. Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-322(A)(8) provides that a city holding nonpartisan elections may by ordinance establish the minimum number of signatures to be one thousand signatures or five percent of the vote in the city, whichever is less, but not more than ten percent of the vote in the city.

The filing deadline was changed by the State. This will keep the Charter language consistent with State law moving forward.

25 IX 11 STAFF APPLICATION OF STATE LAW

**Stacy/
Sterling** The provisions of the laws of this State relating to and governing the nomination of elective officers and the conduct of elections, and each and every provision of said law, with all amendments thereto, shall apply, and shall govern the nomination of elective officers, and the conduct of elections, except as otherwise provided in this Charter. The Council shall have the power to make any other provisions relating to the nomination of officers, and to the conduct of elections not repugnant nor contrary to the provisions of the laws of this State, or to the provisions of this Charter.

PURPOSE Clean up the language regarding the application of state law to the elections process.

26 XI HEADER STAFF POLICE MUNICIPAL COURT

Jessica C.

PURPOSE Change all references to Police Court to Municipal Court.

27 XI 1 STAFF STATE LAWS CONTROL

Jessica C. The **Police MUNICIPAL** Court created by the general statutes of the State, and all statutes pertaining to the jurisdiction and procedure of said Court, shall be fully observed

PURPOSE Change all references to Police Court to Municipal Court.

28 XI 2 STAFF POLICE MAGISTRATE(S) JUDGE(S), APPOINTMENT, TERM

Jessica C. The ~~Police~~ **MAGISTRATE(S) Judge(s)** shall be appointed by the Council, and shall hold office **CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW at the pleasure of the Council.**

PURPOSE Consider whether the section on Police Judges serving “at the pleasure of Council” should be revised considering the required independence for Judges.

29 XI 3 **STAFF SERVICE OF PROCESS**

Jessica C. The Chief of Police shall cause all summonses issued by the ~~MAGISTRATE(S) Police Judge(s)~~ to be served, and the return endorsed thereon and signed by the officer making such service. The Chief of Police shall also cause all warrants of arrest to be executed.

OPTIONAL: Eliminating this altogether

PURPOSE Change all references of Police Court to Municipal Court.

30 XI 5 **STAFF APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES PRO TEMPORE**

THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT MAY, WITH BUDGETARY APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER, APPOINT SUCH JUDGES PRO TEMPORE AS ARE REQUIRED BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT AND SHALL OVERSEE THE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PURPOSE Allows the Presiding Judge to appoint Judges Pro Tempore and oversee court administrative staff

31 XII 1 **STAFF ELECTIONS FOR APPROVAL OF FRANCHISES**

Stacy No franchise shall be granted, extended, or renewed by the City without the approval of a majority of the qualified electors residing within its corporate limits voting thereon at a Primary, General, or Special Election; the Council shall submit any matter for approval or disapproval to such election at any Primary or General Election, or shall call a Special Election for such purpose **IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IX OF THIS CHARTER at any time upon thirty (30) days’ notice;** and the Council shall require, before calling any such election, that the estimated expense thereof (to be determined by the Council) shall be first deposited by the applicant for such franchise with the City Clerk.

PURPOSE The call of election should provide ample notice to the County Election Department.

32 XVI Am. 1 **STAFF Amendment No. 1 VOTE REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF BOND ISSUES**

Rick ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Charter, and with the exception of refunding bond issues, special assessment or improvement district and redevelopment or tax increment bonds, or City of Flagstaff Housing Authority bonds, or the financing of a new city hall building and related improvements, after the effective date of this Amendment the City shall not issue or authorize the issuance of any bonds which pledge City tax revenues as a guarantee for their payment, in whole or in part, without the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting at an election for that purpose.~~

PURPOSE This amendment ties the organization's hands on effectively issuing debt on behalf of the organization and could cost more in financing costs. The City could use several other options for issuing debt that could create higher interest rates. Different types of revenue backed debt are more favorable to the investors. Sales tax backed debt usually has a higher rating. Delaying the opportunity to wait for voter approval could also impact financing opportunities.

33 XVI Am. 2 **STAFF** ~~Amendment No. 2 VOTE REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF FACILITIES COSTING IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS~~

Rick ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Charter, with the exceptions of utilities, public safety and street facilities, after the effective date of this Amendment the City shall not expend funds totaling more than one million dollars for the purchase and/or construction of municipal facilities, including but not limited to libraries, civic centers, or swimming pools, without the prior approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting at an election for that purpose. Said one million dollar limit shall be adjusted annually by the consumer price index as of July 1 of each year.~~

PURPOSE This amendment delays the city's opportunity to effectively move forward with facility needs. There may be times where the City has the funding already identified for a facility in excess of the allowed amount but would have to wait for voter approval. The City has a budget process as well as the ability for the Public to speak to facility spending during council meetings.

34 XVI Am. 2 **STAFF** **Amendment No. 2 VOTE REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF FACILITIES COSTING IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Charter, with the exceptions of utilities, public safety **(INCLUDING THE MUNICIPAL COURT)** and street facilities, after the effective date of this Amendment the City shall not expend funds totaling more than one million dollars for the purchase and/or construction of municipal facilities, including but not limited to libraries, civic centers, or swimming pools, without the prior approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting at an election for that purpose. Said one million dollar limit shall be adjusted annually by the consumer price index as of July 1 of each year.

PURPOSE In Amendment No. 2, define public safety facilities in a manner that would include Municipal Court, and reflects the current CPI to account for inflation.