



Charter Review Commission Proposition #2

Re: Amending language in the County Charter to provide clarification regarding budget provisions for the Charter Review Commission (CRC), staff support requirements, and further resolution regarding the term length, procedures and duties of the CRC, and the role of the Prosecuting Attorney

DELETE Section 9.22 – Expenditures

DELETE Section 9.32 – Amendments by the Charter Review Commission

RETITLE Section 9.20 – Election Procedures

ADD Section 9.22 – CRC Budget, Provisions, and Process

- (1) The County Council shall provide to the CRC reasonable funds, staff, facilities, and services appropriate to an elected County agency.
 - (a) Provisions shall be made in the budget for expenditures of the CRC during its scheduled term of office. Funds shall be provided to the CRC that are commensurate with the expenditures of the preceding CRC, plus an allowance for inflation. Should the funds provided prove to be inadequate to the task, the Commission may ask the County Council for additional funding, which may be provided at the Council’s discretion.
 - (b) The County Manager shall provide an adequate in-person or virtual space for the Commission to conduct all of its meetings. The County Manager shall also arrange for the technical support the CRC needs to do its business, including adequate staff support and communications between its members and with the public. Within the first week following the certification of the election of the CRC members, the County Manager will meet with the new Commissioner receiving the most votes and relate the details of the provisions made for the Commission, as set out above.

- (c) Within two weeks of the certification of the election of the CRC members, the County Manager shall provide adequate staff support to the CRC to serve as CRC Clerk.
 - (d) Members of the CRC shall serve without salary, except that they shall be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.
- (2) The term of the Charter Review Commission shall be one year, from January 1st of the year following its election until December 31st of that same year. The term shall end earlier only if the Chair, upon successful motion, approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire CRC, sends notice to the legislative authority that the CRC has completed its work. Upon the sending and receipt of such notice, the term of the CRC and its Commissioners shall end.
- (3) The CRC shall file and register any proposed Charter amendment(s) with the County Auditor who shall submit the amendment(s) to the voters at the next November general election occurring at least ninety (90) days after the registration of the proposed amendment(s) with the Auditor. The CRC shall also submit the proposed amendment(s) to the legislative authority, for informational purposes. The CRC shall pass a resolution to accompany the proposed amendment(s) to the Auditor.
- (4) No later than its second regular meeting, the Chair of the CRC will ask the Prosecuting Attorney to appear before the CRC and delineate the following:
 - a) the nature and limits of the CRC's legal authority, and
 - b) the practices and procedures followed by the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in the event of conflict of interest between county bodies and other authorities represented by that office.