

City Charter Election History

Date	Subject	Election	Petition	Result	Key Issues
May 12, 2012	Charter Amendment Council vacancy	Yes	No. Council memo	Charter amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancy in council office (other than mayor) filled by vote of council, not citizens; • Amendment provided for election if more than 270 days remain in unexpired term; • No Charter Committee appointed.
Nov. 4, 2008	Charter Amendment Extension of term limits	Yes	No. Council initiative	Charter Amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended terms from 2 to 4 full terms; • Clarified Mayor is a separate office from other Council places; • No Charter Committee appointed.
May 15, 2004	Charter Amendment Council Pay Increased term limits Ethics Review Board	Yes	No. Council initiative	Charter Amended, but Council pay and term limits defeated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics Review Board created; • Council pay and term limits defeated; • Charter committee formed for development of propositions.
Nov. 6, 2001	Charter Amendment City Attorney Civil Service Internal Auditor	Yes	No. Council initiative	Charter Amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave Council confirmation power over City Manager selection of City Attorney; • removed licensed professionals from Civil Service protection; • Created Internal Audit Department; • Only 4.4% of the City's 688,720 registered voters cast votes (30,271 votes) • Not sure if Charter committee formed
May 3, 1997	Charter Amendment Massive overhaul	Yes	No. Council initiative	Charter Amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most proposals came from Charter Review Committee of 1996 • Massive overhaul of the Charter. • Many obsolete provisions deleted.
May 4, 1991	Charter Amendment Council term limits	Yes	Citizen initiative	Charter amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiative petitions submitted by citizens to amend charter to limit the number of terms council members could serve to two consecutive two year terms.

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Jan. 15, 1977	Charter Amendment Council Districts Quorum Recall provisions Other measures	Yes	No. Council initiative	Charter amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. 4, Creation, composition and powers. Increased council districts from 9 to 11, with Mayor being place 11; • Sec. 13, Quorum. Provided for quorum; • Sec. 15, Ordinances and resolutions - when to take effect; emergency measures. Requires 8 affirmative votes to be effective in emergency situations; • Sec. 26, Recall provisions. Added recall provisions for city council members; • Sec. 99, Revenue bonds. Set tax year as calendar year, required sinking fund.
Nov. 2, 1974	Charter Amendment Council Pay Terms Vacancies Taxes Bonds	Yes	No. Council initiative	Charter Amended Council pay failed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposition to compensate Council \$200/year, \$50/per meeting attended, not to exceed a total of \$6,400.00 failed; • Sec. 5, Terms of Office. Set out as two years, beginning June 1 following election; • Sec. 8, Vacancies. Direct election of Mayor, procedure for filling vacancies.
Oct. 2, 1951	Charter Adoption	Yes	No. Council initiative	Charter adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1951 Charter adopted by voters; • Effective Dec. 1, 1951.