

Charter Committee Recommendations  
As Discussed on 08/10/09

**Sections Reviewed and Recommended for Modification**

**Section 1.13 (e):** Concurred with explanation regarding retaining “outside”

**Section 1.13 (t):** change sewage disposal to “sewage and wastewater”

**Section 1.13 (gg):** change sewage disposal to “waste water sewage treatment plant”

**Section 1.13 (ii):** add “use of firearms”

**Section 2.11.:** Change residency to 12 months – consistent with councilmember residency requirements

**Section 2.14.** Concurred with mayor line item veto for appropriation ordinances only.

**Section 2.15.** Specify mayor pro-tem one-year term; elected annually at the first meeting of the year; serves until replaced

**Section 2.16.** Concurred with retaining six councilmembers

**Section 2.17.** Concurred with terms remaining 4-years and residency requirements being 12 months

**Section 2.18.** Compensation and expenses. Change 2009 to 2011.

**Section 2.20.(h)(1) and (2):** Change Any officer to Any “elected official”

**Section 2.23.:** Delete “markets, market houses”

**Section 2.24.:** Change a judicial officer to “an officer of the court”

**Section 2.27.** Delete “at the option of the mayor or any councilmember,”

**Section 2.28.** Need to clarify 1<sup>st</sup> reading

**Section 3.10.(e):** Delete “removal or”

**Section 3.11. (h):** add additional language regarding submitting bylaws, rules and regulations to the mayor and council

**Section 3.14.:** delete “and elected officials”

**Section 4.13. (i):** Typo - change foor to for

**Section 5.11. :** Change 2009 to 2011

**Section 5.16. (a):** Insert Title 45

**Section 6.10. Property tax.**

**Section 6.11. Millage rate, due dates, payment methods.**

Discussion revolved around enacting a specific millage rate limit, above which would require a referendum; additional legal research is to be done by the city attorney and considered at the next charter committee working session on Sept. 14.

**Section 6.14:** Add “cell towers”

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**Sections 6.19 and 6.20.:** 6.19 requires a referendum; it could not be confirmed that 6.20 requires a referendum – to be further researched and reported on Sept. 14.

**Section 7.12. Prior Ordinances.:** Change to “unless repealed or amended, for two years from the effective date of this charter. During such two-year period, the city council shall review all such provisions and shall readopt, repeal or amend each, so that a codification as provided by Section 2.32 (b) is accomplished.”

**General Issue:** Do we have or should we have an ordinance that restricts non-contracted garbage collection companies from operating in the city?

**Sections Reviewed and Not Recommended for Modification**

**Section 2.13:** Regarding making the mayor the appointing authority for all employees except the city clerk.

**Section 2.16, 2.22:** Regarding reducing the number of councilmembers from six to four.

**Section 2.32:** Regarding changing the terminology of “ordinance” to “resolution”

**Section 5.11:** Regarding reducing the length of terms of the mayor and council from four years to two years.

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