

ARTICLE X. CHARTER REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

10.01. Charter review.

A charter review commission shall be appointed as needed, but not less frequently than every ten years. The charter review commission shall consist of nine members; each city councilor shall select one member of the Commission and the Mayor shall select the ninth member. The selected commissioners shall elect one of their members to be the chair and a second one of their members to be the vice-chair of the commission. The commission, once selected, shall serve for a one-year term. The commission shall be selected as set forth above no less than 15 months before the election at which any proposed amendments are to be presented to the voters. Consistent with the Bateman Act, the City shall budget \$50,000 for the commission. In the event any commission needs an increase in the budget the Governing Body must approve a budget increase before being made available. The city shall staff the commission with a designated city attorney and no fewer than two staffers to perform research and drafting functions for the commission. The city shall advertise the creation of the commission and its function, setting up a separate page on the City's web page for the submission of proposed amendments from the public. The City shall hold no less than two meetings in each of the four city council districts. The commission shall report its recommended amendments to the Charter to the governing body on or before the first week of June prior to the election when any such amendments are to be considered. Any recommendation put forth by the commission, unless prohibited by law, shall be given to the voters at the next election, unless the Governing Body does not approve it by a vote of no less than six members of the Governing Body.