

City Charter

Section 11.11. Charter Review.

(a) Charter review commission: Two years after the adoption of this charter and every five years thereafter, the council shall appoint a Charter Review Commission composed of not fewer than thirteen nor more than twenty members who meet the requirements of section 8.02. Appointment shall be made at the first regular meeting following the anniversary date of the charter's adoption. The Charter Review Commission shall serve for six months, or a longer term if extended by the city council, and shall meet at least once each month during its term. The mayor shall appoint three members and each council member shall appoint two members to serve on the Charter Review Commission. Remaining members shall be appointed by majority vote of the city council.

(b) Rules of procedure: The commission must establish its own rules of procedure, which must require that a quorum consists of a majority of its members and that an affirmative vote of a majority of all members present is necessary to act.

(c) Powers and duties: The Charter Review Commission shall:

1. Inquire into the operations of city government and review the city charter to determine whether it requires revision. Public hearings may be held and the commission shall have the power to compel the attendance of city officers or employees and to require the submission of city records necessary to its inquiry and review. The Commission shall hold a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of eight (8) meetings, two (2) of which shall be jointly held with the city council to discuss proposed amendments.
2. Propose any recommendations it deems desirable to ensure compliance with charter provisions by city departments.
3. Propose any charter amendments it deems desirable to improve the effective application of the charter to current conditions.
4. Make a written report of its findings and recommendations to the city council.

(d) Council action: The council shall receive and have published in the city's official newspaper the Charter Review Commission's final report. It shall consider any recommendations and, if any amendments are presented, shall order the amendment or amendments submitted to the voters of the city.