



2015 Current and Proposed Charter Language

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Sections 21 and 22 of the Littleton City Charter be amended so that compensation for City Council members be set by ordinance, provided that such compensation not be increased for any City Council member during his or her current term, and shall the charts detailing the salaries and terms of City Council members and associated descriptive language be deleted from the Charter, all without changing the length of Council member terms or term limits?

PROPOSED CHANGE

Sec. 21.Salaries.

The monthly salaries of the ~~councilmen~~ COUNCIL MEMBERS are hereby fixed ~~in the following amounts~~ until changed by ordinance, but shall not be increased during the current term of ~~councilmen~~ COUNCIL MEMBERS enacting such ordinance

President of the council MAYOR	\$1,150.00
President MAYOR pro tem	1,025.00
Member of the Council	900.00

(Ord. 26, Series of 2005)

Sec. 22.Terms. (Amended, Election of 11-5-1991)

~~Terms of councilmen~~ COUNCIL MEMBERS shall begin at ~~THE FIRST REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IN JANUARY FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. eight P.M. on the second Tuesday following the election. Seven councilmen~~ COUNCIL MEMBERS shall be elected at the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1959. FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING AT LARGE FOR CITY COUNCIL, THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR FOUR YEARS, AND THE CANDIDATE RUNNING AT LARGE WHO RECEIVES THE SECOND HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS

~~Of the candidates running at large for city council, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for four years. The candidates running at large who receive the second and third highest number of votes shall hold office for two years. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes from district 2 and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes from district 4 shall hold office for four years. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes from district 1 and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes from district 3 shall hold office for two years.~~

Thereafter, general municipal elections shall be held every two years with the ~~councilmen~~ COUNCIL MEMBERS being elected for four-year terms, except for the candidate for ~~ouncilman~~ COUNCIL

MEMBER at large receiving the second highest number of votes, who shall be elected for a two-year term, so that at each general municipal election the voters shall elect four members to serve as **city councilmen COUNCIL MEMBERS**, in accordance with the following table:

TERM OF OFFICE

-	District	1-	2-	3-	4-	-	At Large	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	1-	2-	3-
ELECTIONS	1st	2 yr.	4 yr.	2 yr.	4 yr.	4 yr.	2 yr.	2 yr.
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-	2-
UNDER	2nd*	4 yr.	-	4 yr.	-	-	4 yr.	2 yr.
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	1-	-	2-
CHARTER	3rd**	-	4 yr.	-	4 yr.	4 yr.	-	2 yr.

~~—* Succeeding even numbered elections~~

~~—** Succeeding odd numbered elections~~

~~yr. 1 Highest number of votes~~

~~yr. 2 Second highest number of votes~~

~~yr. 3 Third highest number of votes~~

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no **councilperson COUNCIL MEMBER** shall be entitled to serve consecutive terms of office exceeding twelve (12) years in duration unless said twelve (12) year period expires during a term which said **councilperson COUNCIL MEMBER** is serving, in which case said **councilperson COUNCIL MEMBER** shall be entitled to serve out the remainder of his or her term. **THERE SHALL BE A 4-YEAR RECESS FROM RUNNING FOR A COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION AFTER A MEMBER HAS COMPLETED UP TO 12 CONSECUTIVE YEAR ON COUNCIL.** ~~Limitations of terms shall apply to terms of office beginning on or after November 19, 1991, and thereafter.~~

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 109 of the Littleton City Charter, concerning the sale of water or water services, be deleted in its entirety?

PROPOSED CHANGE

~~Sec. 109. Sale of Water or Water Services.~~

~~The Council shall have the power to enter into temporary contracts for sale of water or water services in and outside the City whenever it determines that the available water supply exceeds that necessary for the present needs of the inhabitants of the City. Said contracts for water and water services shall be for periods not exceeding one year and subject to the present and future needs and requirements of the City and its inhabitants.~~

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 115 of the Littleton City Charter be amended so that franchisees must pay permit and inspection fees?

PROPOSED CHANGE

Sec. 115.Term; Compensation; Restrictions.

No franchise shall be granted for a period longer than twenty-five years. No franchise shall be granted without reserving to the City such fair fee arising from the use thereof as shall be fixed in the grant of said franchise. This compensation shall not exempt the grantee or his assignees from any lawful assessment upon his property or from any other tax not related to the franchise privilege or pertaining to the physical operation thereof, but shall exempt the grantee or his assignees from any occupancy tax, license tax, ~~permit charge, inspection fee,~~ or similar tax on the privilege of doing business or in connection with the physical operation thereof as shall be fixed in the grant of any franchise.

The franchise fee established by ordinance shall be paid as provided and be subject to mutual periodic renegotiation. Failure to pay such fee shall result in forfeiture of franchise at the option of the Council

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Littleton City Charter be amended by the addition of a new Section 124, establishing a charter review committee for the purpose of reviewing the Charter on a periodic basis and recommending modifications to the Charter?

PROPOSED CHANGE

New Section

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Sections 116 and 117 of the Littleton City Charter, concerning railroad tracks, crossings and switches along or across public thoroughfares, be deleted in their entirety?

PROPOSED CHANGE

~~Sec. 116.Railroad Tracks and Crossings.~~

~~Subject to arbitration, the Council may require, by ordinance and by fair apportionment of the cost, any railroad or other transportation system to raise or lower any of its right-of-way or tracks running over, under, along or across any public thoroughfare, and to construct and maintain all street crossings, bridges, viaducts or other conveniences in good condition with proper approaches and safety devices~~

~~Sec. 117.Revocable Licenses.~~

~~The Council by ordinance may grant a license, revocable for cause, to lay side tracks and switches along or across any public thoroughfare when the application therefor is accompanied by the assent in writing of the owners of two-thirds of the frontage on each side of the public thoroughfare or part thereof.~~

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Littleton City Charter be amended so that all references to the President of the Council be changed to Mayor; the President of the Council Pro Tem to Mayor Pro Tem; the City Council to Council; and the City Treasurer to Finance Director; and shall capitalization be consistent and the Charter made gender neutral?

PROPOSED CHANGE

Gender neutral, change City Council to Council throughout City Charter

Sec. 24. Presiding Officer.

After each general municipal election, the Council shall elect from their own number a ~~President of the Council~~ **MAYOR** who will be the presiding officer entitled to vote. He shall have no veto power and shall serve at the will of the Council. He shall be recognized as head of the City government for all ceremonial purposes and shall execute and authenticate legal instruments requiring his signature as such official

Sec. 25. ~~President of the Council~~ **MAYOR** Pro Tem.

After each general municipal election, the Council shall elect a ~~President~~ **MAYOR** Pro Tem who shall act as ~~President of the Council~~ **MAYOR** during the absence of the ~~President of the Council~~ **MAYOR**

PART II. Sec. 82 ~~CITY TREASURER~~ **FINANCE DIRECTOR** and changing all other references to **Finance Director**

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 11 of the Littleton City Charter be amended so that the number of Election Commission members is increased to 5, with each member serving staggered 4-year terms, and the City Clerk appointed as the non-voting Chair of the Election Commission?

PROPOSED CHANGE

Sec. 11. Election Commission.

There is hereby created an election commission consisting of the City Clerk who shall be ~~the chairman~~ **A NON-VOTING CHAIRMAN**, and ~~two~~ **FIVE** qualified electors of the City. Said electors, during their tenure in office, shall not be City officials or employees or candidates for elective office in city, county, state or federal elections. ~~The Council shall make initial appointments before 1 September 1959, for terms of one and three years; thereafter,~~ **AUTHORITY MEMBER** appointments shall be for **STAGGERED** four-year terms.

~~The Council shall, before 1 September 1959, preceding the first general municipal election under this charter, establish no more than one precinct for each of four districts. Thereafter,~~ the election commission shall establish additional precincts only after the ~~city~~ Council has held a public hearing on the additional precincts requested, following which the ~~city~~ Council can approve or disapprove the additional precincts.

The election commission shall appoint the election judges and clerks for each precinct and have charge of all other activities and duties required of it by law or this charter.

In case of a tie vote the election commission shall determine by lot the person or persons who shall be elected. Where municipal election procedure is in doubt, the election commission shall prescribe the procedure to be followed.

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 60 of the Littleton City Charter be amended so that the sale or conveyance of open space property must be approved at an election, unless it is sold or conveyed for other public use?

PROPOSED CHANGE

Sec. 60.Restriction On Sales Of Land And Water Rights.

Lands granted to, purchased, acquired by the city for use, **OPEN SPACE PROPERTY** or used by the city for park purposes, shall not be sold or conveyed without a majority vote of the people, except they may be sold or conveyed for other public use by ordinance adopted in regular procedure. No water rights granted to, purchased or acquired by the city shall be sold or conveyed without a majority vote of the people.

Nothing in this provision, however, shall prevent the city from exchanging water rights without a vote of the people.

Other real property of the city shall be sold only by ordinance adopted in regular procedure, not using the emergency provision

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 104 of the Littleton City Charter be amended to delete the requirements that the City provide health services and a volunteer fire department?

PROPOSED CHANGE

Sec. 104.Provision for Services.

The Council shall provide by ordinance fire **AND** police ~~and health services~~ for the preservation of the rights of persons and for the preservation of public and private property, health, peace and safety. These functions shall include the enforcement of the laws of the State and the ordinances of the City, the prevention of crime and the apprehension of criminals.

~~In a separate ordinance, the Council shall, for so long as it deems necessary, provide for the formation and operation of a volunteer fire department. Such ordinance shall clearly define the authorities, duties and responsibilities of the department; provided however, that such ordinance shall not in any manner restrict the authority of the City Manager over any paid employees or property of the City~~

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 122 of the Littleton City Charter, concerning a career service system, be deleted in its entirety?

PROPOSED CHANGE

~~Sec. 122.Enabling Act. (Amended, Election of 11-5-1991)~~

~~The Council may create, by ordinance submitted to a vote of the registered electors at a special or general municipal election, a career service system. Until such time as a career service may be established, the City Manager must file a memorandum with the Council setting forth the facts regarding the discharge or transfer of any City employee who has been in the employ of the City for one year or longer~~