



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE 2008

Boards and Commissions Sub-Committee Items Identified for Consideration

Article V: Parks and Park Board Parks and Park Board

1. Clarify that Park Board members are nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the City Council.

2. Add language that members of the Park Board may be reimbursed for expenses incurred at the direction of the board.

Section 41 Park Board – How Created

3. Remove portions that details creation of Board.

Section 42 Park Board – Term of Office

4. Remove portions that details creation.

Section 45 Park Board – Accounts and Reports – Annual Statement

5. Remove portion stating reports shall be published in Official Gazette. Add where they will be posted.

Section 47 Office of the Park Board

6. Remove redundant phrases.

Section 48 Park Board – Powers

7. Portions of this section could be revised to clarify how contracts are handled, the sale of liquor, the authority and responsibility of parkways, community issues and condemnation powers.

Article VI: Civil Service

8. Clean-up of language only needed when the Civil Service Commission was created regarding term limits of initial board members.

Section 52 Election of Civil Service Commissioners – Organization and Employees – Finances – Payroll Approval – Personnel Administration

9. Remove part of 52a that details the process of the creation of commission

Change wording to make section gender neutral

Article VIII: Neighborhood Councils

10. No recommended changes at this time

Article XV: Plan Commission

11. Provide for City Council ability to direct the Plan Commission to perform duties in relation to City Council legislation.

Section 127 General Authority

12. Add wording that states that the City Council may by a majority vote direct the plan commission to perform specific duties in relation to potential or pending legislative action of the City Council

General

13. City Council authority to create committees and appoint committee members.





LEGISLATIVE

CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE 2008 Legislative Sub-Committee Items Identified for Consideration

Article II – Elective Officials

Section 5 Elective Officials

1. Subsection a: The mayor shall be the chief administrative (change to 'executive') officer ... They shall be elected to a term of four years (insert 'each') by the qualified electors

Section 6 Qualifications

2. Subsection a contains confusing language concerning term as councilmember / council president and as mayor

Section 7 Salary

3. Needs to be updated to reflect current pay level for mayor and 2009 levels set by Salary Review Commission

Section 8 Vacancies

4. No provision for the Council President
5. Remove sub-section a.9 – it is redundant
6. Change subsection c to state: In the event of a vacancy in the office of the mayor, (insert 'Council President'), ...

Section 8.5 Recall of Elected Official for Violation of Code of Ethics

7. Subsection b City district debate

Article III – Council and Legislation

Section 11

8. Replace the final three words 'upon the journal' with 'in the record'

Section 17 Ordinances – Publication of

9. Delete 'once in the Official Gazette'

Section 18 Ordinances – Recording and Authenticating

10. Delete 'a book' and replace with 'the City Clerk's Office'

Section 19 Ordinances – When Effective

11. Subsection b is wordy

Section 20 Direct Legislation – When Effective

12. Is this section necessary?
13. Change 'electors' to 'electorate'
14. Replace 'the adoption thereof' with 'certification'

Article VII – Municipal Elections

Section 59 Council Districting

15. Should the district board meet every five years or as needed

Article IX – Legislation by the People

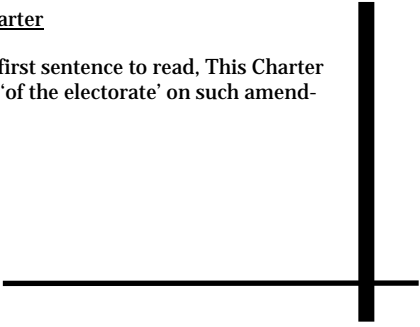
Section 85 Capital Expenditures

16. Subsection a: Insert 'shall' in the first sentence to read ... a vote of the people 'shall' be required
17. Subsection d: Needs review

Article XIV – Amendment

Section 125 Amendment of the Charter

18. Insert 'of the electorate' in the first sentence to read, This Charter may be amended by majority vote 'of the electorate' on such amendments





ADMINISTRATIVE

CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE 2008 Administrative Sub-Committee Items Identified for Consideration

Article I – Name, Boundaries, Powers, Rights and Liabilities

Section 1 Name

1. Specify the name as Spokane, Washington to prevent confusion about state location

Article II – Elective Officials

Section 6 Qualification

2. Term limits and definition of “elected officials” needs to be addressed. Is the park board considered elected officials?

3. Define residency

Section 7 Salary

4. This should be amended to state that salaries are set by ordinance but do not site the specific ordinance so the charter doesn't need to be amended when an ordinance is repealed or changed.

5. The charter should not site specific numbers or amounts. It should state the limit or percentage.

Article IV – Administration of City Affairs

Section 22 Administrative Branch

6. Define the role of the City Council and the communication between the administration and council

Section 23 Mayor Pro Tem

7. Define mayor pro tem

8. Define succession and the process

9. Reduce repetition and consolidate sentences

Section 24 Mayor

10. Site the ordinance

11. Consolidate to state “in conformance with Civil Service regulations” and delete everything else

12. Subsection 14 is unclear, specify

Section 38 Contracts and Documents – Execution of

13. Site ordinance for contracts less than \$50,000

14. Clarify the role of the council and the mayor

15. The section does not make sense for strong mayor form of government

Article X – Local Improvements

Section 93 Initiation

16. See 2007 draft changes

17. Delete list

18. What does “Initiation” in section 93 mean? Can it be deleted? Need to talk to city attorney

Article XI – Franchises

19. Define franchises and make grammatical changes (i.e. write “he/she” where it is written “he”)

Article XII – Miscellaneous

20. Simplify. It does not need to be so wordy

21. Move section 116 ½ to article XI because it is only discussing franchises

Article XIII – Municipal Indebtedness

Section 122 Incidental Power of Council

22. Change wording to say, “The Mayor with approval of the Council”

