

Charter Amendment Proposal #17 (Draft #1)
Fire Chief

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1. Please provide a brief description of: the Proposed Charter amendment, the purpose of the proposed Charter amendment, the issue or problem to be addressed by the proposal, and how the proposal would address the issue or problem.

Establish a five year term for the Fire Chief.

2. If applicable, list the Charter provision(s) affected by the proposal.

Section 6-1003.

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or laws of another jurisdiction (e.g., another county, city, or municipality), name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of each provision or law.

Not Applicable.

4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy of each with a citation to its source.

Not Applicable.

5. Attach the text of the proposed Charter amendment in Ramseyer format.

Section 6-1003. Fire Chief[, ~~Qualifications~~] --

1. The fire chief shall be appointed by the fire commission **for a term of five years.** ~~[The chief may be removed by the fire commission only after being given a written statement of the charges and a hearing before the commission.]~~ The chief shall have had a minimum of five years of training and experience in a fire department, at least three years of which shall have been in a responsible administrative capacity. **The chief shall not serve beyond the expiration of a term unless appointed again by the fire commission. If desiring to do so, the fire commission may appoint an incumbent chief to a new term without first engaging in an applicant solicitation and selection process.**

2. **Before the expiration of a term to which appointed, the chief may be removed by the fire commission only for cause. As prerequisites to removal, the chief shall be given a written statement of the charge and an opportunity for a hearing before the fire commission.**

3. Gross or continuous maladministration shall be a cause sufficient for removal of the chief. Before removing the chief for such cause, the fire commission shall give the chief written notice of and a reasonable period to cure the gross or continuous maladministration. If the gross or continuous maladministration is not cured to the fire commission's satisfaction within the period given, the fire commission may proceed to remove the chief in accordance with subsection 2.

This subsection shall not be construed as:

(a) Making gross or continuous maladministration the only cause sufficient for removal of a chief; or

(b) Requiring the fire commission to give the notice and opportunity for cure specified under this subsection when removing a chief for a cause other than gross or continuous maladministration.

All proposals must be submitted by October 31, 2015.

If for any reason you are having difficulty using our online submission process, you may submit your proposal by mail or email:

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