

2015-2016 HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Provide a brief description of the:
 - Proposed Charter amendment;
 - Purpose of the proposed Charter amendment;
 - Issue or problem to be addressed by the proposal; and
 - How the proposal would address the issue or problem.

The Chief of Police relies on his senior staff to manage and oversee the daily operations of the department as well as its staff of over 2,000 sworn officers and over 500 civilian employees. The senior staff is comprised of two deputy chiefs as well as six assistant chiefs. This staff works closely with the Chief of Police and assists him on a daily basis. It is a critical relationship that requires trust and teamwork in order to function effectively.

Currently, a newly appointed Chief of Police has the authority to appoint two deputy chiefs however, he or she "inherits" six assistant chiefs. These six assistant chiefs are usually selected by the previous Chief of Police and may not share the same vision for the department as the newly appointed Chief. This fragile relationship hampers a newly appointed Chief from the start.

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

Section 6-1604(f). Powers, Duties and Functions

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.

n/a

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

n/a

5. Attach the text of the proposed Charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see instructions below).

(f) Appoint the deputy and assistant chiefs of police. A deputy and assistant chief shall have the right of reinstatement to a previously occupied civil service position in the police department when (1) [the deputy chief] he or she had held a permanent appointment to the position immediately before appointment to the office of [deputy] chief and (2) [the deputy chief's] his or her tenure in the office has not been terminated for cause. If exercising the right, the deputy and assistant chief shall be reinstated, without necessity of examination, to the former civil service position immediately following termination of tenure as [deputy] chief.

Ramseyer format:

- **AMENDING AN EXISTING CHARTER PROVISION:** Indicate by underscoring, any language being proposed to be added to the Charter and indicate by [bracketing], any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter.
 - **REPLACING AN EXISTING CHARTER PROVISION:** [Bracket] the article, chapter, or section of the Charter proposed to be deleted, and underscore the text of any provision proposed to replace the deleted material.
 - **ADDING A NEW CHARTER PROVISION:** Provide the text of the new provision and, if possible, indicate where in the Charter the new material should be added.
6. If this proposal is being submitted by an organization, please indicate the organization. If it is being submitted by an individual, please indicate the individual's first and last name.*

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7. Please include the address, phone number, and email of the organization or individual from Item 6 above, if you would like to be contacted.*

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*Responses to Items 6 and 7 are optional; however, providing responses to these items will help the Commission's deliberations, especially when additional information or research is required. Please be aware that these documents will be part of the public record and available to the public.

All proposals must be submitted by **October 31, 2015**.

You may submit your proposal by:

- Filling the form online and uploading documents, if any; or
- Submitting your completed form and any attachments by mail or email:
 - ✓ Mail to:
2015-2016 Charter Commission
City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street, Room 501
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
 - ✓ Email to:

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Thank you for participating in the 2015-2016 Honolulu Charter Commission process!