

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.

Rewording section 6-104 to make it consistent with section 6-103. During the last Charter Amendment, voters approved to reword section 6-103 to reflect the reorganization of the old Oahu Civil Defense Agency to the Department of Emergency Management. However, there was one oversight; the accompanying Section 6-104, which addresses the Citizens Advisory Commission on Civil Defense, was never updated.

Section 6-104 is now inconsistent with updated section 6-103 and new Hawaii Revised Statutes §127A-5, both of which replaces the obsolete term "civil defense" and uses the current "emergency management". Rewording section 6-104 will make it match Charter section 6-103.

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

Section 6-103. Department of Emergency Management and
Section 6-104. Citizens Advisory Commission on Civil Defense

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.

State of Hawaii, Hawaii Revised Statutes §127A-5.

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

Current Charter section 6-103:

Section 6-103. Department of Emergency Management -- There shall be a department of emergency management headed by a director of emergency management who shall be appointed and may be removed by the mayor in accordance with law. The director of emergency management shall: (a) Develop, prepare and, under disaster or emergency situations, assist in the implementation of civil defense plans and programs to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the people of the city. (b) Coordinate the civil defense and emergency preparedness activities and functions of the city with those of the state and federal governments and other public or private organizations for civil defense within the state. (1998 General Election Charter Amendment Question No. 3(III), section and subsequent sections renumbered; 2007 Reorganization)

Current Hawaii Revised Statutes §127A-5:

[\$127A-5] County emergency management agency. (a) The mayor of each county shall have direct responsibility for emergency management within the county, including the organization, administration, and operation of a county emergency management agency.

(b) Each county emergency management agency shall perform emergency management functions within the territorial limits of the county within which it is organized, coordinate all emergency management plans within the county, and cooperate as closely as possible with the agency and emergency management agencies in the other counties in all aspects of emergency management.

(c) Each county shall be responsible for the establishment, naming, and operation of a county emergency management agency under the mayor's direction, and shall enact ordinances to establish the county emergency management agency and ensure that the mayor and the county's emergency management agency have the powers necessary to receive state and federal funds and carry out the functions of this chapter at the county level. The ordinances shall comply with powers established under sections 127A-12 and 127A-13.

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

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Section 6-104. Citizens Advisory Commission on [Civil Defense] Emergency Management -- There shall be a citizens advisory commission on [civil defense] emergency management which shall consist of five members. The commission shall advise the mayor, the council, and the [civil defense administrator] director of emergency management on matters pertaining to [civil defense] emergency management, and to the promotion of community

understanding and interest in such matters. The commission shall be governed by the provisions of Section 13-103 of this charter.

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 document 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!