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# Elections Code Committee

# Charter Amendments

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## Discussion / Informational Items

1. Charter Amendments
2. 2024 Work Plan

## Article VIII. ELECTIONS

- Section 3 – Time frame for circulation and submittal of nominating petitions shall not be changed within 180 days.
- Section 4 – Sufficiency of petition notification within 5 working days.
- Section 7 – Timing relating to certification of election results.

## Article IX. RECALL

- Section 1(b) – Specify timeframe Clerk will send affidavit to affected officer; increase time to file statement in defense of charges from 5 to 10 days; revise language related to timing to file petition.
- Section 1(c) – Update various timing requirements to call election.
- Section 2(b) – Move section portion of section 2(f) to new section 2(b)(3) to designate the number of petition representatives allowed.
- Section 2(e)(1) – Remove holdover language from when we had multiple seats elected in the same race.
- Section 2(f) – Update timing to file petitions.
- Section 2(g) & (h) – This paragraph is broken up into subsections and new subsection relating to Protest added.
- Section 2(i) – Naming the section Certification and presentation to Council and adding special meetings as possibility for certification.
- Change name of Section 3 to Recall Elections from Elections.
- Section 3(e) – Clarify the newly elected candidate will take office at the next regular meeting after the election is certified; candidate qualification within 30 days of certification.

## Article X. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

- Section 1(d) – Update timing to file prior to next election.
- Section 1(e) – Paragraph broken into subsection areas; Various timing and language updates
- Section 2(b) – Clarification of timing.
- Section 2(d) – Update timing to circulate to 21 calendar days.
- Section 2(e)(2) – Clarifying language relating to Action by Council after petition certification.
- Section 3 – Revision to language relating to referring an ordinance or resolution to the voters.

## Article X. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

- Section 5(b)(2)(b) – Updates relating to general statement of purpose on initiative petition.
- Section 5(b)(2)(c) – Add language to not include exhibits over a certain number of pages with the ordinance to be referred and include a statement from the Clerk where said exhibit may be found. Also, consideration of ordinances themselves over a certain number of pages.
- Section 5(d)(1) – Clarifying language relating to the required information on the circulator affidavit.
- Section 5(f)(1) – Revise the number of days the Clerk has to examine the petition to 15 calendar days.
- Section 5(f)(2)(i)(B) – Revise number of days the Clerk has to examine an amended initiative petition to 10 days.
- Section 5(f)(2)(ii)(B) – Update time to certify amended referendum petition to 10 days.
- Section 5(f)(3)(i) – Revise the number of days to file a protest to 5 business days of preliminary determination of sufficiency.
- Section 5(f)(3)(ii) – Revise language relating to the protest hearing and the time frame to hold the protest hearing.
- Section 5(f)(3) – Revise language and timing relating to the notice of protest hearing.
- Section 6(c)(2) – Additional language relating to a portion of an ordinance being referred rather than the entire ordinance.



# 2024 Work Plan