

# EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** November 16, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:** City Commission

**TITLE:**

Ordinance No. 2021-20 – First Reading – Ballot language for setting term limits of two consecutive terms for a given seat by referendum on March 8, 2022

**SUMMARY:**

The ordinance provides a referendum question for the March 8, 2022, General Election to set term limits of two consecutive terms for a given seat.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The Charter Review Committee submitted recommendations to the City Commission regarding changes to the City's Charter at the October 5, 2021 regular meeting. The first recommendation was to have term limits of two consecutive terms for a given seat (terms are three years). Should the referendum pass, a Commissioner or the Mayor could only serve for six years and would not be able run again for the same seat in the next election. However, a Commissioner or Mayor could run for a different seat or run again for the same seat after a break.

The ordinance was heard at the November 2, 2021 regular meeting at which time the Commission requested that the ordinance specify the amount of time for which a Commissioner or Mayor would have to sit out before running again. The ordinance clarifies that 23 months would have to elapse before the elected official could run again for the previously held seat. Term limits are not currently addressed in the Charter.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2021-20 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for December 7, 2021.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A  
Ordinance 2021-20