

ARTICLE VIII. CHARTER AMENDMENTS¹

Initial Version/Comments from City Council – Charter Review had no changes:

Sec. 8.01. Charter amendments.

Amendments to this Charter may be framed and proposed by either:

- (a) Ordinance adopted by the city council setting forth the full text of the proposed amendments.
- (b) Written petition or petitions to the city council initiated by the electors setting forth the full text of the proposed amendment and signed in person by registered voters of the city in accordance with requirements of general law. All required signatures to petitions initiated by the electors must bear the dates on which each signature is affixed, and all required signatures must be affixed within a period of 90 days prior to the date such petition is submitted to the city council.

90 days? Our residents are often out of state for several months. Consider 180 days. (Feinsod)

Sec. 8.02. Referendum.

Upon adoption of an ordinance by the city council as provided in subsection 8.01(a) of this article or upon delivery to the city council of a written petition as provided in subsection 8.01(b) of this article, the city council shall, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days thereafter, certify the petition for amendment and cause a referendum to be held on the question of adoption thereafter, certify the petition for amendment and cause a referendum to be held on the question of adoption of such proposed amendment in the manner provided by law and article VII, section 7.04 of this Charter.

Sec. 8.03. Adoption of amendment.

Any proposed amendment to the Charter adopted by a majority of the registered voters of the city voting in such referendum shall become effective when filed with the office of the Department of State of the State of Florida.

¹State law reference(s)—Charter amendments generally, F.S. § 166.031.

Sec. 8.04. Supplemental method of amendment.

The foregoing method of proposing amendments and mechanics of holding referendums thereon shall be supplemental to the provisions of all other laws relating to amendment of municipal charters.

Whether the Charter should define how often a Charter Review Committee must be convened.
(Fernandez)