

Sec. 8.02. - Amendments submitted to electors.

- (a) The City Commission may, by ordinance, submit a proposed amendment to this Charter.
- (b) Electors of the City may, by a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the electors, submit a proposed amendment to this Charter.
 - 1. Each signature shall be executed in ink, shall be dated, and shall be followed by the printed name and address of the person signing. Petitions shall contain or have attached thereto throughout their circulation the full text of the proposed Charter amendment. All papers of a petition shall have an affidavit attached, executed by the person circulating them and stating that he or she personally circulated the papers, the number of signatures thereon, that all signatures were affixed in his or her presence, that he or she believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be, and that each signer had an opportunity before signing to read the full text of the proposed Charter amendment.
 - 2. The final petition with the required number of signatures and affidavits shall be assembled as one instrument for filing with the City Clerk. In order to be counted, all signatures must be collected within one year prior to filing the final petition. Within twenty (20) business days after the final petition is filed, the City Clerk shall verify and complete a certificate as to the petition's compliance with the provisions herein, specifying, if it is insufficient, the defects and shall promptly send a copy of the certificate to the filer by certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon the City Clerk's issuance of a certificate that a petition has complied with the provisions herein, the proposed Charter amendment shall be presented to the City Commission at a future meeting.
- (c) The Charter Review Advisory Board may recommend proposed amendments to the City Commission. The City Commission shall make the final determination whether to submit the proposed amendments to the voters.
- (d) The City Commission shall subject the proposed amendments to referendum. The City Commission shall have discretion as to when the referendum will occur, whether at the next general election or at a special election called for that purpose, allowing for timely advertisements and notices as required by State and local laws.
- (e) An amendment to this Charter shall be effective immediately after the certification of the referendum results reflecting that a majority of voters approved the amendment.
- (f) Upon passage of an amendment by a majority vote of the City's electors who voted on the referendum, the City Commission, by ordinance, shall have the amendment incorporated into this Charter and shall file same with the Florida Department of State.