

City of Amarillo – Charter Review Committee Proposed Change – Addition of a regular Charter Review Commission Process

This new Section of Article II be adopted so that hereafter the same shall be and read as follows:

ARTICLE II – SECTION 25. – CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AND PROCESS

The City Council shall by Ordinance establish a Charter Review Commission which shall meet every four years, in even number years, for the purpose of regularly reviewing the City Charter and making recommendations to the City Council, as necessary. The review shall include potential issues referred to the Commission by the City Council, review the Charter for revision based upon changes in federal and state law, or for any other reason as directed by the City Council. The City Council may direct the Charter Review Commission to meet at times other than those prescribed above to address any specific questions from the City Council.

The Charter Review Commission shall be composed of fourteen (14) persons appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and each Councilmember elected on a city-wide at-large basis shall appoint two (2) persons to the Commission who may live in any area of the city; each Councilmember elected to represent a specific geographic place shall appoint two (2) persons to the Commission who must reside in the geographic area represented by that Councilmember. The term of office for each appointee shall be four (4) years. The Commission shall elect its own Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and may adopt its rules and procedures if they do not conflict with any City ordinance or policy and are consistent with state and federal law. The members of the Districting Commission shall not serve the City in any other capacity, whether appointive or elective, nor shall they hold any other elective public office.