

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 3 – CLARIFYING COUNCIL MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS.

The City Charter requires that Councilmembers be residents of the city for two-years prior to election but does not address residency where a councilmember is appointed to a vacancy. The Charter also prohibits a councilmember from simultaneously holding another public office but does not define public office. This amendment to Section 2.02 clarifies that Councilmembers who are appointed to a vacant council seat must have two-year continuous city residency. This amendment will also clarify that public office means “elected” public office.

Should this amendment to the Charter be enacted?

Yes

No

Full Text:

Section 2.02 Qualifications: Councilmembers shall be qualified electors and residents of the city for a continuous period of at least two years prior to the date of their election or to their appointment to a vacant council seat. ~~next prior to their election~~ Councilmembers shall hold no other elected public office or employment under the city government. If a councilmember shall cease to have these qualifications or shall be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or shall be absent from three consecutive regular meetings without being granted a leave of absence by the city council, this office shall become vacant and be so declared by the city council.