

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 7 – CONCERNING ALLOWING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS BY REFERENCE TO SUBSECTION

The charter requires that any ordinance or section of an ordinance that is being revised or amended be published in its entirety. This amendment to Section 2.12 would allow the city to print or publish only the subsection of an ordinance that is being revised or amended. This will save on printing costs and make it easier for readers to more quickly identify which sections of the ordinance are being revised.

Should this amendment to the Charter be enacted?

Yes

No

Full Text:

Section 2.12 Ordinances, Required for Certain Purposes, Title, Enacting Clause, and How Amended: In addition to such acts of the city council as are required by statute or by this charter to be by ordinance, every act of the city council establishing a fine or other penalty or providing for the expenditure of funds or for the contracting of indebtedness or granting, renewing, or extending a franchise for any purpose shall be by ordinance. No ordinance granting a franchise shall be finally passed until thirty days have expired after its introduction; the expense incident to the enactment of such an ordinance shall be paid by the applicant; and no exclusive franchise shall be granted. When an ordinance granting a franchise is amended after it has been in force, the same provision set forth in the preceding sentence applicable to proposed ordinances granting original franchises shall apply. Every ordinance shall be clearly entitled and shall contain only one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title. The enacting clause of all ordinances shall be: "Be it ordained by the City of Vancouver." No ordinance shall be revised, re-enacted, or amended by reference to its title, but the ordinance to be revised or re-enacted or the section thereof amended shall be re-enacted at length as revised or amended; provided that an amendment to a subsection may be re-enacted by subsection if the entire context and effect of such amendment can be discerned solely by reference to such subsection.