

Summary of Leon County Citizen Charter Review Committee Proposed Charter Amendments

Tourist Development Council Structure

- Codifies into charter current practice of TDC staff reporting to County Administrator (housekeeping amendment)

Minimum Countywide Environmental Standards

- Requires the County to establish minimum standards, procedures, requirements and regulation for the protection of the environment, countywide.
- Would not prohibit a municipality from adopting more stringent environmental standards.

Employment Policy of the County Administrator

- Provides that the County Administrator is employed by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the BCC
- Provides that the County Administrator is terminated by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the BCC occurring at the first regularly-scheduled meeting of the BCC after a motion expressing intent to remove County Administrator was approved at the previous Board meeting by a simple-majority.

Non-interference Policy

- Prohibits individual County Commissioners from giving instructions or directives to employees under the direct or indirect control of the County Attorney or County Administrator.

Petition Threshold/Petition Prohibition

- Lowers signatures required for petitions proposing ordinances or charter amendments from 10% countywide, including at least 10% in each single-member district to:
 - 7% countywide, and
 - 5% within each single-member district

- Clarifies that existing prohibited subjects apply to charter amendments, in addition to ordinances

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- Provides that the CRC is appointed 15 months prior to general election, instead of 12 months.
- Requires BCC to consider a wide variety of factors when appointing CRC so as to reflect diversity in the community.
- Provides that recommendations of CRC approved by 9 votes go to BCC for their consideration; those by 12 votes go directly to ballot.

Limitation on Campaign Contribution

- Limits campaign contributions for candidates for county office to \$250 per election cycle from individuals or political committees.