

## **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)

### **Unified Environmental Standards**

- Permits BCC to adopt ordinances that are effective countywide concerning any environmental standard, regulation, or policy
- Eliminates different standards/regulations between county and city in environmental policy

### **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

### **Citizen Charter Review Committee**

- 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.

### **Clerk Auditor**

- Provides that the Clerk to the BCC may conduct audits of the County Commission's books, accounts and internal controls pursuant to work plan of Audit Committee.
- Provides that the Clerk may conduct performance audits upon approval by County Commission.

### **Citizen Utility Advisory Board**

- Establishes Utility Board to study and make recommendations to City/County on:
  - Utility rates
  - Planning or expansion of Utility Service Areas
  - Maintenance activities
- Consist of Seven (7) Members:
  - 3 appointed by City
  - 3 appointed by County
  - 1 appointed by CONA

### **Limitation on Campaign Contribution**

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