

Tallahassee City Charter Amendments

Submitted for the November 5, 2024 General Elections Ballot by the Tallahassee City Commission

Title	Summary	Explanation
Charter Amendment Addressing the Salaries of City Commissioners	Shall the Charter of the City of Tallahassee be amended to provide that members of the City Commission be paid an annual salary equal to the annual salary set by state law for members of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida? ___YES ___NO	The current Charter provides for the salaries of City Commissioners other than the mayor to be set at half of the Leon County Commissioners. The formula for the mayor’s salary, currently set as equal to County Commissioners, would remain unchanged.
Charter Amendment Expanding Jurisdiction of the Independent Ethics Board	Shall the Charter of the City of Tallahassee be amended to provide that the Tallahassee Independent Ethics Board has jurisdiction over members of the City Commission when they are serving as board members of outside governmental agencies by reason of their city commission roles? ___YES ___NO	The current Charter provides the Independent Ethics Board jurisdiction over City Commissioners, but doesn’t explicitly say that this jurisdiction applies when they sit as members of external governmental bodies, such as the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency and the Community Redevelopment Agency. This would clarify that this jurisdiction applies to Commissioners in whatever role they serve as elected officials.
Charter Amendment to Resolve Two-Candidate Elections at the General Election	Shall the Charter of the City of Tallahassee be amended to provide that if only two candidates, neither of whom is a write-in candidate, qualify for the same seat on the City Commission, the names of those candidates will appear on the general election ballot instead of the primary election ballot? ___YES ___NO	Currently, two-candidate races are decided by the results of the Primary Election in August. This amendment will allow such races to be decided by the generally larger turnout November election, leaving less time between the election and the assumption of office.
Charter Amendment to Provide for Periodic Review of the Charter	Shall the Charter of the City of Tallahassee be amended to require the City Commission to convene a charter review committee and conduct a review of the charter every ten years, beginning in June 2033? ___YES ___NO	Although charter reviews have been conducted in the past, this amendment if passed will be the first time that a regular schedule for charter reviews will be established.
Charter Amendment Defining the Role of the Inspector General	Shall the Charter of the City of Tallahassee be amended to define the role of the Inspector General by charter rather than by ordinance? ___YES ___NO	The intent of this amendment is to establish greater independence to the Office of Inspector General, so that no City Commission can abolish the office by ordinance. The amendment will also require a super-majority vote (currently involving at least four of the five commissioners) to dismiss any holder of that office. Such dismissal must be for cause and the Inspector General must be given the opportunity to rebut this cause in a public forum.

Source: League of Women Voters of Tallahassee.