

Charter Revision Board – Joint Workshop



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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Overview of CRB Activity
3. Review of Current CRB Recommendations
4. Additional Community Outreach Discussion
5. Referendum Timeline
6. General Discussion and Direction
7. Questions
8. Adjournment



Overview of the Fort Lauderdale Charter

A City Charter is a legal document that establishes a municipality's organization, powers, functions, and essential procedures.

Creation and Powers:

Article I: Section 1.01 – Creation and Powers

The City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby created which shall have all governmental, corporate and proprietary powers to enable it to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions and render municipal services, and may exercise any power for municipal purposes except as otherwise provided by law.

Current City Charter – 97 Sections in 11 Articles.



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Outreach Efforts - Previous Cycles

- Public Meetings of the Charter Revision Board
- Representation from the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association
- Charter Revision Board Provided Recommendations to the City Commission
- Direction Provided by the City Commission on Amendments
- Educational Outreach to the Public



Current Charter Revision Board Efforts

CRB Meetings Restarted - February 2, 2023 (last previous meeting held
Meetings include representation from:

- City Attorney's Office
- City Auditor's Office
- City Clerk's Office
- City Manager's Office
- Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations
- Guest Speakers/Experts Based on Topic Being Discussed/Analyzed

All meetings open to the public & can be viewed on-line (City's YouTube)



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City Attorney Memo 23-013 (February 22, 2023)

Recommended the Following Sections for Analysis and Review:

- Section 3.03
- Section 3.12
- Section 4.06
- Section 7.16
- Section 10.03

In addition, the memo also identified Article VIII (consisting of 21 sections)

Recommendation Provided in May 2024 - 14 Sections of Amendments
(Additional Sections to be Reviewed)



Charter Sections Comparison Chart



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Article III

	Recommended Section	CRB Amended Section
1	Section 3.03 - Qualification of members; Forfeiture of Office	Section 3.03 - Qualification of members; Forfeiture of Office
2		Section 3.04 - Judge of Elections and Qualifications of Members
3		Section 3.05 - Designation of Vice-Mayor
4	Section 3.08 - Forfeiture of Office	Section 3.08 - Forfeiture of Office
5		Section 3.09 - Organization Meeting
6		Section 3.10 - Special Meeting to Seat a New Member
7	Section 3.12 - Special meetings - How Called	
8		Section 3.13 - Meeting Place; Meeting to be Public
9		Section 3.15 - Initiative; Petition for Propo Ordinance



Charter Sections Comparison Chart

Article IV

	Recommended Section	CRB Amended Section
10		Section 4.05 - City Manager; Appointment; Qualifications; Compensation
11	Section 4.06 - Acting City Manager Upon Resignation of or during Absence or Disability of City Manager	



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Article VI

	Recommended Section	CBR Amended Section
12	Section 6.06 - City Commission Involvement Prohibited	



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Article VII

	Recommended Section	CBR Amended Section
13	Section 7.16 - Election; Tie Vote; Primary Election to Fill One Vacancy	



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Article VIII

	Recommended Section	CRB Amended Section
14	Article VIII - Public Property	Section 8.01 - Sale of Personal Property; Procedure; Public Purpose
15		Section 8.02 - Sale of Public Lands and of Public Property to Public Bodies
16		Section 8.04 - Sale of Real Property to Private Persons, Firms, or Corporations
17		Section 8.09 - Leases for More Than One Year and Not More Than Fifty Years
18		Section 8.21 - Disposing of Public Property



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Article X

	Recommended Section	CRB Amended Section
19	Section 10.03 Public Hearings and Public Notice	



Proposed Outreach Efforts

- CRB Meetings to Resume After the Holidays
- Representation from the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association
- Meetings Remain Open to the Public & Viewed on the City's YouTube Channel
- Staff Will Develop a Series of Town Hall Meetings to Engage the Public
- Staff Will Work with Strategic Communications to Develop Clear Outreach
- Education Outreach to the Public



Referendum Timeline

Next Election Cycle - November 2026

City Could Hold a Special Referendum (will have associated costs)



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Discussion

- City Commission to Provide Direction/Preference on Additional Charter Topics for Review by the CRB
- City Commission to Provide Direction on Preferred Public Outreach



Questions



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Thank You



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