



# Proposed Amendments to the Memphis City and Shelby County Charter Sample Ballot

Charter Amendment	Vote Before	Amendment Explanation	Vote After
County Ordinance 364 Constitutional Offices	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Establishes the offices of Sheriff, Trustee, Register, County Clerk, and Assessor as county charter positions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
County Ordinance 365 Term Limits	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	All county elected officials would be limited to two consecutive terms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
City Ordinance 5232 City Council Recall	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Allows the citizens of Memphis to recall the election of a Memphis City Council Member through petition signatures. Ten percent of voters must sign petition to recall.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
City Ordinance 5265 Residency Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Requires all appointed city employees to live within the City of Memphis.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
City Charter Referendum One Term Limits	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The mayor, council members and city court clerk may serve only two terms back-to-back. The change will not be retroactive, meaning the existing council members, as well as the mayor, would be allowed to serve another two terms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
City Charter Referendum Two Staggered Terms	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Under this system, the people of Memphis elect half of the City Council every two years, thus ensuring that there could not be total turnover of that body in a single election. This would also allow the council members on the staggered terms to run for mayor without giving up their seat on the council.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
City Charter Referendum Three Sale of MLGW	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Any proposed sale of MLG & W or any of its electric, gas and/or water divisions shall not be final until first approved by a majority of qualified voters in the City of Memphis.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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City Charter Referendum Four Ethics	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	This amendment to the charter would come into play if an elected or appointed official is charged with an ethical or legal violation or misconduct. In such a case, the official would be suspended, with pay, until the charges are resolved.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
City Charter Referendum Five Instant Run-off Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	In this system, voters would rank candidates in order of preference (1,2,3,4 etc.). If a candidate gets a majority of the first-place votes, then he or she wins. If not, then the candidate with the fewest first-place votes is eliminated. First-place votes for that candidate are then redistributed to the remaining candidates based on each voter's order of preference. If after this process there is a candidate with a majority, he/she wins. Otherwise, the process starts over until a candidate gains a majority of all votes or only one candidate is left.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
City Charter Referendum Six Mayoral Vacancy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	This referendum states that if the mayor resigns or, for some reason, can no longer serve, then the council chairman would act as mayor. This arrangement can last no longer than 180 days, if there is a general or municipal election during that time period. Otherwise, the chairman may serve for only 90 days, during which time a special election must be held to elect someone to fulfill the term.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Change Memphis is a coalition of three organizations, the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center, New Path Memphis, and Concerned Memphians United, created to educate the residents of Memphis about the changes to the city charter. Change Memphis will work to register voters and educate them about the Charter Commission's proposed amendments. We believe that if residents are aware of the issues, then they will have an opportunity to digest the information and register an informed vote.

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