

CHARTER COMMISSION AGENDA
Johnson County Administrative Bldg.
111 S Cherry, Olathe, Room 200/201
And
VIRTUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll call and Quorum

APPROVALS

1. Consider the Approval of the November 17, 2021 Agenda.
2. Consider the Approval of the November 8, 2021 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. First reading (Con't) - Consideration of the Proposed Amendments to the Home Rule Charter (requires nine (9) Affirmative votes to move to second reading for full consideration.) (see attachment for order of consideration.)

NEXT MEETING AGENDA (Monday, December 6, 2021 at: 4:00 p.m.)

KU Edwards Campus BEST Conference Center– In Person and Virtual

- a. Continued consideration of proposed amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

Proposal packets on Charter Website at: <https://charter.jocogov.org/current-charter-resources>

11/17/2021 Meeting list Proposed Home Rule Charter Amendments 2021

Public Health

(Resubmitted One in place of the two proposed originally.)

- In times of emergency, the Board of County Commissioners shall form a Health and Safety Advisory Council which shall provide guidance when the BOCC acts as the Board of Health or exercises other emergency powers. The Health Advisory Council shall be composed of representatives of interested groups and parties as determined by the BOCC, including but not limited to, physicians, patients, caregivers, pharmacies, hospitals, schools, religious organizations, first responders, _____, and the general public.
- ~~Create a public health and safety governing board to provide oversight for the public health department and county sheriff's department.~~
- ~~The Board of County Commissioners shall form a Health Advisory Council which shall provide guidance when the BOCC acts as the Public Health Board. The Health Advisory Council shall be composed of representatives of interested groups and parties, including but not limited to, physicians, patients, caregivers, pharmacies, hospitals, and the general public.~~

Board of County Commissioners

(Resubmitted new description for the first proposal under Board of County Commissioners topic.)

- Delete all text from Section 2.05 ("Compensation") and replace with the following: *"Each Commissioner and the Chair shall receive an annual salary set at the 2021 salary amount, subject to annual adjustment of [3% or Consumer Price Index] starting in 2022. They shall receive non-cash employee benefits commensurate with those offered to County management employees."*
~~Add the following sentence at the end of Section 2.05: "Increases in compensation and benefits that exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index over the time period since the last compensation or benefits increase shall require approval by the voters."~~
- At Section 2.02, the fourth sentence shall be deleted and replaced with the following: *"Six Commissioners shall continue to be elected to four-year terms consistent with past practice. The Seventh District Commissioner elected in November 2022 shall be elected to a five-year term, after which term the Seventh District Commissioner shall thereafter be elected to four-year terms beginning in November 2027."*
- BOCC are to approve new hires or reappointments of department directors or division heads.

Partisan/Nonpartisan

- Change election status of the sheriff’s position to a nonpartisan race.

- Change the format of all county elections to partisan.

- Modify Article V as follows:
 1. Modify Section 5.02, bullet 1, sentence 2 to read as follow: “Except as provided by law or this Charter, the County Manager shall appoint, suspend, or dismiss all non-elected department directors and division heads, including the County Clerk, the Register of Deeds, and the County Treasurer.”
 2. Modify Section 5.05 by deleting bullets, 1, 2, 3, and redraft the remaining provisions to read as follows: “The District Attorney and the Sheriff shall be selected by popular vote in a nonpartisan election held every 4 years. The Commissioners shall review and approve the budgets for each elected office. Each elected office is subject to the personnel policies and procedures established by the BOCC and all other administrative policies adopted by Commission to the extent not inconsistent with law.”

Clean-up

- Delete the current Section 2.08 and renumber the current Section 2.09 as Section 2.08.

- Delete the text of the current Section 6.03. Insert the text of the current Section 6.04.
Eliminate the heading of the current Section 6.04.
Modify bullet one of the new text of Sec. 6.03 to add the parenthetical (second Thursday of January 2001) after the word “Charter.” The bullet now reads: “A Charter Commission, composed and appointed provided by statute, shall be created within 30 days of a date which follows 10 years after the effective date of this Charter (the second Thursday of January 2001), and at least every 10 years thereafter.”
Delete all of Article VII.

Misc. (If any withdrawn brought back with clarification for reconsideration.)