

**CHARTER COMMISSION AGENDA
KU Edwards Campus- BEST Conf. Ctr
And
VIRTUAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021
4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll call and Quorum

APPROVALS

1. Consider the Approval of the December 6, 2021 Agenda.
2. Consider the Approval of the November 17, 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.)
2. Second reading – Full Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Home Rule Charter that moved forward. (see attachment for order of consideration.)

NEXT MEETING AGENDA (Monday, December 13, 2021 at: 4:00 p.m.)

KU Edwards Campus BEST Conference Center– In Person and Virtual

- a. Continued consideration of proposed amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

Charter Website at: <https://charter.jocogov.org/>

KU Edwards Campus – BEST Conference Center

Room Rental Guest Responsibilities:

1. Please encourage attendees to dress in layers. KUEC will do everything possible to make guests comfortable, but it is difficult to please everyone with room temperatures.
2. The KU Edwards Campus shall not be responsible for any property brought into the facility and shall assume no duty to safeguard, protect or exercise control over such property.
3. The conduct of all room rental guests and their participants should be respectful of noise level, language and KUEC property. Children are the sole responsibility of the room rental guest and should be supervised at all times by a responsible adult provided by the room rental guest.
4. Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes or any future product that simulates or approximates tobacco use or smoking, and tobacco use are not permitted on the Lawrence or Edwards campuses.
5. All room rental guests are required to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.
6. All room rental guests need to allow for proper social distancing. ***No furniture, including tables, chairs and signage can be moved.*** Each piece has been carefully set up to allow for proper social distancing and fire codes.

12/06/2021 Meeting list Proposed Home Rule Charter Amendments 2021 (1st Reading)

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 follows: "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: "Sheriff shall be selected by popular vote in a nonpartisan election held every 4 years. The Commissioners shall review and approve the Sheriff's budget. The Sheriff's office is subject to the personnel policies and procedures established by the BOCC and all other administrative policies adopted by the Commission to the extent not inconsistent with law."
"While the District Attorney of the 10th judicial district is not a county official, this elected, state position shall comply with administrative policies adopted by the Commission to the extent not inconsistent with law."

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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.

12/06/2021 Meeting list Proposed Home Rule Charter Amendments 2021 (2nd Reading)

Elected Position

- Establishment of “*Johnson County Unincorporated Trustee*” Position Elected by the Unincorporated Citizens of Johnson County.

Board of County Commissioners

- All vacancies on the Board of County Commissioners should be filled by special election unless the next scheduled election is within 90 days of the position becoming vacant.

Public Health

(Resubmitted Revised.)

- **Description of proposed amendment (modified language from first reading):**
"The Board of County Commissioners shall form a standing Health and Safety Advisory Council (HSAC) that will provide guidance when the BOCC acts as the Board of Health or exercises other emergency powers related to issues of public health and safety. The HSAC shall be composed of representatives from accredited health professions, colleges & universities, K-12 school districts, local Federally Qualified Health Center, businesses, as well as professional health interest groups as determined by the BOCC, including but not limited to, physicians, patients, caregivers, pharmacies, hospitals, schools, non-profit and religious organizations, first responders, and the general public.

The Directors of the Health & Environment Department and Emergency Management Department shall serve as ex-officio members of the HSAC. Each District Commissioner of the BOCC and the County Sheriff shall appoint one member to the HSAC. The Chair of the County Commission shall appoint two members to the HSAC. The HSAC may be expanded to include other disciplines as the BOCC deems appropriate. Members of the HSAC shall serve three year terms and are not subject to term limits."

- ~~• 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.~~

Board of County Commissioners

- The County Manager shall appoint or hire, with simple majority approval of the BOCC, the non-elected director of each department whose principal officer reports to the County Manager. The County Manager shall also suspend or dismiss all non-elected directors, except as provided by law or this Charter.
~~BOCC are to approve new hires or reappointments of department directors or division heads.~~
- 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."*