

Ordinance No. 24-O-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE CITY CHARTER SHOULD BE AMENDED REGARDING PERIODIC CHARTER REVIEW; AMENDING SECTION 134 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in October 2023, the City Commission established a charter review committee (CRC) to review and submit recommendations on specific sections of the City Charter to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2024, the City Commission considered the recommendations of the CRC and voted to submit to the electors a proposed charter amendment regarding periodic charter review; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 166.031(1), Florida Statutes, the City Commission must adopt proposed charter amendments by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission intends to submit the following charter amendment providing for periodic charter review every ten years to the electors of the City of Tallahassee at a referendum election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed charter amendment will not take effect unless approved by a majority of those electors voting in the next general election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the People of the City of Tallahassee, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. Section 134 of the Charter is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Sec. 134. Charter review committee.

~~A City of Tallahassee Charter Review Committee shall be appointed in the month of January, 2009, for the purpose of reviewing the role, duties, and functions of the mayor and city~~

1 ~~commissioners and shall make recommendations to the city commission for any amendments to~~
2 ~~the City Charter which the committee deems appropriate and necessary. The committee shall~~
3 ~~complete its review process within 60 days of appointment and shall make a formal written~~
4 ~~report to the city commission. The city commission shall conduct at least one public hearing on~~
5 ~~the recommendations of the committee.~~

6 ~~The committee shall consist of ten electors of the city with each city commissioner and~~
7 ~~the mayor/commissioner appointing two such members. The committee shall meet pursuant to~~
8 ~~bylaws established by the city commission.~~

9 The City Commission shall convene a charter review committee in June 2033 and every
10 ten years thereafter. The charter review committee shall conduct a review of the charter and
11 present a report of recommendations to the city commission not later than March 30 of the
12 following year. The charter review committee shall consist of registered electors of the City of
13 Tallahassee, appointed by the City Commission, who shall serve without compensation. The
14 membership, duties, and responsibilities of the committee shall be established by ordinance.

15 Section 2. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby
16 repealed to the extent of such conflict.

17 Section 3. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or
18 declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, such
19 holdings shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

20 Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective only upon approval of
21 the related City of Tallahassee referendum in the 2024 general election.

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1 INTRODUCTION in the City Commission on the 24th day of April, 2024.

2 PASSED by the City Commission on the 8th day of May, 2024.

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CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

By: _____
John E. Dailey
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
James O. Cooke, IV
City Treasurer-Clerk

By: _____
Amy M. Toman
City Attorney