

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Section 12

1. Original Charter section approved by voters April 7, 1931

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Councilmen, including the Mayor, shall be elected at a general municipal election held in the odd numbered years and, except as herein after provided, shall hold office for the term of four years from and after the first Monday after the first day of May next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualified.

At the first election held after this Charter takes effect there shall be elected a Mayor, whose term of office shall expire May 6, 1935, and one Councilman from each of the six (6) Districts as provided in ARTICLE II of this Charter. At the first meeting of the Council held for organization under this Charter, the Councilmen elected from the six Districts shall draw lots to determine which three (3) Councilmen shall retire on May 6, 1935, and which three (3) Councilmen shall retire on May 8, 1933. Thereafter there shall be elected at each general municipal election according as their respective terms of office expire either four Councilmen, including the Mayor, or three Councilmen.

Any vacancy occurring in the Council shall be filled from the District in which the vacancy occurs by appointment by the remaining Councilmen; but in the event that said remaining Councilmen fail to fill such vacancy by appointment within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, they must immediately cause an election to be held to fill such vacancy; provided, however, that any person appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold office only until the next regular municipal election, at which date a person shall be elected to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.

In case a member of the Council is absent from the City for a period of forty (40) days, unless by permission of the Council, his office shall be declared vacant by the Council and the same filled as in the case of other vacancies.

Each Councilman shall receive as compensation the sum of \$3000.00 per year, payable in monthly installments. The compensation or salary of each Councilman may be changed at any time by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the City at either a special or general municipal election; provided, however, that the salary of a Councilman shall not be increased during the term of office for which he was elected.

No Councilman shall be eligible during the term for which he was appointed or elected to hold any other office or employment with the City, except as Mayor and a member of any Board, Commission or Committee thereof, of which he is constituted such a member by general law or by this Charter.

2. Amendment voted 11-08-1949; effective 12-20-1949

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Each Councilman shall receive as compensation for his services, the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per official meeting, provided that not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in any fiscal year be paid to any Councilman for such services.

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3. Amendment voted 06-05-1956; effective 01-10-1957

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4. Amendment voted 11-06-1962; effective 01-21-1963

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5. Amendment voted 09-17-1963; effective 02-11-1964

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It is the duty of councilmen to attend all Council meetings. The absence of any councilman from eight (8) consecutive meetings or fifty per cent (50%) of any scheduled meetings within a month shall operate to vacate the seat of such councilman, unless the absence thereof is excused by resolution of the Council.

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6. Amendment voted 11-04-1969; effective 01-29-1970

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The one-year district residency requirement of Section 7 of this Charter shall not apply to a person, herein called "prospective candidate," who seeks to be a candidate for election or appointment to the office of councilman and is otherwise eligible for the office, if all of the following conditions apply: a redistricting has occurred less than one year before prospective candidate, if elected or appointed, would take office; as a result of the redistricting, the district of prospective candidate's residence has changed to a district in which no councilmanic election will be held at the next succeeding municipal election; prior to filing his candidacy

for election or appointment, prospective candidate moves his residence into a district bordering upon the district into which prospective candidate's residence has been placed by the redistricting.

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7. Amendment voted 11-05-1974; effective 12-01-1975

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8. Amendment voted 11-04-1975; effective 12-01-1975

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elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of this charter. The Mayor shall hold office for the term prescribed from and after 10 a.m. the first Monday after the first day of December next succeeding his election and until his successor is elected and qualified.

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9. Amendment voted 11-06-1979; effective 12-17-1979

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10. Amendment voted 11-08-1988; effective 04-03-1989

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11. Amendment voted 11-06-1990; effective 02-19-1991

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shall be elected at either the municipal primary or general election next following any such redistricting, the City Council prior to any such election shall designate one or more new districts for which the initial council term shall be two (2) years in order to retain staggered terms for Council members.

In the event a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a Council District, the Council shall have authority to fill such vacancy by appointment by the remaining Council members; provided, however, that if the Council fails to fill such vacancy by appointment within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, the Council shall immediately cause an election to be held to fill such vacancy solely in the district in which the vacancy occurred. Such election shall be conducted within ninety (90) days of the vacancy. In the event one candidate receives the majority of votes cast for all candidates for the particular vacant elective office, the candidate so receiving the majority of votes shall be deemed to be and declared by the Council to be elected to the vacant office. In the event no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the particular vacant elective office at the election shall be the candidates, and only candidates, for the vacant office, and the names of only those two candidates shall be printed on the ballots to be used at the run-off election. Any person who fills the vacancy, whether by appointment or election in the District, shall hold office only until the next regular municipal election, at which time a person shall be elected under the provisions of Section 10 of this Charter to serve for the remainder, if any, of the unexpired term.

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12. Amendment voted 06-02-1992; effective 07-13-1992

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Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter and commencing with elections held in 1992, no person shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms as a Council member from any particular district. If for any reason a person serves a partial term as Councilmember from a particular district in excess of two (2) years, that partial term shall be considered a full term for purposes of this term limit provision. Persons holding office prior to the November 1992 election shall not have prior or current terms be counted for the purpose of applying this term-limit provision to future elections.

Upon any redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this charter, incumbent Council members will continue to represent the district in which they reside, unless as a result of such redistricting more than one incumbent Council member resides within any one district, in which case the City Council may determine by lot which Council member shall represent each district. At the next municipal primary and general elections following a redistricting, Council members shall be elected from those districts not represented and from those districts represented by incumbent Council members whose terms expire as of the general election in said year. If as a result of any redistricting more than a simple majority of the City Council as redistricted shall be elected at either the municipal primary or general election next following any such redistricting, the City Council prior to any such election shall designate one or more new districts for which the initial councilmanic term shall be two (2) years in order to retain staggered terms for Council members.

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, in the event a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a Council District, the Council shall immediately cause an election to be held to fill such vacancy solely in the district in which the vacancy occurred. Such election shall be conducted within ninety (90) days of the vacancy. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed to be and declared by the Council to be elected to the vacant office. If, however, if a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a Council District within 100 days of an upcoming regular municipal election, the Council may in its discretion forgo the election process and fill the vacancy by appointment. Any

person who fills the vacancy shall hold office only until the next regular municipal election, at which time a person shall be elected under the provisions of Section 10 of this Charter to serve for the remainder, if any, of the unexpired term.

It is the duty of the Council members to attend all Council meetings. The Council shall vacate the seat of any Council member who is absent from eight (8) consecutive meetings or fifty percent (50%) of any scheduled meetings within a month unless the absence thereof is excused by resolution of the Council.

Council members, including the Mayor, shall devote full time to the duties of their office and not engage in any outside employment, trade, business or profession which interferes or conflicts with those duties.

Council members shall not be eligible during the term for which they were appointed or elected to hold any other office or employment with the City, except as Mayor or City Attorney and as a member of any Board, Commission or Committee thereof, of which they are constituted such a member by general law or by this Charter.

13. Amendment voted 11-03-1992; effective 12-18-1992

SECTION 12. THE COUNCIL.

The Council shall be composed of nine (9) Council members, including the Mayor, and shall be the legislative body of the City, each of the members of which including the Mayor, shall have the right to vote upon all questions before it.

At the municipal primary and general election in 1979, a Mayor shall be chosen by the electors for a term of five (5) years. A Mayor shall thereafter be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of this Charter. The Mayor shall hold office for the term prescribed from and after 10 a.m. the first Monday after the first day of December next succeeding the election and until a successor is elected and qualified.

At the municipal primary and general elections in 1993, the Council members for Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall be chosen by the electors for a term of three (3) years. Council members for Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall thereafter be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of this Charter.

At the municipal primary and general election in 1995, Council members for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall be chosen by the electors for a term of three (3) years. Council members for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall thereafter be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of this Charter.

Except as provided in this Section, Council members, shall hold office for the term of four (4) years from and after 10 a.m. the first Monday after the first day of December next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter and commencing with elections held in 1992, no person shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms as a Council member from any particular district. If for any reason a person serves a partial term as Council member from a particular district in excess of two (2) years, that partial term shall be considered a full term for purposes of this term limit provision. Persons holding office prior to the November 1992 election shall not have prior or current terms be counted for the purpose of applying this term limit provision to future elections.

Upon any redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this Charter, incumbent Council members will continue to represent the district in which they reside, unless as a result of such redistricting more than one incumbent Council member resides within any one district, in which case the City Council may determine by lot which Council member shall represent each district. At the next municipal primary and general elections following a redistricting, Council members shall be elected from those districts not represented and from those districts represented by incumbent Council members whose terms expire as of the general election in said year. If as a result of any redistricting more than a simple majority of the City Council as redistricted shall be elected at either the municipal primary or general election next following any such redistricting, the City Council prior to any such election shall designate one or more new districts for which the initial council term shall be two (2) years in order to retain staggered terms for Council members.

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, in the event a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a Council District, the Council shall immediately cause an election to be held to fill such vacancy solely in the district in which the vacancy occurred. Such election shall be conducted within ninety (90) days of the vacancy. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed to be and declared by the Council to be elected to the vacant office. If, however, a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a Council District within 100 days of an upcoming regular municipal election, the Council may in its discretion forgo the election process and fill the vacancy by appointment. Any person who fills the vacancy shall hold office only until the next regular municipal election, at which time a person shall be elected under the provisions of Section 10 of this Charter to serve for the remainder, if any, of the unexpired term.

It is the duty of the Council members to attend all Council meetings. The Council shall vacate the seat of any Council member who is absent from eight (8) consecutive meetings or fifty percent (50%) of any scheduled meetings within a month unless the absence thereof is excused by resolution of the Council.

Council members, including the Mayor, shall devote full time to the duties of their office and not engage in any outside employment, trade, business or profession which interferes or conflicts with those duties.

Council members shall not be eligible during the term for which they were appointed or elected to hold any other office or employment with the City, except as Mayor or City Attorney and as a member of any Board, Commission or Committee thereof, of which they are constituted such a member by general law or by this Charter.

14. Amendment voted 06-07-1994; effective 08-18-1994

THE COUNCIL.

(a) The Council shall be composed of nine (9) Councilmembers, including the Mayor, and shall be the legislative body of the City, each of the members of which including the Mayor, shall have the right to vote upon all questions before it.

(b) At the municipal primary and general election in 1979, a Mayor shall be chosen by the electors for a term of five (5) years. A Mayor shall thereafter be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of this Charter. The Mayor shall hold office for the term prescribed from and after 10 a.m. the first Monday after the first day of December next succeeding the election and until a successor is elected and qualified.

(c) At the municipal primary and general elections in 1993, the Council members for Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall be chosen by the electors for a term of three (3) years. Council members for Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall thereafter be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of this Charter.

(d) At the municipal primary and general election in 1995, Council members for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall be chosen by the electors for a term of three (3) years. Council members for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall thereafter be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of this Charter.

(e) Except as provided in this Section, Council members shall hold office for the term of four (4) years from and after 10 a.m. the first Monday after the first day of December next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter and commencing with elections held in 1992, no person shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms as a Council member from any particular district. If for any reason a person serves a partial term as Councilmember from a particular district in excess of two (2) years, that partial term shall be considered a full term for purposes of this term limit provision. Persons holding office prior to the November 1992 election shall not have prior or current terms be counted for the purpose of applying this term limit provision to future elections.

(g) Upon any redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this Charter, incumbent Council members will continue to represent the district in which they

reside, unless as a result of such redistricting more than one incumbent Council member resides within any one district, in which case the City Council may determine by lot which Council member shall represent each district. At the next municipal primary and general elections following a redistricting, Council members shall be elected from those districts not represented and from those districts represented by incumbent Council members whose terms expire as of the general election in said year. If as a result of any redistricting more than a simple majority of the City Council as redistricted shall be elected at either the municipal primary or general election next following any such redistricting, the City Council prior to any such election shall designate one or more new districts for which the initial council term shall be two (2) years in order to retain staggered terms for Council members.

(h) If a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a Council District, the procedures set forth in Charter section 12(h) shall be followed:

(1) If the vacancy occurs for any reason other than a successful recall election, and,

(A) If the vacancy occurs with one (1) year or less remaining in the term, the Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacant seat on the City Council. Any person appointed by the Council to fill a vacant Council District seat shall not be eligible to run for that office for the next succeeding term; or,

(B) If the vacancy occurs with more than one (1) year remaining in the term, the Council shall call a special election to be held within ninety (90) days of the vacancy, unless there is a regular municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the vacancy. If there is a regular municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the vacancy, the Council may consolidate the special election with that regular election.

(i) If one candidate receives the majority of votes cast for all candidates in the special election, the candidate receiving the majority of votes cast shall be deemed to be and declared by the Council to be elected to the vacant office.

(ii) If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in the special election, a special run-off election shall be held within forty-nine (49) days of the first special election, unless there is regular municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within ninety (90) days of the proposed special run-off election date, at which time the City Council may consolidate the special run-off election with that regular election. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the vacant seat in the first special election shall be the only candidates for the vacant Council seat and the names of only those two (2) candidates shall be printed on the ballot for that seat.

(2) If a vacancy occurs by reason of a successful recall election, the Council shall adopt procedures to fill the vacancy.

Whether a person is appointed or elected to fill a vacant Council District seat, whatever the reason for the vacancy, that person shall serve as that District's Councilmember for the remainder of the unexpired term.

For purposes of Charter section 12(h), a vacancy may result from death, resignation, recall, or unexcused absences as described in Charter section

12(i). If vacancy occurs by reason of a resignation, the date of the vacancy will be the date specified in the written letter of resignation or, if there is no date certain specified in the letter, upon the date of receipt of the letter by the City Clerk.

(i) It is the duty of the Council members to attend all Council meetings. The Council shall vacate the seat of any Councilmember who is absent from eight (8) consecutive meetings or fifty percent (50%) of any scheduled meetings within a month unless the absence thereof is excused by resolution of the Council.

(j) Council members, including the Mayor, shall devote full time to the duties of their office and not engage in any outside employment, trade, business or profession which interferes or conflicts with those duties.

(k) Council members shall not be eligible during the term for which they were appointed or elected to hold any other office or employment with the City, except as Mayor or City Attorney and as a member of any Board, Commission or Committee thereof, of which they are constituted such a member by general law or by this Charter.

(Section 12(a) was superseded by section 270 from 01-01-2006 through 07-30-2010.)

15. Amendment voted 06-08-2010; effective 07-30-2010

Section 12: The Council

(a) The Council shall be the legislative body of the City and each of its members shall have the right to vote upon all questions before it.

(b) At the municipal primary and general election in 1979, a Mayor shall be chosen by the electors for a term of five (5) years. A Mayor shall thereafter be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of this Charter. The Mayor shall hold office for the term prescribed from and after 10 a.m. the first Monday after the first day of December next succeeding the election and until a successor is elected and qualified.

(c) At the municipal primary and general elections in 1993, the Council members for Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall be chosen by the electors for a term of three (3) years. Council members for Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall thereafter be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of this Charter. Electors shall choose the council member for District 9 at the next municipal primary and general elections following the redistricting after the 2010 national decennial census. The initial term for the District 9 Council member shall be four (4) years. The Council member for District 9 shall thereafter be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of the Charter.

(d) At the municipal primary and general election in 1995, Council members for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall be chosen by the electors for a term of three (3) years.

Council members for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall thereafter be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of this Charter.

(e) Except as provided in this Section, Council members, shall hold office for the term of four (4) years from and after 10 a.m. the first Monday after the first day of December next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter and commencing with elections held in 1992, no person shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms as a Council member from any particular district. If for any reason a person serves a partial term as Councilmember from a particular district in excess of two (2) years, that partial term shall be considered a full term for purposes of this term limit provision. Persons holding office prior to the November 1992 election shall not have prior or current terms be counted for the purpose of applying this term limit provision to future elections.

(g) Upon any redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this Charter, incumbent Council members will continue to represent the district in which they reside, unless as a result of such redistricting more than one incumbent Council member resides within any one district, in which case the City Council may determine by lot which Council member shall represent each district. At the next municipal primary and general elections following a redistricting, Council members shall be elected from those districts not represented and from those districts represented by incumbent Council members whose terms expire as of the general election in said year. If as a result of any redistricting more than a simple majority of the City Council as redistricted shall be elected at either the municipal primary or general election next following any such redistricting, the City Council prior to any such election shall designate one or more new districts for which the initial council term shall be two (2) years in order to retain staggered terms for Council members.

(h) If a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a Council District, the procedures set forth in Charter section 12(h) shall be followed:

(1) If the vacancy occurs for any reason other than a successful recall election, and,

(A) If the vacancy occurs with one (1) year or less remaining in the term, the Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacant seat on the City Council. Any person appointed by the Council to fill a vacant Council District seat shall not be eligible to run for that office for the next succeeding term; or,

(B) If the vacancy occurs with more than one (1) year remaining in the term, the Council shall call a special election to be held within ninety (90) days of the vacancy, unless there is a regular municipal or

statewide election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the vacancy. If there is a regular municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the vacancy, the Council may consolidate the special election with that regular election.

- (i) If one candidate receives the majority of votes cast for all candidates in the special election, the candidate receiving the majority of votes cast shall be deemed to be and declared by the Council to be elected to the vacant office.
- (ii) If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in the special election, a special run-off election shall be held within forty-nine (49) days of the first special election, unless there is regular municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within ninety (90) days of the proposed special run-off election date, at which time the City Council may consolidate the special run-off election with that regular election. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the vacant seat in the first special election shall be the only candidates for the vacant Council seat and the names of only those two (2) candidates shall be printed on the ballot for that seat.

- (2) If a vacancy occurs by reason of a successful recall election, the Council shall adopt procedures to fill the vacancy.

Whether a person is appointed or elected to fill a vacant Council District seat, whatever the reason for the vacancy, that person shall serve as that District's Councilmember for the remainder of the unexpired term.

For purposes of Charter section 12(h), a vacancy may result from death, resignation, recall, or unexcused absences as described in Charter section 12(i). If a vacancy occurs by reason of a resignation, the date of the vacancy will be the date specified in the written letter of resignation or, if there is no date certain specified in the letter, upon the date of receipt of the letter by the City Clerk.

(i) It is the duty of the Council members to attend all Council meetings. The Council shall vacate the seat of any Councilmember who is absent from eight (8) consecutive meetings or fifty percent (50%) of any scheduled meetings within a month unless the absence thereof is excused by resolution of the Council.

(j) Council members shall devote full time to the duties of their office and not engage in any outside employment, trade, business or profession which interferes or conflicts with those duties.

(k) Council members shall not be eligible during the term for which they were appointed or elected to hold any other office or employment with the City, except as Mayor or City Attorney and as a member of any Board, Commission or Committee thereof, of which they are constituted such a member by general law or by this Charter.

16. Amendment voted 06-03-2014; effective 07-24-2014

Section 12: The Council

(a) The Council shall be the legislative body of the City and each of its members shall have the right to vote upon all questions before it.

(b) Council members shall hold office for the term of four (4) years from and after 10 a.m. on the tenth day of December next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualified. If the tenth day of December falls on a weekend or holiday, the term shall begin at 10 a.m. on the next calendar day that is not a weekend or a holiday.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, no person shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms as a Council member from any particular district. If for any reason a person serves a partial term as Councilmember from a particular district in excess of two (2) years, that partial term shall be considered a full term for purposes of this term limit provision.

(d) Upon any redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this Charter, incumbent Council members will continue to represent the district in which they reside, unless as a result of such redistricting more than one incumbent Council member resides within any one district, in which case the City Council may determine by lot which Council member shall represent each district. At the next municipal primary and general elections following a redistricting, Council members shall be elected from those districts not represented and from those districts represented by incumbent Council members whose terms expire as of the general election in said year. If as a result of any redistricting more than a simple majority of the City Council as redistricted shall be elected at either the municipal primary or general election next following any such redistricting, the City Council prior to any such election shall designate one or more new districts for which the initial council term shall be two (2) years in order to retain staggered terms for Council members.

(e) If a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a Council District, the following procedures shall apply:

(1) If the vacancy occurs for any reason other than a successful recall election, and,

(A) If the vacancy occurs with one (1) year or less remaining in the term, the Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacant seat on the City Council. Any person appointed by the Council to fill a vacant Council District seat shall not be eligible to run for that office for the next succeeding term; or,

(B) If the vacancy occurs with more than one (1) year remaining in the term, the Council shall call a special election to be held within ninety (90) days of the vacancy, unless there is a municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the vacancy. If there is a municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the vacancy, the Council may consolidate the special election with that election.

- (i) If one candidate receives the majority of votes cast for all candidates in the special election, the candidate receiving the majority of votes cast shall be deemed to be and declared by the Council to be elected to the vacant office.
- (ii) If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in the special election, a special run-off election shall be held within ninety (90) days of the first special election, unless there is a municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within 120 days of the proposed special run-off election date, at which time the City Council may consolidate the special run-off election with that election. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the vacant seat in the first special election shall be the only candidates for the vacant Council seat and the names of only those two (2) candidates shall be printed on the ballot for that seat.

- (2) If a vacancy occurs by reason of a successful recall election, the Council shall adopt procedures to fill the vacancy.

Whether a person is appointed or elected to fill a vacant Council District seat, whatever the reason for the vacancy, that person shall serve as that District's Councilmember for the remainder of the unexpired term.

For purposes of this Charter section 12, a vacancy may result from death, resignation, recall, or unexcused absences as described in Charter section 12(f). If a vacancy occurs by reason of a resignation, the date of the vacancy will be the date specified in the written letter of

resignation or, if there is no date certain specified in the letter, upon the date of receipt of the letter by the City Clerk.

(f) It is the duty of the Council members to attend all Council meetings. The Council shall vacate the seat of any Councilmember who is absent from eight (8) consecutive meetings or fifty percent (50%) of any scheduled meetings within a month unless the absence thereof is excused by resolution of the Council.

(g) Council members shall devote full time to the duties of their office and not engage in any outside employment, trade, business or profession which interferes or conflicts with those duties.

(h) Council members shall not be eligible during the term for which they were appointed or elected to hold any other office or employment with the City, except as Mayor or City Attorney and as a member of any Board, Commission or Committee thereof, of which they are constituted such a member by general law or by this Charter.

17. Amendment voted 06-07-2016; effective 07-18-2016

Section 12: The Council

- (a) The Council shall be the legislative body of the City and each of its members shall have the right to vote upon all questions before it.
- (b) Council members shall hold office for the term of four (4) years from and after 10 a.m. on the tenth day of December next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualified. If the tenth day of December falls on a weekend or holiday, the term shall begin at 10 a.m. on the next calendar day that is not a weekend or a holiday.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, no person shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms as a Council member from any particular district. If for any reason a person serves a partial term as Councilmember from a particular district in excess of two (2) years, that partial term shall be considered a full term for purposes of this term limit provision.
- (d) Upon any redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this Charter, incumbent Council members will continue to represent the district they were elected to serve for the remainder of their current term. At the next municipal primary and general elections following a redistricting, Council members shall be elected from those districts not represented and from those districts represented by incumbent Council members whose terms expire as of the general election in that year. If, as a result of any redistricting, more than a simple majority of the City Council as redistricted shall be elected at either the municipal primary or general

election next following any such redistricting, the City Council prior to any such election shall designate one or more new districts for which the initial council term shall be two years in order to retain staggered terms for Council members.

(e) If a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a Council District, the following procedures shall apply:

(1) If the vacancy occurs for any reason other than a successful recall election, and,

(A) If the vacancy occurs with one (1) year or less remaining in the term, the Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacant seat on the City Council. Any person appointed by the Council to fill a vacant Council District seat shall not be eligible to run for that office for the next succeeding term; or,

(B) If the vacancy occurs with more than one (1) year remaining in the term, the Council shall call a special election to be held within ninety (90) days of the vacancy, unless there is a municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the vacancy. If there is a municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the vacancy, the Council may consolidate the special election with that election.

(i) If one candidate receives the majority of votes cast for all candidates in the special election, the candidate receiving the majority of votes cast shall be deemed to be and declared by the Council to be elected to the vacant office.

(ii) If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in the special election, a special run-off election shall be held within ninety (90) days of the first special election, unless there is a municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within 120 days of the proposed special run-off election date, at which time the City Council may consolidate the special run-off election with that election. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the vacant seat in the first special election shall be the only candidates for the vacant Council seat and the names of only those two (2) candidates shall be printed on the ballot for that seat.

(2) If a vacancy occurs by reason of a successful recall election, the Council shall adopt procedures to fill the vacancy.

Whether a person is appointed or elected to fill a vacant Council District seat, whatever the reason for the vacancy, that person shall serve as that District's Councilmember for the remainder of the unexpired term.

For purposes of this Charter section 12, a vacancy may result from death, resignation, recall, or unexcused absences as described in Charter section 12(f). If a vacancy occurs by reason of a resignation, the date of the vacancy will be the date specified in the written letter of resignation or, if there is no date certain specified in the letter, upon the date of receipt of the letter by the City Clerk.

- (f) It is the duty of the Council members to attend all Council meetings. The Council shall vacate the seat of any Councilmember who is absent from eight (8) consecutive meetings or fifty percent (50%) of any scheduled meetings within a month unless the absence thereof is excused by resolution of the Council.
- (g) Council members shall devote full time to the duties of their office and not engage in any outside employment, trade, business or profession which interferes or conflicts with those duties.
- (h) Council members shall not be eligible during the term for which they were appointed or elected to hold any other office or employment with the City, except as Mayor or City Attorney and as a member of any Board, Commission or Committee thereof, of which they are constituted such a member by general law or by this Charter.

18. Amendment voted 11-08-2016; effective 12-19-2016

See current Charter.