

## CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# Section 27

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

Section 27. THE CITY MANAGER. The Council shall elect a Manager within sixty (60) days from the first meeting in May, under this Charter, who shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the City. The Manager shall be chosen by the Council solely on the basis of his proven executive and administrative qualifications. The Manager need not, when elected, be a resident of the City or State, but must be a citizen of the United States. He shall, upon his election, immediately become a resident of the City. No member of the Council shall, during the time for which he was elected, or for one (1) year thereafter, be eligible to hold the position of Manager. The Manager shall be elected for an indefinite term, but may be removed at the pleasure of the Council. Before the Manager may be removed he shall, if he so demand, be given a written statement of the reasons alleged for his removal and the right to be heard publicly thereon at a meeting of the Council prior to the final vote on the question of his removal, but pending and during such hearing the Council may suspend him from office. At least two weeks shall be given the Manager between notice and hearing for the preparation of his answer to the reasons for removal. The action of the Council in suspending or removing the Manager shall be final and conclusive on everyone, it being the intention of this Charter to vest all authority and fix all responsibility for such suspension or removal in the Council. He shall receive a salary to be fixed in the annual appropriation ordinance. The salary set in the appropriation ordinance shall not be reduced while the Manager holds office, but may be subject to increase by the Council at its discretion. The Manager shall designate one of his subordinates as Assistant Manager, who shall serve as Manager in case of the absence or disability of the Manager.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of City Manager, the Council shall fill the same within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs.

### **2. Amendment voted 12-19-1933; effective 01-18-1935**

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of the City. No member of the Council shall, during the time for which he was elected, or for one (1) year thereafter, be eligible to hold the position of Manager. The Manager shall be elected for an indefinite term, but may be removed at the pleasure of the Council; provided, however, that the Manager shall not be removed unless five (5) members of the Council shall vote in favor of such removal. Before the Manager may be removed he shall, if he shall so demand, be given a written statement of the reasons alleged for his removal and the right to be heard publicly thereon at a meeting of the Council prior to the final vote on the question of his removal, but pending and during such hearing the Council may suspend him from office. At least two weeks shall be given the Manager between notice and hearing for the preparation of his answer to the reasons for removal. The action of the Council in suspending or removing the Manager shall be final and conclusive on everyone, it being the intention of this Charter to vest all authority and fix all responsibility for such suspension or removal in the Council. He shall receive a salary to be fixed in the annual appropriation ordinance. The salary set in the appropriation ordinance shall not be reduced while the Manager holds office, but may be subject to increase by the Council at its discretion. The Manager shall designate one of his subordinates as Assistant Manager, who shall serve as Manager in case of the absence or disability of the Manager.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of City Manager, the Council shall fill the same within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs; provided, however, that it shall require the affirmative vote of five (5) members of the Council to elect a person to the office of Manager.

### **3. Amendment voted 9/17/1963; effective 2/11/1964**

Section 27. THE CITY MANAGER. The Council shall elect a Manager under this Charter, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the City. The Manager shall be chosen by the Council solely on the basis of his proven administrative qualifications. The Manager need not, when elected, be a resident of the City or State, but must be a citizen of the United States. He shall, upon his election, immediately become a resident of the City. No member of the Council shall, during the time for which he was elected, or for one (1) year thereafter, be eligible to hold the position of Manager. The Manager shall be elected for an indefinite term, but may be removed at the pleasure of the Council; provided, however, that the Manager shall not be removed unless a majority of the members of the Council shall vote in favor of such removal. Before the Manager may be removed he shall, if he shall so demand, be given a written statement of the reasons alleged for his removal and the right to be heard publicly thereon at a meeting of the Council prior to the final vote on the question of his removal, but pending and during such hearing the Council may suspend him from office. At least two weeks shall be given the Manager between notice and hearing for the preparation of his answer to the reasons for removal. The action of the Council in suspending or removing the Manager shall be final and conclusive on everyone, it being the intention of this Charter to vest all authority and fix all responsibility for such suspension or removal in the

Council. He shall receive a salary to be fixed in the annual appropriation ordinance. The salary set in the appropriation ordinance shall not be reduced while the Manager holds office, but may be subject to increase by the Council at its discretion. The Manager shall designate one of his subordinates as Assistant Manager, who shall serve as Manager in case of the absence or disability of the Manager.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of City Manager, the Council shall fill the same within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs; provided, however, that it shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Council to elect a person to the office of Manager.

*(Section 27 was superseded by sections 260 and 265 from 01-01-2006 through 07-30-2010.)*

***Repeal voted 06-08-2010; effective 07-30-2010; see sections 265(b)(7), (8), and (9).***