

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Section 270

1. Addition voted 11-02-2004; effective 01-01-2006.

Section 270: The Council

- (a) The Council shall be composed of eight councilmembers elected by district, and shall be the legislative body of the City.
- (b) Each councilmember shall have the right to vote upon all questions before the Council.
- (c) No resolution, ordinance, or other action of the Council shall be passed or become effective without receiving the affirmative vote of five members of the Council, unless a greater number is otherwise required by the Charter or other superseding law. All substantive actions of the Council shall be passed by adoption of an ordinance or resolution.
- (d) The Council shall have the right to determine its own rules and order of business as provided for in Charter section 14, including a process for the selection of a presiding officer who shall have responsibility for chairing meetings of the Council and managing the docket process. Any such rules shall provide a process for the Mayor and independent department heads to propose matters for consideration by the Council in open session and a process for the City Attorney, Mayor, and Presiding Officer to coordinate the docketing of matters for consideration by the Council in any closed session of the Council.
- (e) The Council shall have the right to establish committees of the Council and to establish advisory boards and citizen committees as provided for in Charter section 43.
- (f) The Council shall have the right to establish an Office of Independent Budget Analyst to be managed and controlled by the Independent Budget Analyst. The Council shall appoint this independent officer who shall serve at the pleasure of the Council and may be removed from Office by the Council at any time. The Council shall determine the powers of this Office and its manager by ordinance.
- (g) No member of the Council shall directly or indirectly by suggestion or otherwise attempt to influence or coerce the City Manager or other officer appointed or confirmed by the Council in the making of any appointment to, or removal from, any City office or employment, or the purchase of any supplies, or discuss directly or indirectly with any candidate for City Manager the matter of appointments to City Offices or employment, or attempt to exact

- any promises from such candidate relative to any such appointments.
- (h) Except for the purpose of inquiry or communications in furtherance of implementing policies and decisions approved by resolution or ordinance of the Council, individual members of Council shall deal with the administrative service for which the Mayor is responsible only through the Mayor, the City Manager, or the Mayor's designees.
 - (i) Any City official or department head in the administrative service may be summoned to appear before the Council or any committee of the Council to provide information or answer any question.

2. Amendment voted 06-03-2008; effective 07-08-2008

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3. Amendment voted 06-08-2010; effective 08-16-2010

Section 270: The Council

(a) The Council shall be composed of nine councilmembers elected by district. The ninth councilmember shall be elected at the next municipal primary and general elections following the redistricting occurring after the 2010 national decennial census. Until the ninth councilmember is elected and qualified, the Council shall be composed of eight councilmembers elected by district. The Council shall be the legislative body of the City.

(b) Each councilmember shall have the right to vote upon all questions before the Council.

(c) No resolution, ordinance, or other action of the Council shall be passed or become effective without receiving the affirmative vote of five members of the Council, unless a greater number is otherwise required by the Charter or other superseding law. All substantive actions of the Council shall be passed by adoption of an ordinance or resolution.

(d) The Council shall have the right to determine its own rules and order of business as provided for in Charter section 14, including a process for the selection of a presiding officer who shall have responsibility for chairing meetings of the Council and managing the docket process. Any such rules shall provide a process for the Mayor and independent department heads to propose matters for consideration by the Council in open session and a process for the City Attorney, Mayor, and Presiding Officer to coordinate the docketing of matters for consideration by the Council in any closed session of the Council.

(e) The Council shall have the right to establish committees of the Council and to establish advisory boards and citizen committees as provided for in Charter section 43.

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(g) Except for the purpose of inquiry or communications in furtherance of implementing policies and decisions approved by resolution or ordinance of the Council, individual members of Council shall deal with the administrative service for which the Mayor is responsible only through the Mayor, the City Manager, or the Mayor's designees.

(h) Any City official or department head in the administrative service may be summoned to appear before the Council or any committee of the Council to provide information or answer any question.

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

See current Charter.