

A HISTORY OF THE CITY CHARTER

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CHARTER COMMISSION ELECTED

On February 5, 1985, voters in the City of Jefferson voted to elect a Commission to draft the City's Charter. To be elected to the Commission, those who filed petitions to have their names placed on the ballot had to be among the top thirteen vote-getters in the election. The top two vote-getters were subsequently named Chairman and Vice Chairman.

A letter outlining the final charter document was written to the citizens of Jefferson City by the Commission, and the charter was placed on the ballot for final voter approval on February 7, 1986. The letter, signed by all thirteen Charter Commission members, follows this synopsis.

The voters of the City approved the Charter by a vote of 5,525 to 1,070.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

From the date of its adoption in 1986 until this publication, the City Charter has been amended as approved by the voters, and outlined below:

1. Sec. 6.4. Firemen's Pension Fund (Ordinance 10987)
2. Section 3.2 (d) and Section 4.1 (b) Limitation on Terms. (Ordinance 11858)
3. Section 9.4 (d) Time for Filing Referendum Petitions (Ordinance 12179)
4. Section 5.1 (c) and Section 6.5 (c) Compensation (Ordinance 12194)
5. Article XV - Gambling Prohibitions (Ordinance 12344)
6. Section 15.1 Activities Outside Jurisdiction Not Prohibited (Ordinance 12414)
7. Non-partisan elections: Sections 8.2(a), (b); 3.6(c); 6.6(d); 6.7(b)(3) (Ordinance 13179)
8. Section 6.4(a) Allowing Firemen's Pension Fund more than one pension method (Ordinance 13832)
9. Section 4.4 Clarifying President Pro Tempore's voting powers in the event of tie vote (Ordinance 13833)
10. Section 3.2 (d) Clarifying Council term limits following mid-term appointment (Ordinance 14610)
11. Section 4.1(a) and (b) Clarifying language pertaining to qualifications for Mayor (Ordinance 14610)
12. Sections 6.3, (1) Removing political partisanship requirement from Police Personnel Board members, (4) establish that Police are will employees, and (5) granting Police employee choice of public or closed hearing before Police Personnel Board. (Ordinance 14610)