

Clark County Charter Review Commission
Resolution No. 2021-9

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter requiring the County Council during the appointment process in hiring a new county manager to consult in a public meeting with County Executive Elected Officials.

WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate;

WHEREAS the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 1, 2021, and December 8, 2021, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on December 8, 2021 voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2022 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter requiring the County Council during the appointment process in hiring a new county manager to consult in a public meeting with County Executive Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

Section 1. Amendatory. Section 3.2 County Manager shall be amended as follows:

A. Appointment.

1. Appointment or termination of a county manager shall require a simple majority vote of the council.
2. The county manager shall be selected on the basis of his or her executive experience and professional administrative qualifications. The County Council shall, in a public meeting, consult with the Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff and Treasurer prior to making the appointment of a county manager candidate.
3. No member of the council shall, during the time for which he or she was elected, be appointed county manager.
4. The county manager shall serve at-will. The council shall establish the county manager's terms of employment, including compensation, by written contract, provided the county manager's

1 employment shall be at-will and terminable in accordance with contract terms and this charter.

2 5. Employment of a county manager shall not be construed as changing the relationship of the
3 council members or other elected officials to their constituents, or the relationship of the council
4 members to other elected officials.

5 6. The county manager shall designate a qualified employee of the county as his or her deputy
6 county manager. The deputy county manager shall perform the duties of the county manager during
7 the county manager's extended absence or disability.
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9 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule
10 Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.
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12 **Section 3. Instructions to Staff.** The County Manager shall direct appropriate county staff to do the
13 following:
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- 15 A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the
16 next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- 17 B. Transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate
18 ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- 19 C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, post the approved
20 amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

1 ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of
2 December, 2021.

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4 ATTEST:

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8 Kelsey Potter, Secretary
9 Clark County Charter Review Commission

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12 Approved as to form only
13 Anthony F. Golik
14 Prosecuting Attorney


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By: 
Christine Cook
Senior Deputy Prosecutor

FOR CLARK COUNTY CHARTER
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