

# **BALLOTS FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION**

## **BALLOT EXHIBIT “B-1”**

### **BALLOT TITLE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE II , SECTION 2 AND ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3**

**SHALL ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, AND ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3 OF  
THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY BE AMENDED?**

#### **GIST OF THE PROPOSITION**

Article II, Section 8 and Article X, Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Oklahoma City Charter all relate to Mayor and City Council elections. The amendment to Article II, Section 8 deletes obsolete wording, simplifies structure, and amends when elected officers take office from one week to four weeks after the runoff election date. The amendments to Article X, Sections 1, 2 and 3 collectively: change the names “primary” and “general” election to “general election” and “runoff election;” set the regular general election date for Mayor as the second Tuesday in February in certain even years; set the regular general elections for Council as the second Tuesday in February of odd years when terms expire; add language for electing Councilmembers if new wards are created; amends the filing (declaration of candidacy) dates for Mayor or Council to comply with State law and the filing dates set by the Oklahoma County Election Board; adopts State law for giving notice of the elections for Mayor and Council; and authorizes City Clerk to make names of elections consistent throughout the Charter.

**FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – YES ( )**

**AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – NO ( )**

**BALLOT EXHIBIT "B-2"**

**BALLOT TITLE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE II, SECTION 6**

**SHALL ARTICLE II, SECTION 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
OKLAHOMA CITY BE AMENDED?**

**GIST OF THE PROPOSITION**

Article II, Section 6 of the Oklahoma City Charter relates to the qualifications for the offices of Mayor and City Councilmember (City Councilor). The amendment to Section 6 reformats the section for ease of reading and sets forth the following qualifications for these offices, as applicable, all of which must be met prior to filing a declaration of candidacy. To file as a candidate for such offices, a person:

- A. Must be a citizen of the United States and the State of Oklahoma;
- B. Must be at least 21 years of age;
- C. Must have been a resident of Oklahoma City or an area annexed into such City for at least one year;
- D. For the office of Mayor, must have been a registered voter at an address within the City for a least one year immediately preceding the filing of a declaration of candidacy; and
- E. For the office of City Councilor representing a ward, must have been a registered voter at an address within the ward for a least one year immediately preceding the filing of a declaration of candidacy.

**FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – YES ( )**

**AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – NO ( )**

**BALLOT EXHIBIT “B-3”**

**BALLOT TITLE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE II, SECTION 10**

**SHALL ARTICLE II, SECTION 10 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
OKLAHOMA CITY BE AMENDED?**

**GIST OF THE PROPOSITION**

Article II, Section 10 of the Oklahoma City Charter relates to City Councilmembers (City Councilors) serving as the Vice-Mayor when the Mayor is temporarily absent or disabled and provides for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Mayor. The only amendment to Section 10 is to provide that if the vacancy in such office occurs within the final year of the Mayor’s term of office, it shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining City Councilors within 30 days, instead of within 15 days, after the occurrence of the vacancy.

**FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – YES ( )**

**AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – NO ( )**

**BALLOT EXHIBIT “B-4”**

**BALLOT TITLE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE II, SECTION 11**

**SHALL ARTICLE II, SECTION 11 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
OKLAHOMA CITY BE AMENDED?**

**GIST OF THE PROPOSITION**

Article II, Section 11 of the Oklahoma City Charter relates when regular meetings of the City Council may be held. The only amendment is to delete the existing language that regular meetings will be held “on Tuesday of each week” and to instead provide only, pursuant to other existing language, that such meetings shall be held “at such times as the Council may by ordinance designate.”

**FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – YES ( )**

**AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – NO ( )**



**BALLOT EXHIBIT “B-5”**

**BALLOT TITLE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4**

**SHALL ARTICLE IV, SEC, 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
OKLAHOMA CITY BE AMENDED?**

**GIST OF THE PROPOSITION**

The existing language of Article IV, Section 4, of the Oklahoma City Charter, now designated 4(a), relates to the exclusive control of City management employees by the City Manager of the City and states that the Mayor or Council (City Councilors): cannot direct or request the appointment or removal of any employee serving under the City Manager; shall deal with the administrative service of the City solely through the City Manager; and shall not give orders to any subordinate of the City Manager. Subsection 4(a) is amended to state that the Mayor or a City Councilor “may be charged with a misdemeanor” upon violating the above-stated limitations, instead of stating that such officer “shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.” A new Subsection 4(b) is added to state that the Mayor or any City Councilor may provide information to the City Manager regarding the positive or negative job performance of any officer or employee under the City Manager; however, such information must be based on direct personal knowledge or on a signed written statement provided by a resident. Providing information to the City Manager pursuant to Subsection 4(b) will never be considered to constitute a violation of Subsection 4(a).

**FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – YES ( )**

**AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – NO ( )**

**BALLOT EXHIBIT “B-6”**

**BALLOT TITLE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6**

**SHALL ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
OKLAHOMA CITY BE AMENDED?**

**GIST OF THE PROPOSITION**

Article IV, Section 6 of the Oklahoma City Charter relates to the two divisions of City government, which are the Division of Public Affairs under the Mayor and City Council and the Division of Public Management under the control of the City Manager. The amendments divide the text into Subsections 4(a) and 4(b). Subsection 4(a) specifies that the Division of Public Affairs shall include: (1) the City Manager; (2) the Municipal Counselor; (3) the City Auditor; (4) the Municipal Judges; (5) all City boards, commissions, and committees created by the Mayor or City Council, with appointments of Council-created bodies to be made by the Mayor with consent and approval of the Council; and (6) other personnel placed in the Division of Public Affairs by an ordinance passed by at least two-thirds of the City Council. Subsection 4(b) specifies that the Division of Public Management shall comprise all City departments, functions, agencies, commissions, and boards not specifically placed under the Division of Public Affairs by the Charter or by ordinance adopted pursuant to the Charter.

**FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – YES ( )**

**AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – NO ( )**

**BALLOT EXHIBIT "B-7"**

**BALLOT TITLE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE IX**

**SHALL ARTICLE IX OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY  
BE AMENDED TO ADOPT A NEW SECTION 11 THEREOF?**

**GIST OF THE PROPOSITION**

Article IX, Section 11 of the Oklahoma City Charter would be a new section in the Charter relating to changing the terms "Councilman," and "Councilmen" in the Charter to instead consistently refer to such officers as "Councilmember," "Councilmembers," "Councilor," or "Councilors," as grammatically appropriate.

**FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – YES ( )**

**AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – NO ( )**

**BALLOT EXHIBIT “B-8”**

**BALLOT TITLE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE I, SECTION 3**

**SHALL ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
OKLAHOMA CITY BE AMENDED?**

**GIST OF THE PROPOSITION**

Article I, Section 3 of the Oklahoma City Charter relates to the general grant of powers to the City. The amendments to Article I, Section 3 clarify and reformat the grant of powers into five subsections, Subsections 3(a) through 3(e), inclusive. The amendment adds the word “welfare” in the listing of powers. The substance of the subsections states that the City has the following powers: 3(a) all powers given to it by the Oklahoma Constitution, State laws, and the City Charter; 3(b) the power to enact and enforce all ordinances necessary to protect health, safety, welfare, life, or property within the City; 3(c) the power to define, prevent and summarily abate and remove nuisances and to preserve and enforce good government and order for the security of the City and its inhabitants; and 3(d) the power to enact and enforce all ordinances upon any subject. However, Subsection 3(e) provides that no ordinance shall be enacted that is inconsistent with the Oklahoma Constitution, with the general laws of the State of Oklahoma that are of statewide interest and concern, or with this Charter.

**FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – YES ( )**

**AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – NO ( )**

**BALLOT EXHIBIT “B-9”**

**BALLOT TITLE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 12**

**SHALL ARTICLE IV, SECTION 12 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
OKLAHOMA CITY BE AMENDED?**

**GIST OF THE PROPOSITION**

Article IV, Section 12 of the Oklahoma City Charter prohibits City officers and employees from directly or indirectly accepting or receiving any salary, commission, compensation, free or discounted service, or other thing of value of any kind from certain specified privately-owned businesses within the City on terms more favorable than is granted to the public generally. This prohibition applies only if such a business is operating within the City pursuant to a franchise or contract with the City. The specified privately-owned businesses that the prohibition applies to are the following: any interurban or street railway; any airline; any bus line; any natural gas or electricity service or business; and any telephone service business. A violation of this prohibition is grounds for removal from City office or employment. However, the section does not prevent the granting of a City franchise or other City contract conditioned upon free service to the City and to its officers and employees while they are engaged in the performance of their duties.

**FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – YES ( )**

**AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT – NO ( )**