

Charter Amendment Election
- Official Ballot -
April 13, 2010

The following amendments to the Sioux Falls City Charter have been proposed by the City's Charter Revision Commission.

Instructions to Voters:

Voters desiring to vote in favor of the proposed amendment should completely blacken the oval (Φ) immediately preceding the word "Yes."

Voters desiring to vote against the proposed amendment should completely blacken the oval (Φ) immediately preceding the word "No."

Amendment A

Shall Section 5.04 be amended to read:

The budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all city funds and activities for the ensuing fiscal year and, except as required by law or this charter, shall be in such form as the mayor deems appropriate. The city council may require additional information or details about the mayor's budget proposal. The budget shall begin with a clear general summary of its contents; shall show in detail all estimated income, indicating the proposed property tax levy, and all proposed expenditures, including debt service, for the ensuing fiscal year; and shall be so arranged as to show comparative figures for actual and estimated income and expenditures of the current fiscal year and actual income and expenditures of the preceding two (2) fiscal years. It shall indicate in separate sections:

City Attorney's Explanation of Amendment A:

The proposed change, as approved and submitted by the Charter Revision Commission, clarifies that the mayor will determine the appropriate form or format of the annual budget submission to the city council and also specifies that city council members may thereafter inquire and obtain any necessary information about the mayor's budget proposal.

Shall the City of Sioux Falls adopt Amendment A?

Φ Yes

Φ No

Amendment B

Shall Subsections (1) and (4) of Section 6.02(b) be amended to read:

(b) Districting commission; composition; appointment; terms; vacancies; compensation.

(1) There shall be a districting commission consisting of five (5) members. No more than three (3) commission members may belong to the same political party. The city council shall appoint five (5) members, one member from each of the city's five districts. These five (5) members shall, with the affirmative vote of at least three (3) members, choose one of their members who shall serve as chairperson.

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(4) In the event of a vacancy on the commission by death, resignation, incapacity or moving out of the district within 30 days of his or her appointment, the city council shall appoint a new member enrolled in the same political party and from the same city district from which his or her predecessor was selected, to serve the balance of the term remaining.

City Attorney's Explanation of Amendment B:

The proposed change, as approved and submitted by the Charter Revision Commission, would require that in the future each appointed districting commission member would have his or her home residence in a separate city council district in order to allow for representation of each of the five (5) city council districts. In addition, Subsection 4 further clarifies how a vacancy on the districting commission may occur and/or be filled by the city council.

Shall the City of Sioux Falls adopt Amendment B?

Φ Yes

Φ No