

History - Huntington Beach Charter Revision Committees
September 7, 2021

City Charter: Section 804	"The City Council shall determine if there is a need to convene a citizen's Charter Review Commission to conduct a review of the City Charter no less frequently than every ten years."
<i>Important Note: Not all Charter Amendments are reflected in this chart. Some Amendments have been made via City Council direction or citizen petition, and followed by a vote of the electorate, as the California Constitution allows.</i>	

Date Range: From Committee Formation to Ballot Measure	Name	Committee Structure	Timeline	Outcome
1/2019 to 8/2019 <i>Duration: 6.5 months</i>	Charter Revision Ad-Hoc Committee	Ad-Hoc Committee: 3 Council Members, City Manager, and City Attorney	In January 2019, Council Member Posey submitted an H-Item proposing a Charter Review Committee. In February 2019, the City Attorney led a Study Session and recommended an ad hoc committee in lieu of a Charter Review Committee comprised of 3 Council Members, the City Manager and City Attorney. The ad hoc was approved by Council.	Following meetings with the ad hoc committee, the Committee made recommended revisions which were primarily administrative in nature. The recommendations were not moved forward.
12/2008 to 11/2010 <i>Duration: 23 months</i>	Charter Review Commission	15 Appointees: <i>7 Individual Council Appointees and 8 At-Large Appointees</i> 1 Consultant	In December 2008, Council Member Bohr submitted an H-Item proposing a Charter Amendment Committee. Staff led a Study Session and recommended the formation of a 15 member committee. In June-July 2009, the City received 45 applications for the 8 at-large positions and interviewed approximately half. Appointments for all 15 members followed thereafter. In June 2010, select revisions proposed by the Commission were approved and placed on the November 2010 Ballot.	November 2010 Election Results: <u>Approved</u> Measure N - Huntington Beach Charter Amendments <u>Failed</u> Measure O - Huntington Beach Infrastructure Fund Section 617 Amendment
4/2002 to 5/2002 <i>Committee was not formed</i>	Citizen's Committee to Study Councilman Districts via Charter Amendment	7 Individual Council Appointees 1 Consultant	In April 2002, City Council directed the City Attorney to examine the possibility of forming a Committee. The Committee was formed and initially proposed reducing the number of Council seats to 5 and to establish districts.	The Committee was not formed, following discussion at a May 2002 City Council Meeting. Some Council Members opposed a Committee due to the potential cost.

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11/1981 to 2/1982 <i>Duration: 3 months</i>	Charter Revision Committee	7 Appointees <i>(comprised of Former Mayors)</i>	The Committee presented its recommended Charter revisions to the City Council in November 1981. Records do not indicate what those recommendations entailed.	Following a Study Session in December 1981, the City Council conducted a Public Hearing in January 1982, but chose not to take further action on the revision. The Committee was later thanked for their work and dissolved in February 1982.
9/1976 to 6/1978 <i>Duration: 21 months</i>	City Charter Revision Committee	9 Appointees 1 Consultant	Following the Committee's formation in September 1976, Appointees met several times to present several proposed revisions including consecutive term limits for Council, their compensation, and converting certain elected positions into appointive ones. Study Sessions and Hearings were conducted throughout the Winter 1977-78. With the help of a consultant, ballot measures for the recommendations were prepared for the June 1978 Ballot.	June 6, 1978 Election Results: <u>Approved</u> 1. Prop D - Housekeeping Revisions 2. Prop E - Consecutive Term Limits for Council <u>Failed</u> 1. Prop F - Compensation for City Council 2. Prop G-J - Appointive Attorney, Treasurer and Clerk
4/1973 to 11/1973 <i>Duration: 6-7 months</i>	Charter Revision Advisory Committee	7 At Large Appointees	Following the Committee's formation in April 1973, Appointees proposed a Charter revision to convert the Clerk, Attorney, and Treasurer positions into appointed positions. The recommendation was approved by the Council in August 1973 and placed on the November 1973 ballot.	November 6, 1973 Election Results: <u>Failed</u> Props A-C: Appointive Attorney, Treasurer, Clerk
2/1971 to 6/1972 <i>Duration: 16 months</i>	Charter Revision Committee	6 Appointees and 4 Alternates	Following the Committee's formation in February 1971, the Appointees recommended providing compensation for the Council, Clerk, & Treasurer as provided by the CA Gov't Code. The recommendation was approved by the Council in December 1971 and placed on the June 6, 1972 ballot.	June 6, 1972 Election Results: <u>Failed</u> Measure D - Compensation for Council, Clerk, Treasurer
11/1969 <i>Committee was not formed</i>	Charter Revision Committee	N/A	In November 1969, Mayor Green suggested a Charter Revision Committee. Following further discussion, the recommendation was tabled after deciding revisions should be vetted by the City Admin and Attorney instead.	65)
3/1965 to 8/1965 <i>Duration: 5 months</i>	Citizens' Charter Revision Committee	15 At Large Appointees 1 Legal Consultant	Following its formation in March 1965, the Committee recommended reformatting the Council so it consists of 1 Mayor at-large and 6 members by district. The City Council approved the recommendation to be placed on the August 1965 ballot.	August 10, 1965 Election Results: <u>Failed</u> Proposed Charter Amendment: Reformat the Council to consist of 1 mayor voted at large and 6 members by district.