Charter Amendment Chart

Proposition	Ballot Language	Current Charter Language	Proposed Language
A	Amend the Charter to make the City Secretary an appointed staff position by the City Council.	The City Manager shall appoint a City Secretary who shall have the powers and perform the duties provided in this Charter.	The City Council shall appoint a City Secretary who shall have the powers and perform the duties provided in this Charter.
B	Amend the Charter to remove the specific reference to 21 as the minimum age restriction for running for City Council/Mayor.	Be a registered qualified voter of the State of Texas and at least 21 years of age as of the date the candidate swears to the application.	Be a registered qualified voter of the State of Texas as of the date the candidate swears to the application.
C	Amend the Charter to make the requirements for City Council candidates refer to and be the same as set out in state law.	Be a registered qualified voter of the State of Texas and at least 21 years of age as of the date the candidate swears to the application.	Be a registered qualified voter of the State of Texas as of the date the candidate swears to the application.
D	Amend the Charter to remove the restriction on former employees' ability to run for City Council/Mayor.	Not have been employed by the City of Whitehouse within the last five (5) years as of the date the candidate swears to the application.	This language would be removed from the Charter entirely.
E	Amend the Charter to remove the residency requirements of the City Manager.	The City Manager need not be a resident of the city or state at the time of appointment, but shall reside within the city limits within ninety (90) days of assuming the position of City Manager. If deemed necessary, one (1) extension of ninety (90) days may be granted by three (3) affirmative votes of the City Council.	This language would be removed from the Charter entirely.

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F	Amend the Charter to remove the removal procedures of the City Manager.	The City Manager serves at the will and pleasure of the City Council. With all City Council members and the Mayor present, a minimum of three (3) affirmative votes are required to remove the City Manager by adopting a preliminary resolution stating the reason(s) for removal, or by majority vote the City Council shall have the right to suspend the City Manager for up to thirty (30) days pending a hearing. After such hearing, and after full consideration, the City Council by three (3) affirmative votes with all City Council Members and Mayor present, may adopt a final resolution for removal. The City Manager may continue to receive, at the direction of the City Council, full salary until the effective date of a final resolution of removal. Upon removal, the City Manager may receive severance up to but not exceeding ninety (90) days regardless of contract in place. The City Council may remove the City Manager with no public hearing, upon three (3) affirmative votes for removal, if the City Manager has only served the City for six (6) months or less. The action of the Council in suspending or removing the City Manager shall be final, it being the intention of the Charter to vest all authority and fix all responsibility for such suspension or removal in the City Council.	This language would be removed from the Charter entirely.
G	Amend the Charter to remove the procedure for City Manager compensation.	The City Manager shall receive compensation as may be fixed by the City Council according to the person's experience, education, and training. The compensation should be agreed upon before appointment with the understanding that the City Council may change it at its discretion	This language would be removed from the Charter entirely.

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H	Amend the Charter to update and clarify that the required number of Petition signers of any Petition must at least equal "10% of registered voters at the time of the most recent state law election date."	1) A petition to the City Council for initiative or referendum, containing the signatures of qualified voters not less than equal in number to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the City of Whitehouse shall be filed with the City Secretary not later than thirty days following the filing of the affidavit by the petitioner committee. Once the petition is filed, no signature may be withdrawn. (2) A petition to the City Council for recall, containing the signatures of qualified voters not less than equal in number to twenty percent (20%) of the registered voters of the City of Whitehouse shall be filed with the City Secretary not later than thirty days following the filing of the affidavit by the petitioner committee. Once the petition is filed, no signature may be withdrawn.	(1) A petition to the City Council for initiative or referendum, containing the signatures of qualified voters at least equal in number to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the City of Whitehouse at the time of the most recent state law election date, shall be filed with the City Secretary not later than thirty days following the filing of the affidavit by the petitioner committee. Once the petition is filed, no signature may be withdrawn. (2) A petition to the City Council for recall, containing the signatures of qualified voters at least equal in number to twenty percent (20%) of the registered voters of the City of Whitehouse at the time of the most recent state law election date shall be filed with the City Secretary not later than thirty days following the filing of the affidavit by the petitioner committee. Once the petition is filed, no signature may be withdrawn.