



Information on Proposed Charter Changes

Ordinance 4875-24

An ordinance to amend article XVII, section 83 of the city charter to change the number of required budget advertisements from two-(2) to one-(1)

What it would do

1. Eliminate one advertisement of working, preliminary budget from newspaper

It would **not** restrict access to the working budget. Preliminary drafts would be available on the City's website.

Ordinance 4876-24

An ordinance to amend article VI, section 31 of the city charter to require two (2) readings of an ordinance rather than the currently required three (3) readings

What it would do

1. Bring City in line with State law
2. Align City process with neighboring municipalities (i.e. Kingsport and Bristol)

It would **not** limit public input or consideration of public input procedurally. Public hearings on ordinances would move from 2nd to 1st reading. The City will continue to offer public comment on any actionable agenda item at the start of each meeting. Additionally, commission contact information is available on the City's website. Commissioners invite public input/feedback on any topic, anytime.

Ordinance 4877-24

An ordinance to amend article IX, section 45.11 of the city charter to allow the city manager authority to make temporary employee appointments for a period recommended by the appropriate department director and necessitated by staffing requirements

What it would do

1. Allow for temporary appointments (i.e. interim directors) to be in place longer than 90 days while the best candidate for a position is identified
2. Allow City to temporarily backfill positions that are vacated due to FMLA, Military Leave, or other approved leaves of absence which often are more than 90 days in length

It would **not** extend the terms of temporary/seasonal employees.

Ordinance 4878-24

An ordinance to amend article XXIII, section 126 of the city charter to move the election date for City Commissioners and Board of Education members from the November State/Federal general election to the August Municipal and County General election

What it would do

1. Encourage City voters to participate in county elections
2. Reduce confusion around local elections
3. Encourage focus on local issues during the August elections
4. Reduce and consolidate local school board elections from three to two

It would **not** restrict voter participation in any election.