

Ballot Title

CAPTION

Amends Charter: Deletes vague, archaic and inconsistent language.

QUESTION

Shall Charter be amended to delete vague, archaic language and use a consistent definition of “protected classes”?

SUMMARY

The Charter Commission proposed a measure to delete vague, archaic and inconsistent language in the Charter.

If the measure passes, the following language in the Charter would be amended:

- Delete Charter Section 2-105(a)(50) to remove vague, archaic language to “prohibit persons from roaming the streets at unseasonable hours”. Deleting this section of the City’s specific powers would not impair the City’s general powers and authority to protect and support public health and safety.
- Delete vague, archaic language to regulate “offensive” businesses in Charter Section 2-105(a)(36). City would retain authority to regulate businesses that create or constitute a nuisance.
- Use consistent language to define “protected classes” as those classes protected “under local ordinance, or state or federal law” in Charter Chapters 2, 4 and 12.
- Replace “disability” with “incapacity” in Charter Chapter 2 to reflect the fact that disabled residents may serve as City officials.

The City Budget Office determined the measure has no direct financial impact.