

The People of Portland hereby amend the Charter of the City of Portland as outline herein to reform the Portland City Council. Unless noted otherwise, no section title or section number is amended.

Sections 2-102 City Council is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The City Council of the City of Portland shall consist of a Mayor and fourteen (14) Alderpersons. The Council shall increase by two (2) Alderpersons for every additional 80,000 residents counted in the decennial U.S. Census; the Council shall decrease by two (2) for each decrease of 80,000 residents as counted in the decennial U.S. Census. The population change shall be measured in referenced to the 2020 U.S. Census; no Council shall be fewer than nine (9) nor more than fifty-one (51).”

Section 2-112 Meetings and Journals is hereby amended to read as follows:

“All regular and special meetings of the Council shall be public. It shall hold one regular legislative meeting each week, and such other meetings as it may prescribe. The Council shall keep a journal of its proceedings which shall be a public record. No less than once every four months all Alderpersons shall hold a town hall meeting. The meeting shall be within the Alderperson’s council district, open to the public, at a predetermined time and location widely advertised to the constituents.”

Section 2-113 Calendar is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The Auditor shall produce for distribution at least twenty-four (24) hours before each legislative session a summary of all matters to come before the Council at the next regular legislative session. Only matters contained in said summary shall be considered at such legislative session unless two-thirds of the members of the Council shall vote to consider otherwise.”

Section 2-117 Transaction of Business is hereby amended to read as follows:

“In the transaction of legislative or judicial business the Council shall act only by the ordinance. The ayes and nays shall be taken upon the passage of all ordinances and entered upon the journal of the proceedings of the Council. Every member when present must vote, unless the remainder of the Council approves the member's excuse for disqualification, and every ordinance shall require the affirmative vote of majority of the members.”

The following sentence, “The unanimous vote of all members of the Council present, and of not less than four (4) of the members shall be required to pass an emergency ordinance.” of section 2-120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The unanimous vote of all members of the Council present, and of not less than four-fifths (4/5) of the members shall be required to pass an emergency ordinance.”

The following sentence, “The unanimous vote of all members of the Council present, and of not less than four (4) members, shall be required to pass a consent agenda.” of section 2-127 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The unanimous vote of all members of the Council present, and of not less than two-thirds (2/3) members, shall be required to pass a consent agenda.”

Section 2-201 Elective Officers is hereby amended to read as follows:

“There shall be no elective officers of the City of Portland other than the Mayor, Alderpersons, whose numbers shall be as herein described, and the Auditor.”

Section 2-202 Qualifications is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Each elected official shall be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oregon, and a registered voter who shall have been a resident of the City of Portland or of an area which has become part of the City prior to filing the declaration of candidacy or petition for nomination, for a period of not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the nominating election. All Alderpersons shall qualify as elsewhere in this Charter provided, and shall be residents of their respective council districts at the time of their election and continuously thereafter while they hold office. If any officer shall be elected without such qualifications or shall cease to have the same, the office shall immediately become vacant.”

Section 2-204 Time Devoted to City Business is hereby amended to read as follows:

“No official appointed or elected to elective office shall, during his or her term of service, hold any other office or serve on or under any committee of any political party.”

Section 2-206 (a) is hereby amended to replace the word “Commissioner” with “Alderperson.”

Section 2-206 (b) is hereby amended to replace the word “fourth” with the word “final.”

Section 2-206 (c) is hereby amended to replace the word “fourth” with the word “final.”

Section 2-206 (g) is hereby amended to remove the phrase “of three (3) or more members” and replace the word “Commissioner” with the word “Alderperson.”

Section 2-301 The Departments is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The executive and administrative powers, authority and duties, not otherwise provided for herein, shall be distributed among five (5) departments as follows:

(a) Department of Public Affairs

(b) Department of Finance and Administration

(c) Department of Public Safety

(d) Department of Public Utilities

(e) Department of Public Works

Bureaus and their functions shall be fixed by the Council by ordinance. Bureaus shall be assigned by ordinance to a Department as it is relevant to each Departments' title."

Section 2-302 Assignment and Authority of Commissioners is hereby amended to read as follows:

"There shall be five (5) Commissioners, who shall be assigned, as described herein, to be the Commissioner In Charge of each department. The Commissioner In Charge of each department shall have the supervision and control of all the affairs and property which belong to that department, subject to the provisions of this Charter and to such regulation as may be prescribed by the Council. Commissioners shall report annually, or as often as summoned, to the Council on affairs and state of his or her Department."

Section 2-302 Duties is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Mayor shall exercise a careful supervision over the general affairs of the City and Department Commissioners."

Section 2-206 Qualifications and Restrictions on Other City Candidacy is hereby amended to replace the word "Commissioner" with the word "Mayor."

Section 2-601 Appointive Officers is hereby amended as follows:

"The Council shall appoint the City Attorney, members of boards, and commissions. The Mayor shall appoint Department Commissioners subject to Council confirmation. Heads of other offices and bureaus shall be appointed by the Commissioner In Charge of the department to which such office or bureau is assigned."

Section 2-602 Qualifications and Removals is hereby amended to add the following paragraph:

"Department Commissioners shall have experience that objectively demonstrates their capabilities to supervise the assigned Department. No person who has served as Commissioner prior to January 1, 2021 shall be appoint as a Department Commissioner."

Section 3-101 Time of Taking Office and Terms is hereby amended to add the following paragraph:

"Except as otherwise provided in this charter, those elected shall take office on the following January 1. Alderpersons shall hold office for two years and the Mayor and Auditor shall hold office for 4 years. If, at the end of two years for Alderpersons and

four years for the Mayor and Auditor, no successor is yet elected and qualified, the incumbent shall continue to hold office until a successor is elected and qualified.”

Section 3-105 Non-Partisan Primaries is hereby amended as follows:

“Nomination of Mayor, Auditor and Alderpersons, the elective officers under this Charter, shall be nonpartisan and shall be made in conformity with primary methods hereinafter prescribed and provided, subject to the provisions elsewhere contained in this Charter relating to filling of vacancies. Every Alderperson shall be elected from a council district. In all proceedings for the nomination of candidates for the office of Alderperson, every petition and individual nomination certificate or declaration for nomination, nominee's acceptance and certificate of election, ballot, or other document used in connection with nominations for Alderperson, shall state the official council district to which such candidate aspires, and his or her name shall appear on the ballot only for such designated position. At all elections each such office of Alderperson to be filled shall be separately designated on the ballot by official council district number, in addition to other matter required by law to appear thereon. In case no nomination is made at the primary election, nominations may be made at large at the general election as set forth in this Charter for vacancies occurring at a subsequent date.”

Section 3-106 Elections Procedures is hereby amended as follows:

“The Council shall adopt, by 2023, by ordinance procedures for conducting City elections by ranked-choice voting as follows: For election of the Alderperson, Auditor, or Mayor, if more than two (2) candidates are running for the district office, the electorate shall use a procedure for instant runoff voting. The ballot shall provide a means for electors to numerically rank all of the candidates in order of preference. If any candidate receives a majority of all first-choice votes cast, then that individual shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes, then the candidate receiving the fewest first-choice votes shall be declared defeated. For each ballot that listed the defeated candidate as a first choice, the second choice shall then be counted as a first choice for that ballot. If one candidate has still not received a majority of first-choice votes, then the candidate with the next-fewest first-choice votes shall be declared defeated, and the ballots for that candidate shall again be recounted based on the next choice in order on such ballots. This process shall continue until one candidate has received the majority of votes cast and counted as provided herein, and that person shall be elected.

Until a ranked-choice voting system is adopted voting shall be as follows: If any candidate for the office of Mayor, Alderperson, or Auditor receives a majority of the votes cast in a primary election for that office, that candidate shall be elected. If no candidate for such an office receives a majority of the votes cast in the primary election, as prescribed herein, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be declared nominees and their names shall appear on the general election ballot in that same year. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes in the general election shall be elected.”

Section 3-107 Elective Council District Map is hereby created as follows:

“Section 3-107 Elective Council District Map. The Council shall adopt by ordinance a council district map unaltered as prepared by the Office of the Auditor. The council district map shall take effect at the following election. The map shall create council districts equal to the number of Alderpersons defined by this Charter. Redistricting shall occur after each decennial U.S. Census by the Office of the Auditor within 30 days of the Census completion or adoption of this Charter section. Each council district shall be geographically contiguous, within the City limits, compact, numbered, and shall contain approximately equal amounts of the counted population; and no other factors shall be considered. Any elector may petition, within 30 days of adoption of the map, for a judicial review of the council district map by the Circuit Court; this shall be the final review of the council district map.”

Section 10-207 Method of Granting is hereby amended to replace “of four (4) Commissioners” to “of a majority of Alderpersons”