

Charter Section	Summary of Changes
Table of Contents	Format only.
Throughout	Apply gender-neutral language.
Section 601 – Council, Number, Term.	Update subsections (b) and (c). In the event one candidate receives 50% +1 of the votes at the Primary election, the language “ <i>The term shall commence at the date of the City Council meeting following the election</i> ” is no longer accurate.
Section 602. Qualifications	Clean up for clarity. Also add specification on residency requirements
Section 603. Salary.	Delete specific dollar amount to prevent confusion. The salaries of Councilmembers and the Mayor are set by Municipal Code, specifically Chapter 1.18.
Section 604. Presiding Officer – Mayor.	Update subsection (a) to add “shall.” Update Section (f) to hold Vice Mayor elections in December. Council Policy 6.10 will be updated, if approved.
Section 605. Council Vacancies	Remove “evening” and language related to appointment at the next general election.
Section 607. Voting.	Change to require roll-call vote.
Section 608. Ordinances.	General clean-up for clarification for clarity.
Section 610. Authentication of Ordinances.	Typo.
Section 613. Publication of Ordinances.	Clean-up for clarity and update to match legal requirements.
Section 614. Regular Meetings.	Change from at least two meetings a month to at least one to be compliant with the cancellation of the 2 nd meeting in December, as well as any meetings cancelled due to holidays. Council Policy 6.6 will be updated, if approved.
Section 616. Place of Meeting.	Update to provide another source of meeting (virtual).
Section 617. Quorum. Proceedings.	Update language – same meaning.
Section 701. General Municipal Elections.	Update to align with changes made to Section 711 by Measure E.
Section 711. Two Round Election System.	Delete subsection (c) as it relates specifically to the 2022 election.
Section 801. Appointment and Removal	Delete City Clerk, as that position is appointed by the City Manager, not the Council.

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Section 804. City Manager. Appointment.	Delete requirement that the City Manager live within the City, given the conflict with Cal. Const, Art. XI § 10(b). Delete the prohibition against the City employing those related to the City Manager by blood or marriage, given the potential conflict with state civil rights law. (See <i>Hope Internat. University v. Superior Court</i> (2004)119 Cal. App. 4th 719, 743: “The state civil rights statute impliedly provides that employers cannot have an a priori or automatic rule against married coworkers by stating that employers are allowed to reasonably regulate ... the working of spouses in the same department” (citing Gov. Code, § 12940, subd. (a)(3)).)
Section 806. City Manager. Powers and Duties.	Subsection (a) Delete “No person related to the City Manager by blood or by marriage shall be eligible for office or employment in the City.
Section 809. No Interference Between the Council and City Manager.	Clean-up language.
Section 813. Director of Finance. Power and Duties.	Subsection (b): Fix typo. Subsection (e): Change from monthly to annual.
Section 1002. Creation.	Delete requirement to form a board/commission by ordinance.
Section 1427. Professional Audit.	Update report distribution.
Section 1428. City Property.	Update for clarity.
Section 1429. Water System Inalienability.	Update for clarity.
Section 1431. Voter Approval for Desalination Projects.	Update for clarity.
Section 1702. Violations.	Update to align with Section 812.