

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Henderson		7/7		7/13/93	Council / Introduction
Commission Head:				7/27/93	Finance/Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Proposed Charter amendment to allow a charter commission to be formed earlier than every 10 years.

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #: N/A	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / / YES / X / Requested date: 7/27/93
Amount budgeted for this item/project: \$	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / / NO / / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

This proposed Charter amendment will allow the County Council to establish a charter commission sooner than the currently required 10 year interval.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Pass the ordinance and submit it for public vote.

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:**

7/13/93: Introduction

7/27/93: Council adopted the ordinance. 6-0

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only): Ord 93-045

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Henderson

INTRODUCTION DATE: 7/13/93

ORDINANCE NO. 93-045

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
REVISING THE TIME FRAME FOR CHARTER COMMISSIONS

WHEREAS, the County Charter as currently written allows the formation of a charter commission to weigh proposals to amend the charter only every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the recent introduction of several charter amendments for consideration by the County Council indicates that a need might develop to allow a charter commission to be formed sooner than the specified ten year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the issue of amending the charter to provide for the potential to form a charter commission sooner than every ten years is a serious and noteworthy issue that deserves consideration by the citizens of Whatcom County, and hereby puts forth the following amendments for adoption by the voters:

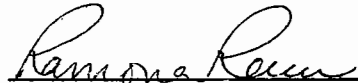
Section 8.11 Election and Period of Office

~~Every~~ ~~At least every~~ ten (10) years after the adoption of this Charter, the County Council shall cause an election of a Charter Review Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) persons, an equal number from each Council district. There shall be no filing fee nor shall there be a primary. The member of the Commission who receives the greatest number of votes shall convene the Commission. The term of office shall be one year. The Commission shall meet at such times and in such places as it deems appropriate upon having given public notice.

ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 1993.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:



Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk



~~Marge Laidlaw~~, Council Chair - *acting*
Ken Henderson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

() Approved () Denied

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Shirley Van Zanten, Executive
Date: _____