

ARTICLE XVI. CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Section 1. Charter Review Committee.

Beginning in the year 2010 and every six (6) years thereafter, the City Council for the City of Punta Gorda shall authorize the formation of a Charter Review Committee for the express purpose of conducting a complete review of the City Charter and proposing amendments directly to the electorate at the next general election. Appointments to the Charter Review Committee shall be by the City Council of Punta Gorda. The Charter Review Committee shall be an independent body of up to fifteen (15) members with a separate budget. The City Council shall appoint the City Attorney to assist the Charter Review Committee in the exercise of its duties. Alternatively, the Charter Review Committee may appoint independent legal counsel.

(Ord. No. 1399-04 <sec> 2, 12-15-04; Ord. No. 1851-16 <sec> 1, 07-13-2016)

Section 2. City Council and Voter Petition.

The City Council shall, by ordinance, amend any part of the Charter when such part is preempted by general or special laws or when, as a result of annexation or de-annexation, the corporate boundaries of the City change. Upon passage of the subject ordinance, the governing body shall have the amendment incorporated into the Charter and file same with the Florida Department of State. The City Council may, by ordinance, and the electors of the City may, by a petition signed by ten (10%) percent of the registered electors as of the last preceding municipal general election, submit to the electors a proposed amendment to the Charter. The governing body shall subject the proposed amendment(s) or petition(s) to referendum at the next general election or at a special election called for that purpose. Upon passage of the amendment by majority of the electors voting in the referendum, the governing body, by ordinance, shall have the amendment incorporated into the Charter and shall file same with the Florida Department of State.

(Ord. No. 1399-04 <sec> 2, 12-15-04; Ord. No. 1851-16 <sec>1, 07-13-2016)

Section 3. Effective Date.

Amendments to the Charter shall be effective immediately after approval by the electorate.

(Ord. No. 1399-04 <sec> 2, 12-15-04)