

Knox County Charter Amendment

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. O-08-4-102 AND AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9.05 OF THE KNOX COUNTY CHARTER TO ESTABLISH THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW (Ord. No. O-08-4-102, 5-27-08 & Knox County Charter as adopted 11-8-88, as amended through Referendum of 8-6-04).

WHEREAS, the Knox County Commission believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of Knox County to provide the opportunity for the citizens to vote to change the amount of time required for a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Knox County Commission that this amendment should be placed before the people for ratification at the next regularly scheduled County or State election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Amendments to Article IX, Section 9.05 of the Knox County Charter, set out in full below, are proposed for submission to the voters of Knox County in accordance with the requirements of the Knox County Charter.

SECTION 2: The Knox County Charter shall be amended as follows:

1. Article IX, Section 9.05 E of the Knox County Charter is hereby amended to delete only the first sentence of 9.05 E, and to substitute the following two sentences:

Any and all proposed charter amendments to be submitted to the voters of the County shall be submitted to the Knox County Election Commission in accordance with state law. The County Election Commission shall submit any Charter amendments certified and delivered to it, in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9.05, to the voters of the county at the next regular State or County election following the delivery to the County Election Commission of the ordinance or petition proposing the amendment.

2. The remaining language in 9.05E shall remain as iterated in the extant Charter.

3. Article IX, Section 9.05 D is hereby amended to delete the phrase "Not more than sixty (60) days and not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the next general election next following its appointment" and to substitute the following language:

"In accordance with 9.05 E"

SECTION 3: Knox County Ordinance No. O-08-4-102 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Commission of Knox County, the public welfare requiring it, and upon adoption, its effect shall be to require that the County Clerk immediately deliver a certified copy of the ordinance to the Knox County Election Commission and that the Election Commission submit the proposed Charter Amendments to the voters of the County as provided in Section 9.05.E. of the Knox County Charter.

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