

RESOLUTION NO. 25-22

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2026 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, the charter is the foundation of home-rule municipal government, addressing the most important aspects of local government and is the organic law of the community; and,

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1995, citizens of Lee's Summit, Missouri, voted to create a Charter Commission to draft a home rule charter for the city; and,

WHEREAS, following extensive meetings, the Charter Commission presented a proposed City Charter to voters, which was approved by the voters and adopted on April 2, 1996; and,

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2006 the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit initiated a Charter Review Commission; and,

WHEREAS, following extensive meetings, discussion and careful consideration the Charter Commission proposed certain changes to the Charter to be placed before the voters; and,

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2015 the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit initiated a Charter Review Commission; and,

WHEREAS, following extensive meetings, discussion and careful consideration the Charter Commission proposed certain changes to the Charter to be placed before the voters; and,

WHEREAS, Section 14.8 of the Charter states that no less often than every ten years, the City Council shall provide for a Charter Review Commission to review the Charter and to recommend to the voters proposed amendments, if any, to the Charter; and,

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 14.8 of the Charter, the City Council determined pursuant to Resolution No. 25-04 on March 4, 2025, that the 2026 Charter Review Commission (Commission) was to be comprised of 12 citizens, with each of the eight councilmembers on the City Council nominating one person to serve on the Commission and the remaining four members of the Commission to be nominated by the two councilmembers from each of the four districts; and,

WHEREAS, serving on the Charter Review Commission provides citizens an opportunity to directly participate in shaping the Charter to meet the City's needs in such areas as public services, efficiency of resources, effective local democracy and the aspirations of the City as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, hereby establishes the 2026 Charter Review Commission, consisting of twelve members selected by the City Council for the purpose of reviewing the Charter for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, to determine whether or not the Charter will adequately serve the community into the future and to report to the voters as many amendments to the Charter as the Commission deems advisable.

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SECTION 2. That the following persons have been nominated and are hereby selected to serve as the Members of the Charter Review Commission, who shall serve until the Commission has completed its work and has rendered its Report to the Voters, in accordance with City Charter Section 14.8:

DISTRICT 1

Councilmember Shields
Councilmember Prier

Molly Pesce

Hannah Boudreau
Jennifer Miller

DISTRICT 2

Councilmember Lovell
Councilmember Carlyle

Andrew Felker

Mark Schaufler
Michael VanBuskirk

DISTRICT 3

Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Rader

Mike Sharp

Melanie Coleman Adkins
Dana Arth

DISTRICT 4

Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Funk

Donna Gordon

Brandon Lawson
Yvonne Ventimiglia

SECTION 3. That the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, hereby provides for the governance, procedures and staff of the Charter Review Commission, as follows:

- The Commission is charged with the duty to review the existing Charter in accordance with Section 14.8 to determine whether or not the Charter will adequately serve the community into the future and to propose such amendments as it shall deem advisable.
- The Commission shall hold the initial meeting on or before Monday, January 31, 2026, and notice of the first meeting will be provided by the City Clerk at a location to be determined by the City Clerk after coordinating with members on time availability.
- The Commission shall, at its first meeting, elect from among its members a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the powers and duties of the Chairperson during the absence or disability of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall possess the power to vote on all matters before the Commission.
- Members shall meet at least once a month until the task of the commission shall be completed.
- Within twelve months of the first meeting, the Charter Review Commission must report to the voters as many amendments to the Charter as deemed advisable. Upon completion of the Report, the Commission shall file a copy with the City Clerk.

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- Commission members will educate the community about the proposed amendments prior to the election, including the reasons for the recommendations to amend the City Charter.
- The procedures of the Commission shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.
- The City Manager shall be directed to provide the necessary City Staff and resources, as needed by the Commission.

SECTION 4. That the Charter Review Commission shall be discharged of its duties and dissolved upon the date of the election on any proposed amendments.

SECTION 5. That any proposed amendments to the Charter shall be placed before the voters on the regular municipal election day in April 2027 (April 6, 2027).

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and approved by the Mayor of said City this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor William A. Baird

ATTEST:

City Clerk Trisha Fowler Arcuri

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney Brian W. Head