

Town of Davie - Town Charter
Ballot Questions & Summary Explanation

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Grammatical Corrections Throughout the Town Charter

Question 1: Shall the Town of Davie Town Charter be amended to correct grammatical errors?

The proposed amendment shall amend the Town Charter to correct for grammatical errors such as capitalization, proper use of nouns, commas, and periods.

Gender-Neutral References

Question 2: Shall gender-neutral references be replaced with the use of position titles?

The proposed amendment shall amend the Town Charter to address gender-neutral references (example “he” and “she”) by using position titles.

Section 4 Charter Review Board Removal of Archaic Language

Question 3: Shall Section 4 be amended to replace archaic language with modern terminology?

The proposed amendment shall replace archaic language in the Town Charter with modern terminology and shall remove archaic date reference by (for example, “April 2004”) and state there shall be a Charter Review Board appointed by the members of the town council at least every seven (7) years.

Section 6. Town Administration

Section 6(F), *Annual Town Audit*, Updating Language to Mandate an Annual Audit

Question 4: Shall Section 6(F), *Annual Town Audit*, language be amended by replacing the phrase “*have authority by majority to vote to require*” with the term “*conduct*” to automatically mandate a Town annual audit without a Town Council vote?

The proposed amendment will amend the Davie Charter to require an annual audit automatically without Council approval which is currently required.

Repealing Section 6(K), *Sale of Town Property*

Question 5: Shall Section 6(K), *Sale of Town Property* be repealed?

The proposed amendment will remove the language in Section 6(K), *Sale of Town Property* which addresses the sale of personal property, real property, and the purchase of real property. The Town Council will adopt an ordinance regarding the sale of personal property, real property and purchase of real property to coincide with Florida Statutes.

Section 8. Finance

Section 8(E)(1), *Capital Program Submission to Town Council, Capital Program Submittal Date Change*

Question 6: Shall Section 8(E)(1), be amended to change the submittal date of the capital program to Town Council from August 15 to September 1 of each year, to be consistent with the fiscal year budget?

The Capital Program will be due to the Town Council on September 1 instead of August 15 annually. This will allow the Capital Program to be submitted at the same time as the fiscal year budget.

Section 9. Planning and Development

Section 9(C), *Town Planning and Zoning Board and Site Plan Committee, Board Consolidation*

Question 7: Shall Section 9(C), be amended to consolidate the Planning and Zoning Board and Site Plan Committee to enhance oversight of development?

Under the proposed charter amendment, the Town Planning and Zoning Board and Site Plan Committee would be consolidated resulting in one committee that would be responsible for reviewing development projects before Town Council consideration. The appointments will contain specialty requirement positions and provide for continuity of overlapping criteria. Applicants will be able to have items heard at one hearing instead of two prior to coming before Town Council.

Section 9(G), *Illegal Erection of Buildings*, Repealing the Section

Question 8: Shall Section 9(G), be repealed?

The proposed amendment would amend the Town charter to remove the ability of person to remove an unlawful building on someone else’s property because that issue is now governed by the Florida Building Code.

Section 11. Fire Department

Section 11, *Fire Rescue Department*, Fire Chief Reporting to the Town Administrator

Question 9: Shall Section 11, be amended by inserting “The Chief of Fire and Rescue, under the direction of the Town Administrator, shall execute the legal commands of the Town Council, and shall direct the activities of the Fire Rescue Department in accordance with the policies set by the Town Council”?

Under the proposed charter amendment, language will clarify that the Fire Chief reports to the Town Administrator which is current practice and consistent with all other department directors.

Section 13. Election

Section 13(F), *Elections*, Procedure for Candidate Qualification

Question 10: Shall Section 13(F) be amended by inserting “The registered elector must provide proof of residency in the Town for a minimum of one (1) year prior to the opening of the qualifying period?”

Language outlining the candidate’s qualifying residency requirement will be added to the Charter. In addition, candidates will have to reside in their geographical district where they intend to seek office for a minimum of one (1) year preceding the first day of the qualifying period.

Section 7. Town Council, Mayor, and Legislation

Section 7(J) *Salary for Councilmembers and Mayor, Revising Councilmembers and Mayor Salaries*

Question 11: Shall Section 7(J), be revised to remove the cost of living adjustment while increasing the Councilmember's monthly salary to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and the Mayor's monthly salary to two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,750) with no cost of living increases effective December 1, 2020?

The current Town of Davie annual salary for Mayor and Councilmembers is \$12,828 per year, which automatically increases each year based on cost of living. The proposed charter amendment will increase the salaries for the Mayor and Town Councilmembers and remove the cost of living adjustment. The proposed Councilmember's monthly salary shall be \$2,500, which is \$30,000 per year and the proposed Mayor's monthly salary shall be \$2,750, which is \$33,000 per year which shall become effective on December 1, 2020.