

HISTORY – COLUMBUS CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

REVISED: February 2022

- 1914 For the Adoption of the original Charter of the City of Columbus.
Adopted by Public vote 5/5/14 (8,514 yes – 7,440 no)
Resolution adopted by Council 9/12/12 granting authority for Coat of Arms.
- 1915 Amend Section 182 regarding assessments for replacing improvements.
Ord. No.
Passed by Public vote 11/2/15 (28,176 yes – 9,617 no)
- 1917 Enact Section 200-A regarding women’s suffrage. Allows women to have voting rights and be elected to municipal offices.
Ord. No. 30,095 passed by Council 4/16/17.
Passed by Public vote 8/14/17 (8,648 yes – 687 no)
- 1917 Amend Section 231 relating to annual reports.
Ord. No. 30,120 defeated by Council 6/4/17.
- 1917 Amend Sections 166, 168, 171, and 178 and repeal sections 181 and 182 relating to improvements and assessments.
Ord. No. 30,121 defeated by Council 6/4/17.
- 1917 Amend Section 35 relating to the filing and publication of ordinances.
Ord. No. 30,122 defeated by Council 6/4/17.
- 1917 Amend Section 27 relating to the appropriation ordinance.
Ord. No. 30,123 defeated by Council 6/4/17.
- 1917 Repeal Sections 142, 143, and 144 regarding the Board of Purchase.
Ord. No. 30,128 defeated by Council 6/4/17.
- 1917 Amend Section 124 relating to water rates and charges.
Ord. No. 30,133 defeated by Council 6/4/17.
- 1917 Amend Section 202 and to repeal section 203 relating to nominations and elections.
Ord. No. 30,134 defeated by Council 6/4/17.
- 1917 Amend Section 7 relating to the salary and attendance of Council members
Ord. No. 30,143 defeated by Council 6/4/17.
- 1917 Amend Section 126 regarding rates and charges for services furnished by municipally owned utilities.
Ord. No. 30,179 passed by Council 6/4/17.
Passed by Public vote 8/14/17 (9,923 yes – 4,331 no)

- 1917 Amend Section 234 relating to the method of amending the charter.
Ord. No. 30,182 defeated by Council 6/11/17.
- 1917 Amend Section 103 relating to the powers of the Chief of Police.
Ord. No. 30,328 defeated by Council 9/10/17.
- 1921 Amend Sections 142 and 143 relating to the Board of Purchase. Changed to be more technical.
Ord. No. 32,620 passed by Council 6/1/21.
Defeated by Public vote 8/9/21 (7,174 no – 6,000 yes)
- 1921 Amend Section 7 relating to the salary and attendance of Councilmembers. Increased the minimum salary to twelve hundred dollars per annum, and allowing members to be absent from a meeting without penalization if five members approve.
Ord. No. 32,621 passed by Council 6/1/21.
Defeated by Public vote 8/9/21 (11,860 no – 4,455 yes)
- 1921 Amend Section 136 relating to the powers and duties of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund.
Ord. No. 32,622 passed by Council 6/1/21.
Defeated by Public vote 8/9/21 (7,071 no – 6,749 yes)
- 1921 Amend Section 27 relating to the appropriation ordinance.
Ord. No. 32,639 passed by Council 6/1/21.
Passed by Public vote 8/9/21 (8,692 yes – 7,827 no)
- 1921 Amend Sections 202, 204, 205, 210, and 211 and repeal sections 206, 207, 208, 212, and 213 relating to nominations and elections.
Ord. No. 32,640 passed by Council 6/1/21.
Defeated by Public vote 8/9/21(8,923 no – 6,556 yes)
- 1921 Amend Section 124 relating to water rates and charges.
Ord. No. 32,656 passed by Council 6/1/21
Defeated by Public vote 8/9/21 (8,840 yes – 6,205 no)
- 1921 Amend Section 35 relating to the filing and publication of ordinances.
Ord. No. 32,659 passed by Council 6/1/21.
Passed by Public vote 8/9/21 (8,039 yes – 6,373 no)
- 1921 (Per Columbus Dispatch 8/10/1921)
To repeal the daylight saving time ordinance
Defeated by Public vote 8/9/21 (10,072 no – 8,595 yes)
- 1922 Amend Section 93 relating to the deposit of public moneys.
Ord. No. 33,386 passed by Council 6/12/22.
Passed by Public vote 11/7/22 (46,675 yes – 12,995 no)

- 1923 Amend Sections 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 44, 49, 50, 52, 192, 195, 215, 217, 222, and 223 and repeal Sections 39, 40, 43, 45, 48, and 216 relating to the initiative, the referendum, the granting of franchises, and the recall.
Ord. No. 34,288 passed by Council 7/23/23.
Defeated by Public Vote 11/6/23 (24,668 no – 14,698 yes)
- 1924 Amend Section 192 regarding the granting of franchises.
Ord. No. 35,272 passed by Council 5/19/24.
Passed by Public vote 8/12/24 (26,017 yes – 9,288 no)
- 1925 Amend Section 7 relating to the salary and attendance of the members of Council. Increased the salary minim to three thousand dollars.
Ord. No. 36,545 passed by Council 7/27/25
Defeated by Public vote 11/3/25 (25,765 no – 5,573 yes)
- 1926 Amend Sections 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 44, 49, 50, 51, 52, 215, 216, 217, 222, and 223 and repeal sections 39, 40, 43, 45, and 48 relating to the initiative, the referendum, and the recall of petitions for ordinances.
Sections 36, 38 – Instead of the signatures of five percent of registered voters only the signatures of five percent of those who voted at the last election are needed to bring initiative to Council.
Section 37 – Signers must put date of signing on the petition.
Section 44 – Changes the maximum time between passing of ordinance to the election that the ordinance will be presented to the public from fifty to sixty days.
Section 49 – Changes the number of signatures needed to repeal an ordinance passed by Council from one thousand to two percent of those who voted at the last election.
Section 50 – reworded to comply with the previous sections
Section 52 – Council cannot override a public vote or try to resubmit subjects already voted upon for two years.
Section 215 – Changes the number of signatures needed on a petition to recall an elected or appointed official from one thousand to five percent of those who voted at the last election.
Ord. No. 37,424 passed by Council 8/30/26.
Defeated by Public Vote 11/2/26:
Initiative: For 13,102 – Against 35,057
Referendum: For 12,563 – Against 35,221
Recall: For 10,797 – Against 33,489
- 1929 Enact Sections 25-1, 25-2, 25-3, 25-4, 25-5 providing for municipal home rule in taxation. Sets maximum for tax levy at six and fifty hundredths mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.
Ord. No. 229-29 passed by Council 4/15/29.
Defeated by Public vote 8/13/29 (14,925 no – 6,400 yes)

- 1933 Amend Sections 202, 203, 204, 205, 210, and 211 and repeal sections 206, 207, 208, 209, 212, and 213 relating to the nomination and election of city council members and other officers.
Ord. No. 180-33 defeated by Council 7/17/33.
- 1933 Amend Section 200 relating to time of holding elections.
Ord. No. 217-33 defeated by Council 7/24/33.
- 1933 Amend Sections 202, 203, 204, 205, 210, and 211 and repeal sections 206, 207, 208, 209, 212, 213, and 214 relating to the nomination and election of city council members and other officials. Changes the number of petitions needed to nominate a Councilmember to one percent of the total number of registered voters and two percent for other officials. Changes the time for filing petitions to sixty days prior to the Primary election instead of thirty, and the date for acceptance to fifty days prior to the Primary election instead of twenty.
The form of the Primary ballot was also changed.
Ord. No. 199-33 passed by Council 7/24/33.
Passed by Public vote 11/7/33 (47,630 yes – 15,246 no)
- 1933 Amend Section 200 relating to the time of holding elections. Changed time of primary election to the fourth Tuesday in September instead of the third.
Ord. No. 228-33 passed by Council 7/24/33
Passed by Public vote 11/7/33 (45,024 yes – 13,521 no)
- 1933 Amend Sections 41 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, and 50 and repeal sections 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 52 relating to the initiative and referendum of ordinances proposed to Council. Provisions changed:
Sections 41, 42, 48 – Changed the signatures needed on an initiative or referendum petition to five percent of the total vote cast at the preceding municipal election, with only registered voters eligible to sign.
Section 43 – When petitions are filed, the City Clerk must verify the signatures and submit the ordinance to Council within ten days instead of five.
City Clerk no longer has sole right to determine the sufficiency of petitions.
Council cannot change ordinances submitted by petition except by a vote of the people.
Ord. No. 213-33 passed by Council 7/31/33.
Passed by Public vote 11/7/33 (35,162 yes – 20,363 no)
- 1937 Add Section 149-1 relating to appeals of the Civil Service Commission.
Ord. No. 352-37 defeated by Council 7/19/37.
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Ord. No. 80-37 passed by Council 7/26/37.
Passed by Public vote 11/2/37 (46,363 yes – 13,921 no)

- 1940 Enact Sections 25-1, 25-2, 25-3, 25-4, 25-5, and 25-6 providing for home rule in taxation.
Ord. No. 152-40 passed by Council 4/19/40.
Defeated by Public vote 6/18/40 (35,088 no - 15,644 yes)
- 1941 Amend Section 112 and enact sections 112-1 and 112-2 creating a Recreation Commission and providing the powers and duties thereof.
Ord. No. 440-41 passed by Council 7/14/41.
Defeated by Public vote 11/4/41 (33,180 no – 17,223 yes)
- 1942 Enact Sections 25-1, 25-2, 25-3, 25-4, and 25-5 providing for home rule in taxation for current operating expenses.
Ord. No. 206-42 passed by Council 4/6/42.
Defeated by Public vote 6/9/42 (25,835 no – 5,985 yes)
- 1943 Amend Section 112 and enact sections 112-1 and 112-2 creating a Recreation Commission and providing the powers and duties thereof.
Ord. No. 290-43 passed by Council 7/26/43.
Passed by Public vote 11/2/43 (43,093 yes – 18,228 no)
- 1945 Amend Sections 200(b), 202(e) and 203 relating to the nomination of municipal officers.
Section 200(b) – The date for the primary election was changed from the third Tuesday in September to the second Tuesday in August.
Section 202(e) – In the years 1945 and 1947 petitions had to be filed seventy-five days prior to the primary election instead of sixty.
Section 203 – In the years 1945 and 1947 acceptances had to be filed seventy days prior to the primary election instead of fifty-five.
Ord. No. 98-45 passed by Council 3/19/45
Passed by Public vote 5/22/45 (7,502 yes – 1,580 no)
- 1949 Amend Sections 26, 30, 31, 65, 80, 97, 136, 142, 144, 148, 159, and 162 and enact sections 60-1, 129-1, 129-2, 129-3, 129-4, 129-5, 129-6, 129-7, 129-8, 129-9, and 129-10 creating a department of finance that unites the City Auditor, City Treasurer, Mayor, Sinking Fund Trustees, and the Board of Purchase; and repeal original sections 13, 26, 30, 31, 65, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 136, 142, 144, 148, 159, and 162.
Ord. No. 439-49 passed by Council 6/6/49.
Defeated by Public vote 8/9/49 (19,651 no – 13,963 yes)
- 1953 Amend Section 192, 198, 199 relative to public utility franchises and repeal section 118 relating to the duties of the Director of Public Service referring to the enforcement of the obligations of privately owned or operated public utilities enforceable by the city. Also creating and establishing the Department of Public Utilities, providing for the appointment of a Director of Public Utilities, and fixing the powers and duties of said Director.
Ord. No. 807-53 passed by Council 8/10/53.
Passed by Public vote 11/3/53.

Transit (43,191 yes – 25,510 no)
Code change (48,493 yes – 22,891 no)

- 1954 Amend Section 200 relating to nominations and elections. Changed the date of the primary election from the second Tuesday in August to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May in odd numbered years.
Ord. No. 976-54 passed by Council 7/14/54.
Passed by Public vote 11/2/54 (45,962 yes – 33,128 no)
- 1954 Amend Section 7 relating to the salary and attendance of Councilmembers. Raised minimum salary from three thousand dollars to three thousand and six hundred dollars per annum.
Ord. No. 1052-54 passed by Council 7/19/54.
Defeated by Public vote 11/2/54 (56,873 no – 25,833 yes)
- 1954 Amend Section 162 relating to contracts with expenditures of more than \$500.00.
Ord. No. 1116-54 passed by Council 7/26/54.
Passed by Public vote 11/2/54 (41,621 yes – 35,200 no)
- 1954 Amend Section 192 relating to public utility franchises. Exempts mass transportation utilities grant legislation from voter approval.
Ord. No. 1016-54 passed by Council 7/12/54. Passed over veto of Mayor 7/29/54.
Defeated by Public vote 11/2/54 (46,168 no – 34,486 yes)
- 1957 Amend Section 202 regarding nomination of Councilmembers and other officers. Petitions for nomination of officers must be filed with the election authorities ninety days prior to the election instead of sixty.
Ord. No. 888-57 passed by Council 6/24/57.
Passed by Public vote 11/5/57 (34,521 yes - 18,733 no)
- 1957 Amend Section 151 relating to appointments within the Civil Service Commission.
Ord. No. 945-57 defeated by Council 7/8/57.
- 1958 Enact Section 125-1 beginning fluoridation of City water.
Ord. No. 276-58 passed by Council 2/24/58.
Defeated by Public vote 5/6/58 (30,030 no – 16,868 yes)
- 1960 Amend Section 5 regarding vacancies of Council, section 7 regarding salary and attendance of Councilmembers, and section 148 and 152 regarding classification of Civil Service employees.
Section 7 – Set the minimum salary at four thousand eight hundred dollars.
Section 148 – Added more people to the unclassified service.
Ord. No. 985-60 passed by Council 8/8/60.
Passed by Public vote 11/8/60 For-34,521 Against-18,733
- 1963 Amend Section 192 relating to franchises for public utilities. Allows the City to issue mortgage revenue bonds and give the holder the right to operate it without Voter approval.

- Ord. No. 205-63 passed by Council 2/25/63
Defeated by Public vote (13,220 yes – 13,250 no) 5/7/63
- 1967 Amend Sections 149 and 149-1 relating to Civil Service rules and appeals.
Ord. No. 222-67 passed by Council 2/27/67.
Passed by Public vote 5/2/67 For-35,784 Against-31,864
- 1971 Amend Section 234 relating to the procedure for amending the Charter.
Ord. No. 257-71 passed by Council 3/1/71.
Passed by Public vote 5/4/71 (43,253 yes – 33,281 no)
- 1971 Amend Section 158-1 relating to the residency requirement for employees. All unclassified and competitive classified employees must live within Franklin County or an adjacent county.
Ord. No. 258-71 passed by Council 3/1/71.
Passed by Public vote 5/4/71 (41,009 yes – 35,048 no)
- 1971 Amend Section 159 relating to the requirement of the Auditor's Certification of money required for obligations in contracts with the United States of America or the State of Ohio.
Ord. No. 1109-71 passed by Council 8/2/71.
Passed by Public vote 11/2/71 (75,634 yes – 37,263 no)
- 1972 Amend Section 97, 112-1, and 112-2, combining the Division of Parks and Forestry with the Recreation Commission, creating the Recreation and Parks Commission and providing the powers and duties thereof.
Ord. No. 1017-72 passed by Council 7/17/72.
Passed by Public vote 11/7/72 (99,202 yes – 54,240 no)
- 1972 Amend Sections 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 17, 18, 20, 22, 173, 193, 202, 204, 205, 211, 215, 216, and 219, increasing the size of Council.
Ord. No. 917-72 defeated by Council 7/24/72.
- 1972 Amend Sections 97, 112-1, and 112-2, combining the Division of Parks and Forestry with the Recreation Commission, creating the Recreation and Parks Commission and providing the powers and duties thereof.
Ord. No. 1248-72 passed by Council 8/3/72
Passed by Public vote 11/7/72 Yes-99,202 No-54,240
- 1974 Amend Section 62 and repeal sections 142, 143, 144, 162, and 163, making purchasing procedures for the city more efficient.
Ord. No. 322-74 passed by Council 3/1/74.
Passed by Public vote 5/7/74 Yes-25,711 No-19,833

- 1974 Repeal Section 200-A, Women's Suffrage.
Ord. No. 1276-74 passed by Council 7/29/74
Passed by Public vote 11/5/74 (65,463 yes – 35,474 no)
- 1974 Amend Sections 64 and 202 reducing the size of the nomination petition from two percent to one percent of the registered voters of the city, and providing for the succession of the office of the Mayor.
Ord. No. 1408-74 passed by Council 7/29/74.
Passed by Public vote 11/5/74 (62,693 yes – 37,037 no)
- 1974 Amend Section 61, 97, 98, 99, 101, 120, 122, 125, 127 and 128 and repeal sections 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 119 and 192-1. Enables Council to adopt an Administrative Code providing for administrative procedures and administrative organization of city government.
ord. No. 1424-74 passed by Council 8/14/74.
Passed by Public vote 11/5/74 (56,819 yes – 39,581 no)
- 1974 Amend Section 200 changing the primary election date to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June and allow Council to submit certain matters to the voters at primary or special elections.
Ord. No. 1514-74 passed by Council 9/5/74.
Passed by Public vote 11/5/74 (68,610 yes – 31,526 no)
- 1975 Amend Sections 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 20, 22, 173, 193, 202, 204, 205, 211, 215, 216, and 219. Increasing the size of City Council to eleven members, five elected at large and six elected by district, and outlining the processes for their nomination, election, and recall.
Ord. No. 927-75 passed by Council 7/21/75.
Defeated by Public vote 11/4/75 (43,126 yes – 65,210 no)
- 1982 Amend Section 202 and adopt Section 206 to facilitate the replacement of Councilmembers and other officers who die or withdraw prior to nomination or election. Establishes rules for a nominating committee.
Ord. No. 1410-82 passed by Council 7/26/82.
Passed by Public vote (48,160 no – 82,863 yes) 11/2/82.
- 1982 Amend Section 227 relating to interest in contracts or supplies to clarify the meaning and intent of the section.
Ord. No. 1411-82 passed by Council 7/26/82
Passed by Public vote (79,449 yes – 48,260 no) 11/2/82
- 1982 Amend Section 15 and 148 and repeal Sections 130, 131, and 132 referring to public libraries because the City no longer owns or operates them.
Ord. No. 1412-82 passed by Council 7/26/82.
Defeated by Public vote (55,097 yes – 67,875 no) 11/2/82

- 1982 Amend Section 148 to provide for unclassified deputy directors for all the Departments of the City.
Ord. No. 1413-82 passed by Council 7/26/82.
Defeated by Public vote (38,596 yes – 82,656 no) 11/2/82
- 1982 Repeal Section 230 regarding hours of labor for workmen because it is superseded by State and Federal law.
Ord. No. 1414-82 passed by Council 7/26/82.
Defeated by Public vote (56,071 yes – 61,039 no) 11/2/82
- 1982 Amend Sections 148 and 149 allowing the Civil Service Commission to make rules regarding testing for noncompetitive jobs.
Ord. No. 1415-82 passed by Council 7/26/82.
Passed by Public vote (66,197 yes – 56,206 no) 11/2/82
- 1982 Amend Sections 151 and 149 regarding the automatic certification of Civil Service employees with two years of experience.
Ord. No. 1416-82 passed by Council 7/26/82.
Defeated by Public vote (55,351 yes – 66,821 no) 11/2/82
- 1985 Amend Section 58 to permit the Mayor to serve as a member of any reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces.
Ord. No. 1710-85 passed by Council 7/29/85
Passed by Public vote (52,295 yes – 33,477) 11/5/85
- 1985 Amend Section 149 to permit the Civil Service Commission to make provisional employees permanent appointees after two years serving the same position. Proposed as one time only legislation.
Ord. No. 1712-85 passed by Council 7/29/85
Passed by Public vote (44,534 yes – 38,446 no) 11/5/85
- 1985 Amend Sections 15 and 148 and repeal Sections 130, 131, and 132 referring to public libraries because the City no longer owns or operates them.
Ord. No. 1713-85 passed by Council 7/29/85
Passed by Public vote (42,344 yes – 37,840 no) 11/5/85
- 1985 Amend Section 200 to adopt the date set by the State for holding of primary elections.
Ord. No. 1714-85 passed by Council 7/29/85.
Passed by Public vote (56,472 yes – 24,891 no) 11/5/85
- 1985 Amend Section 6 relating to the qualifications of Council members to make it consistent with the State Constitution.
Ord. No. 1778-85 passed by Council 7/29/85
passed by Public vote (56,706 yes – 25,891 no) 11/5/85

- 1991 Amend Section 149 to establish a veterans preference credit
Ord. No. 1905-91 passed by Council 7/29/91.
Passed by Public vote (68,752 yes – 62,151 no) 11/5/91
- 1993 Amend Section 5 to facilitate Council vacancies in the event of a death or resignation.
Ord. No. 1668-93 passed by Council 7/26/93.
Passed by Public vote (54,729 yes – 24,720 no) 11/2/93
- 1993 Amend Section 148 to provide that Deputy Department Directors be unclassified employees and to increase the number of unclassified employees under the offices of the Mayor, City Attorney, and City Auditor and to specify the type of employees that can be directly hired by municipally elected officials.
Ord. No. 1669-83 passed by Council 7/26/93
Defeated by Public vote (32,915 yes – 42,102 no) 11/2/93
- 1993 Amend Section 200 allowing Council to enact campaign finance reform legislation.
Ord. No. 1493-94 passed by Council 7/18/94
Passed by Public vote (81,038 yes – 43,733 no) 11/8/94
- 1994 Enact Section 202-1 to set forth the method of nomination and election of a successor for the balance of an unexpired term of a city official who has been replaced during a term of office.
Ord. No. 1843-94 passed by Council 7/25/94.
Passed by Public vote (91,173 yes – 33,649 no) 11/8/94
- 1994 Amend Sections 149 and 151 regarding Civil Service rules and appointments. Modernized the processes of promotion and appointment.
Ord. No. 1682-94 passed by Council 7/18/94
Passed by Public vote (94,006 yes – 33,898 no) 11/8/94
- 1998 To make the entire City Charter gender neutral.
Ord. No. 1825-98 passed 7-0 by Council 7/20/98
Passed by Public vote (86,307 yes – 52,768 no) 11/3/98
- 1998 Amend Section 8 establishing the day and time of Council's first meeting. The meeting shall be the first Monday in January unless that day is a holiday, then the meeting shall take place the following day. The time of the meeting changes from 8:00pm to 5:00pm.
Ord. No. 1826-98 passed 7-0 by Council 7/20/98
Passed by Public vote (91,931 yes – 37,677 no) 11/3/98
- 1998 Amend Section 27 regarding the appropriation ordinance. Shortens the time between Mayor's recommendation and Council action.
Ord. No. 1827-98 passed 7-0 by Council 7/20/98
Passed by Public vote (86,008 yes – 42,076 no) 11/3/98

- 1998 Amend Section 67, and repeal Section 77, to clarify the City Attorney's responsibilities and to eliminate conflict with the Ohio Revised Code.
Ord. No. 1828-98 passed 7-0 by Council 7/20/98
Passed by Public vote (83,678 yes – 42,071 no) 11/3/98
- 1998 Amend Sections 112-1 through 129 regarding the Departments of Public Safety, Public Service, Recreation and Parks Commission, and Health and Sanitation. Causes these sections to be retitled, reorganized, and renumbered to make them easier to read.
Ord. No. 1829-98 passed 7-0 by Council 7/20/98
Passed by Public vote (91,277 yes – 35,298 no) 11/3/98
- 1998 Amend Section 148-1 regarding the number of unclassified positions. Allows for a number of policy making and fiduciary positions to be unclassified.
Ord. No. 1830-98 passed 7-0 by Council 7/20/98.
Passed by Public vote (77,399 yes – 45,808 no) 11/3/98
- 1998 Amend Section 202 relating to nomination petitions. The number of signatures needed on a petition is changed from a fixed percentage of those who voted at the last election to one thousand for all elected municipal officials. In addition, the requirement of a notary is eliminated.
Ord. No. 1831-98 passed 7-0 by Council 7/20/98
Passed by Public vote (93,596 yes – 34,149 no) 11/3/98
- 1999 Amend Section 101-1 regarding the terms of service for Chiefs of Police and Fire.
Ord. No. 1620-99 passed by Council 7/19/99
Defeated by Public vote (148 yes – 149 no) 11/2/1999
- 2010 Amend Section 8 regarding Executive Session: To permit Council or its committees to convene in the same manner as the general law of Ohio pertaining to open meetings of public bodies when discussing issues such as personnel matters, purchase of property, litigation, collective bargaining and security matters.
Ord. No. 1143-2010 passed 7-0 by Council 7/19/2010
Passed by Public vote (204,111 yes – 130,447 no) 11/2/2010
- 2014 Amend sections 26, 32, 61, 93, 118-120, 122-124, 128, 149, 194, and 231 of the Columbus City Charter, repeal sections 121 and 133-141, and enact new sections 236-238: Equal opportunity, Rec and Parks Commission members must be residents of the City, Charter Review Commission in 2022, electronic Mayor's budget estimate, repeal of Sinking Fund, charter revisions regarding water, non-substantive changes
Ord. No. 1747-2014 passed 7-0 by Council 7/21/2014
Passed by Public vote (112,758 yes – 38,894 no) 11/4/2014
- 2014 Amend sections 41-46, repeal sections 47-51, 53-56, 200-206, 210-211, 215-223, and 234, and enact new sections 41.1-.6, 42.1-.16, 43.1-.4, 44.1-.6, 45.1-.5, and 46.1-.5: City regulation of

campaign finances, candidate petitions; petitions for initiative, referendum, and recall; initiative and referendum; proposed initiatives for ordinances, referendums, and charter amendments; recall petitions.

Ord. No. 1748-2014 passed 7-0 by Council 7/21/2014

Passed by Public vote (104,967 yes – 42,484 no) 11/4/2014

2014 Amend sections 3-6, 8-11, 13-19, 31, 33-34, 58, 64, 66-67, 78-79, 87, and 227, repeal sections 7, 12, 59, and 145, and enact new sections 5.1-.2, 9.1-.3, 10.1-.2, 11.1-.2, 15.1-.5, 64.1-.3, 78.1-.2, 87.1-.2 and 239-240: Open meetings; citizen's commission on official compensation; special and emergency meetings; permanent public record.

Ord. No. 1749-2014 passed 7-0 by Council 7/21/2014

Passed by Public vote (122,302 yes – 27,391 no) 11/4/2014

2016 Amend sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 9-3, 17, 18, 22, 41-3, 46, and 46-3; enact new sections 6-1, 7, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, and 7-5: to create City Council districts, provide for the election of councilmembers from districts, and change the number of councilmembers elected at-large to three.

Ord. No. 1413-2016 passed 7-0 by Council 5/23/2016

Defeated by Public vote (14,163 yes – 35,456 no) 8/2/2016

2018 Amend sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 20, 22, 41-3, 41-5, 173, 193, and 236; enact new sections 4-1, 7, 7-1, 7-2, and 7-3: Expansion of City Council membership from seven to nine seats, elected from districts; establishes an independent, citizen-led five-member districting commission to draft proposed council districts.

Ord. No. 0650-2018 passed 7-0 by Council 3/5/2018

Passed by Public vote (65,269 yes – 21,791 no) 5/8/2018

2020 Enact new sections 215, 216, 217: establishing the Civilian Police Review Board and the Department of the Inspector General.

Ord. No. 1819-2020 passed 7-0 by Council 7/27/2020

Passed by Public vote (271,982 yes – 93,429 no) 11/3/2020

Unresolved Issues

1981 Proposal for automatic certification of provisional employees.

1988 Proposed Charter Amendment – AFSCME – Automatic certification of provisional employees after two years (Letter dated 5/16/88 from AFSCME only. Never made it to ordinance form).