

2009-2010 HAWAI'I COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION  
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Commission Member: \_\_\_\_\_

2. If applicable, list the charter provision(s) to be deleted or amended:

3. Provide a brief description of the purpose of the proposed charter amendment; include a description of the issue the proposal would address:

4. If the proposal is based on a provision(s) in the charter or law of another jurisdiction, name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of the relevant provision(s).

5. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy with a citation to its source.

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6. Attach the text of the proposed charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see below).

Ramseyer Format, if proposing:

Amendments to Existing Charter Provisions

Any language being proposed to be added to the Charter shall be underscored.

Any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter shall be [bracketed].

Replacing Existing Charter Provisions in their Entirety

Clearly indicate the article(s), chapter(s), and/or section(s) of the Charter to be proposed to be deleted, and provide the text of any provisions proposed to replace the deleted material.

New Charter Provisions

Provide the text of the new provision(s) and, if possible, indicate where in the Charter the new material should be inserted.

## CHARTER AMENDMENT NO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I:

Section 1. Article XI, section 10-3, Hawai'i County Charter, is amended to read as follows, with added language underscored and deleted language bracketed:

**“Section 15-3. Mandatory Charter Review.**

The charter shall be reviewed in 1989 and every tenth year thereafter. Not later than the ~~[fifteenth day of January of the charter review year]~~ first day of July prior to the charter review year, the mayor with the confirmation of the council, shall appoint a charter commission composed of eleven members to study and review the operation of the government of the county under this charter. Commission members, no more than a majority of whom shall belong to the same political party, shall be representative of the various geographical areas of Puna, Ka'u, Kona, Kohala, Hamakua, and Hilo. The council shall appropriate funds to enable the commission to carry out its duties, including the hiring of necessary staff.

The commission shall hold at least one public hearing in each of the geographical areas. The commission may propose amendments to the existing charter or a draft of a new charter which shall be submitted to the county clerk. Upon receipt of the amendments or charter in the form as proposed by the commission, the county clerk shall provide for the submission of such amendments or charter to the electors of the county at either a special election as determined by the commission or at the first general election following the charter review year. The commission shall prepare the language of the question to be submitted to the voters for each of the amendments it proposes.

The commission shall publish not less than forty-five days before any election, at least once in at least two daily newspapers of general circulation within the county, a brief digest of the amendments or charter and the purpose thereof and a notice to the electorate that copies of the amendments or charter are available at the office of the county clerk.

If the majority of voters voting upon a charter amendment votes in favor of it or a new charter, if a new charter is proposed, the amendment or new charter shall become effective at the time fixed in the amendment or charter.”

Section 2. This amendment shall take effect upon approval by the electorate.