

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 III, section 3-7, Hawai'i County Charter, is amended to read as follows, with added language underscored and deleted language bracketed and stricken through:

“Section 3-7. Meetings; Rules and Journals; Voting and Quorum.

- (a) The county council shall meet regularly at least twice in every month at such times and places as shall be established by rule of the council, and meet at least quarterly in the judicial district of North Kona or South Kona.
- (b) The council shall determine its rules and order of business and shall provide for keeping a journal of its proceedings, which shall be a public record, in which the ayes and noes shall be entered as required by this charter or at any other time upon the demand of any member.
- (c) The affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership shall be necessary for council action.
- (d) A majority of the entire membership of the council shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time and may compel the attendance of absent members.
- (e) Whenever the term "entire membership" appears in this charter pertaining to council voting, it means the entire membership of nine members, even if there are vacancies.
- (f) All referrals forwarded to the council shall be placed on the council agenda with a minimum of six calendar days notice to the public.
- (g) Filing and posting of public notice of the council agendas for public access shall be prior to 4:30 p.m. on the sixth calendar day prior to the council meeting and shall be accomplished by physically posting the agenda outside of the building that houses the office of the county clerk to allow public access and posting the agenda on the county website under the county council section prior to the 4:30 p.m. deadline.

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