

Summary of Approved Ordinances for Six Proposed Charter Amendments

The Charter Review Commission approved four resolutions and the County Commission approved two ordinances with topics to be placed on the ballot for voter consideration at the November 2020 General Election. Below is a summary of all six proposed amendments, the resolutions and ordinances with full language are attached to the agenda item.

Charter Review Commission (CRC) Approved Resolutions

CRC Resolution 2020-01 This resolution proposes to establish a County Growth Management Area to be defined by a mapped area (map in attached resolution). Parcels within the area established would be governed by the County's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations, even if the property were to be annexed into a municipality. A supermajority vote of the County Commission would be required to remove any area from the map.

CRC Resolution 2020-04 This resolution proposes to establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Approval of the ballot measure would establish the fund to address the need for affordable housing by using the funds to create and sustain affordable housing for renters and homeowners and to increase workforce housing. It would be funded as directed by the County Commission using the general fund, contributions from municipalities, grants, donations, mandatory or voluntary payments from new commercial or residential as established by ordinance of the County Commission, or other sources. The County Commission would be required to adopt an implementing ordinance by July 1, 2021.

CRC Resolution 2020-05 This resolution proposes removing the unconstitutional provisions of the charter: 1) deletes the requirement for an Alachua County Commission candidate to live in the district at the time of qualifying and 2) deletes the provision prohibiting protections based on sexual orientation, sexual preference or similar characteristics.

CRC Resolution 2020-06 Candidate Treasurer Report. This resolution if approved at the ballot, would remove the requirement for candidates to file a paper copy of the treasurers' report.

County Commission Approved Ordinances

Natural Resources Ordinance This ordinance proposes to enable County-wide protection of certain natural resources including within municipalities by requiring that the more stringent of County or municipal ordinances prevail to the extent of any conflict, including protection of listed species habitat, significant geologic features, strategic ecosystems, and significant habitat, all of which are defined in the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan.

Equity Ordinance This ordinance proposes to require the County Commission to annually examine policies for all County operations and endeavor to eliminate all elements of racial and gender bias in both the design and delivery of County programs and services.