



City of Coconut Creek

Chamber of Commerce Presentation:

Proposed Charter Amendment

November 5, 2024



What is a Charter?

A municipal charter is a legal document that outlines the structure, powers, and responsibilities of local government. It also establishes procedures for electing officials, making laws, and managing finances.

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Procedures for Amending the Charter:

Option #1 - Initiation by Ordinance: The City Commission can propose amendments, that must be presented to the residents for a vote, following two public readings. *(This was the option selected for this proposed Charter Amendment)*

Option #2 - Initiation by Petition: A group of residents can propose an amendment if they gather signatures from 10% of registered voters from the last general election.

Option #3 - Charter Review Board (CRB): Every 5 years, a CRB is appointed to review the charter and recommend changes, which must also be presented to the residents for a vote.

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Tuesday, November 5th Election

PROPOSED COCONUT CREEK BALLOT:

CHANGE TO ELECTED MAYOR AND FOUR (4) DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
INSTEAD OF FIVE (5) DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS.

QUESTION:

SHOULD THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO CREATE THE POSITION OF AN ELECTED MAYOR
AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS FROM FIVE (5) TO FOUR (4)?

THIS CHANGE WILL REQUIRE MODIFYING THE CITY'S DISTRICT MAP TO PROVIDE ONLY
FOUR (4) DISTRICTS AND AN ELECTED MAYOR (ALL ELECTED AT LARGE).

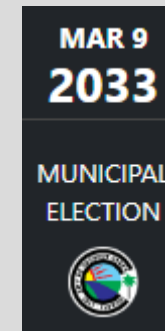
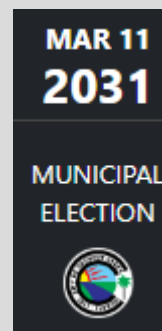
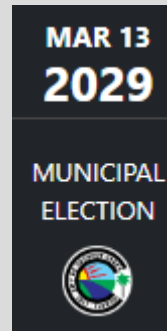
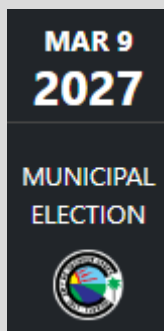
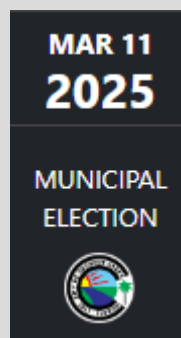
THE MARCH 9, 2027 MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE CANCELED AND ALL ELECTED OFFICES
WILL BE ON THE BALLOT AT THE MARCH 13, 2029 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

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★ Each March, the Commission votes for who should be Mayor for a one (1) year term.

Current Election Schedule:



District B
District C
District E

District A
District D

District B
District C
District E

District A
District D

District B
District C
District E

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★ Starting in March 2029, the voters would elect a Mayor for a four (4) year term.

If the Proposed Charter Amendment passes:



District B
District C
District E

Election is cancelled and terms for Districts A & D are extended to March 2029.

Mayor and four (4) Districts all up for election. Mayor will serve a four (4) year term; short lot will serve a two (2) year term; & long lot will serve a four (4) year term.

Two (2) short lot districts are up for election.

Mayor and two (2) long lot Districts are up for election.

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Voter Information:

- **Vote by Mail:** You can request a mail-in ballot from the Broward County Supervisor of Elections, which must be returned by 7 PM on Election Day. The deadline to request a Vote By Mail Ballot is Thursday, October 24, 2024.
- **In-Person Voting:** Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
- **Early Voting:** Early voting will be held from Monday, October 21st, through Sunday, November 3rd from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There are 29 early voting locations in Broward County and you can vote at any one of them. The closest location for Coconut Creek residents is North Regional Library at Broward College, located at 1100 Coconut Creek Boulevard.



Coconut Creek Election Day Polling Locations:

Precinct #	Precinct Location	Address	Zip
F1	Recreation Complex	4455 Sol Press Blvd.	33073
F2	Winston Park Elementary	4000 Winston Park Blvd.	33073
F3	Governmental Center	4800 West Copans Road	33063
F4	Wynmoor Community Council - West Wing	1300 Avenue of the Stars	33066
F5	Community Center	1100 Lyons Road	33066
F6	Community Center	1100 Lyons Road	33066
F7	Community Center	1100 Lyons Road	33066
F8	Monarch High School	5050 Wiles Road	33073
F9	Recreation Complex	4455 Sol Press Blvd.	33073



Frequently Asked Question #1:

HOW WILL THE ELECTION PROCESS CHANGE UNDER THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT?

Under the current system, all five district commissioners are elected at-large. Under the new system, all elected positions—including the mayor and four district commissioners—would be elected at-large, meaning that all voters in the City can vote for each position.

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Frequently Asked Question #2:

WHAT WOULD THE TERM LIMITS BE FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED POSITIONS?

After the reorganization in March of 2029, no individual may serve more than three consecutive elected terms, including partial terms. This applies interchangeably across the positions of mayor and district commissioner. Elected terms prior to March 13, 2029, do not count towards the consecutive term calculation. After reaching the term limit, individuals must be out of office for at least one election cycle before running again, meaning a minimum of two (2) years.

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Frequently Asked Question #3:

WHAT WOULD THE KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTED MAYOR BE UNDER THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT?

If this does pass, there are no new responsibilities for the mayor. The elected mayor will continue to serve as the head of the City for ceremonial purposes and preside over Commission meetings, but will not have administrative duties beyond what is currently prescribed by the City Charter. The mayor will continue to have the power to sign all official documents and set meeting dates and locations.

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Questions?



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