



Proposed Charter Amendments

City Council Second Reading

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Background

Constitutions and Charters are frequently amended with “housekeeping changes”:

State	Date of Constitution	Number of Amendments
Colorado	1876	159
Arizona	1912	154
Nevada	1864	100
New Mexico	1912	66
Utah*	Since 2006	15

*Does not allow Initiative Amendments

Background

Littleton Charter Amendments have been submitted to voters 8 times since 1959:

- 1969
- 1975
- 1987
- 1991
- 1997
- 2004
- 2013
- 2015

Role of the City Council

Charter amendments are a public policy decision:

- Council decides the appropriate public policy
- Staff implements in accordance with direction given

Ordinance No. 27-2018

Amend Section 58 pertaining to the municipal court to change the title of judge to Presiding Municipal Judge and provide for council confirmation of judges appointed by the Presiding Municipal Judge.

- Pro: Charter will reflect separation of powers and proper title of municipal judge
- Con: Change to the existing charter