

Charter Amendments

11/8/1983

AMENDMENT #6

ELECTED OFFICIALS - POWERS AND DUTIES

Shall Section 4.20 of the Clallam County Charter be amended to mandate that the Auditor, Assessor, Treasurer and Sheriff utilize the personnel, budgeting, purchasing, property control and records management systems established by the County Commissioners through ordinance?

For - 8,107
Against - 6,015

PASSED

11/8/1983

AMENDMENT #7

ELIMINATING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR POSITION

Shall Article VI of the Clallam County Charter be deleted to eliminate the position of Administrative Coordinator and a new Section 5.50 be created to establish a Commissioner's Assistant position, which will have no executive or administrative authority over any county office or department, other than those delegated by the Commissioners, regarding the operation of the Commissioners office?

For - 5,301
Against - 8,485

FAILED

11/8/1983

AMENDMENT #8

BUDGET PROCESS

Shall Sections 9.10, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50 and 9.70 be deleted from the Clallam County Charter and be replaced by new provisions requiring the County's budget to be adopted in compliance with State law; requiring the Commissioners to hold informal budget meetings with each department head or elected official and to prepare a budget message explaining the proposed budget; and requiring the final budget hearing to be conducted on the latest date allowed by State law?

For - 7,633
Against - 6,117

PASSED

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**AMENDMENT #9
LIMITED AUTHORIZATION OF MULTI-YEAR
CONTRACTS**

Shall Section 9.80 of the Clallam County Charter be amended to allow the County to enter into multi-year contracts without necessitating the adoption of an ordinance, so long as such contracts provide that payment of County funds for subsequent fiscal years is contingent upon the County's adoption of the necessary appropriations in accordance with the County's budget process?

For - 6,473
Against - 7,266

FAILED

11/8/1983

**AMENDMENT #10
COMMISSIONERS SUPERVISION OF
PERSONNEL SYSTEM**

Shall Section 10.10 of the Clallam County Charter be amended to require that the Personnel system be operated, supervised and budgeted as a program of the Commissioner's office?

For - 5,279
Against - 8,633

FAILED

11/8/1983

**AMENDMENT #11
EXEMPTION FROM PERSONNEL SYSTEM**

Shall Section 10.20 of the Clallam County Charter be amended to provide that personnel in the Sheriff's Office currently serving in positions designated as unclassified service pursuant to the State Civil Service Act, be exempt from the County's personnel system?

For - 5,639
Against - 8,089

FAILED

11/8/1983

**AMENDMENT #12
NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Shall Section 10.30 of the Clallam County Charter be amended by deleting the current listing of impermissible grounds for discrimination and replace it with a general provision requiring the County in the exercise of its powers on in the performance of its duties to ensure that no person is subjected to discrimination as defined by applicable provisions of Federal and State law?

For - 6,673
Against - 7,276

FAILED

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**AMENDMENT #13
EMPLOYEE TERMINATION HEARING**

Shall Section 10.40 of the Clallam County Charter, which provides County employees with the right to a public hearing before the Board of Clallam County Commissioners upon suspension or dismissal from county employment, be deleted?

For - 6,380
Against - 8,144

FAILED

11/8/1983

**AMENDMENT #14
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION ELECTION**

Shall Section 11.10.10 of the Clallam County Charter be amended to provide for the election of a Charter Review Commission every five years after November 1983; to require that each member be a resident of the Commissioner's district that he or she represents; to provide that each member be elected by district; to require the Commission to convene within 30 days of their election and serve a one year term from the date of said election?

For - 7,600
Against - 6,198

PASSED

11/8/1983

**AMENDMENT #15
REVIEW COMMISSIONS PROPOSING
REPEAL OF CHARTER**

Shall Sections 11.10.30 and 11.20.20 of the Clallam County Charter be amended to allow the Charter Review Commission to propose repeal of the Charter?

For - 4,416
Against - 9,032

FAILED

11/8/1983

**AMENDMENT #16
REPEAL OF CHARTER BY PEOPLE**

Shall Section 11.20.50 of the Clallam County Charter be amended to decrease the number of signatures of registered voters required to initiate repeal of the Charter from 35% to 20%?

For - 4,067
Against - 9,976

FAILED

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**AMENDMENT #17
CLAIMS AGAINST COUNTY**

Shall Section 12.40 of the Clallam County Charter be amended to delete the requirements that legal actions commenced against the County, be brought within sixty days after the filing of a claim with the County?

For - 7,254
Against - 6,744

PASSED

11/7/1989

**AMENDMENT #1
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Shall the elective offices of Auditor and Treasurer be eliminated and a Department of Finance created effective January 1, 1991, whose appointed director shall have those powers and duties which apply to County Auditors and Treasurers under law and who shall have those duties common to corporate chief financial officers?

For - 3,953
Against - 7,437

FAILED

11/7/1989

**AMENDMENT #2
NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS**

Shall all elected offices, except for the County Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney, be non-partisan?

For - 6,879
Against - 4,339

PASSED

11/7/1989

**AMENDMENT #3
ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS COMPLIANCE**

Shall all elected officials exercise the powers and duties of their respective offices as provided by state law and utilize the personnel, budgeting, purchasing, property control and records management systems established thorough ordinance to the extent permitted by state law?

For - 7,834
Against - 2,521

PASSED

11/7/1989

**AMENDMENT #4
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR TITLE CHANGE**

Shall the title of Administrative Coordinator be changed to Administrator?

For - 5,686
Against - 4,676

PASSED

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11/7/1989

**AMENDMENT #5
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

Shall the name of the independent candidate who receives a number of votes equal to or greater than any candidate otherwise entitled to be placed upon the general election ballot and who receives a plurality of the votes cast for independent candidates in the primary election for that office be placed upon the general election ballot?

For - 8,728
Against - 2,140

PASSED

11/7/1989

**AMENDMENT #6
COMMISSIONER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

Shall each county commissioner district boundary be contiguous, with boundaries between districts running generally north and south?

For - 7,463
Against - 2,710

PASSED

11/7/1989

**AMENDMENT #7
COMMISSIONER DISTRICT VOTING PRECINCTS**

Shall each county commissioner district be composed of whole voting precincts to the maximum extent possible?

For - 8,418
Against - 1,841

PASSED

11/7/1989

**AMENDMENT #8
DISTRICTING COMMISSION**

Shall the county commissioner district Districting Commission be composed of members who shall serve without compensation and who shall be appointed by each of the County Commissioners, each of whom shall be prohibited from holding that position, and by each major political party as such party is defined by state law?

For - 6,615
Against - 3,055

PASSED

11/7/1989

**AMENDMENT #9
BUDGET HEARING DATE**

Shall the county budget hearing be conducted on or before the latest date allowed by state law?

For - 8,694
Against - 1,557

PASSED

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11/8/1994 **AMENDMENT #1**
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONERS
Shall the number of county commissioners be increased from three (3) to five (5), the additional commissioners to be elected in November, 1995, after the new commissioner districts have been created?

For - 8,909
Against - 13,857 **FAILED**

11/8/1994 **AMENDMENT #2**
CLAIMS FILING PROCEDURE
Shall claims for damages against Clallam County be filed in a manner to be established by the Board of County Commissioners?

For - 9,668
Against- 11,567 **FAILED**

11/8/1994 **AMENDMENT #3**
DEATH INVESTIGATIONS
Shall the Board of County Commissioners have the authority to create a death investigation system?

For - 10,096
Against - 11,687 **FAILED**

11/8/1994 **AMENDMENT #4**
CHARTER COMMISSION REVIEWS
Shall the next Charter Review Commission be elected in the year 2001 and every five(5) years thereafter?

For - 14,178
Against - 6,187 **PASSED**

11/8/1994 **AMENDMENT #5**
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
Shall Independent Candidates for office be nominated and elected according to the procedures set forth in State Law except that only the Independent Candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast for Independent Candidates in the Primary Election for a particular office advances to the General Election ballot?

For - 14,722
Against - 5,806 **PASSED**

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11/8/1994

**AMENDMENT #6
ORDINANCE ADOPTION PROCEDURES**

Shall Ordinances be adopted in the manner prescribed by State Law except Emergency Ordinances which may continue to be adopted without a Public Hearing?

For - 9,088
Against - 11,412

FAILED

11/7/1995

**AMENDMENT #7
HEARING EXAMINER SYSTEM**

Shall a hearing examiner system be established for consideration of land and shoreline development issues and for the conduct of other non-legislative hearings as determined by the Board of County Commissioners?

For - 9,924
Against - 8,375

PASSED

11/5/2002

**AMENDMENT #1
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning the Director of the Department of Community Development. This proposal would convert the appointed position of Director of the Department of Community Development into an elected office and would establish the duties and responsibilities of the office. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 13,8113
Rejected - 10,439

PASSED

11/5/2002

**AMENDMENT #2
ADMINISTRATOR**

The Clallam County Carter Review Commission has proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning the Administrator. This proposal would add language regarding the selection, qualifications and duties and responsibilities of the position. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 18,137
Rejected - 5,394

PASSED

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11/5/2002

AMENDMENT #3

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning the redistricting of County Commissioner districts. This proposal would establish a priority of factors to be considered when redistricting, establish new timelines for the redistricting process and provide for public hearings. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 17,029
Rejected - 6,008

PASSED

11/5/2002

AMENDMENT #4

NON-PARTISAN PRIMARIES

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning non-partisan primaries. The proposal would require a primary for non-partisan offices only when there are three or more candidates for the office. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 15,857
Rejected - 7,718

PASSED

11/5/2002

AMENDMENT #5

INITIATIVE, MINI-INITIATIVE, AND REFERENDUM

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning the initiative, mini-initiative, and referendum. The proposal would delete existing Home Rule Charter Sections 8.10 through 8.80, inclusive, and replace them with new provisions for the initiative, mini-initiative and referendum process. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 9,924
Rejected - 10,625

FAILED

11/4/2003

**AMENDMENT #1
COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS AND RECALL
BY DISTRICT**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning the election of County Commissioners. This proposal would provide for the election of County Commissioners by district and not county wide beginning in 2005 and would further provide for the recall by district of County Commissioners by district. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 9,703
Rejected - 10,3700

FAILED

11/4/2003

**AMENDMENT #2
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment concerning the financial administration of the County. The proposal provides for multiple public hearings, adoption of fiscal policies, preparation of a budget narrative and a mid-year budget review. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 12,951
Rejected - 5,744

PASSED

11/4/2003

**AMENDMENT #3
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS**

The Clallam County Home Rule Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment concerning real estate transactions. The proposed amendment would make it the responsibility of the County Commissioners to execute real estate documents, except where that duty falls upon another County officer pursuant to state law and would authorize real estate leases for a period not to exceed that permitted by state law. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 9,496
Rejected - 8,459

PASSED

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11/4/2003

**AMENDMENT #4
PERSONNEL SYSTEM**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment concerning the County personnel system. The proposal would provide for a county career service for personnel system members who assume positions exempt from the personnel system and would provide for personnel hearings to be conducted before a hearing examiner. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 7,434
Rejected - 10,265

FAILED

11/4/2003

**AMENDMENT #5
LEGISLATIVE ACTS**

The Clallam county Board of Commissioners has adopted an ordinance proposing amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning regular ordinances. This proposal provides that a legislative act is one which has the force of law. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 7,493
Rejected - 10,228

FAILED

11/4/2003

**AMENDMENT #6
CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES**

The Clallam County Board of Commissioners has adopted an ordinance proposing amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning the codification of ordinances. This proposal provides that franchises would be exempt from compilation in the county code. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 6,425
Rejected - 10,835

FAILED

11/4/2003

**AMENDMENT #7
BUDGET MESSAGE**

The Clallam County Board of Commissioners has adopted an ordinance proposing amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning the budget message. This proposal removes the requirement that the Board of commissioners adopt an ordinance establishing fees for copies of the budget. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 9,131
Rejected - 8,735

PASSED

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11/4/2003

**AMENDMENT #8
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

The Clallam County Board of Commissioners has adopted an ordinance proposing amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning election of a Charter Review Commission. This proposal provides that the Charter Review Commission would be elected in 2011 and every 10 years thereafter. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 7,667
Rejected - 10,713

FAILED

11/6/2007

**AMENDMENT #1
INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning instant runoff or rank choice voting for candidates for elected County offices except judges and the Prosecuting Attorney. This amendment would authorize the County Commissioners to adopt an ordinance that would allow for instant runoff or rank choice voting to be used in place of the current method of voting. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 10,145
Rejected - 12,212

FAILED

11/6/2007

**AMENDMENT #2
EMINENT DOMAIN**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning eminent domain. This amendment would require that private property taken by the County would only be for public use and not primarily or substantially for economic development purposes. It would further require that any interest taken by the County be limited only to that which is necessary to accomplish the public use. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 20,579
Rejected - 3,199

PASSED

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11/6/2007

**AMENDMENT #3
DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning changing the manner of selecting a specific County officer. This amendment would change the manner of selecting the Director of the County Department of Community Development from direct election by the voters to appointment by the County Commissioners. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 9,697
Rejected - 13,320

FAILED

11/6/2007

**AMENDMENT #4
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has Proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning independent candidates. This amendment would remove the existing provision regarding independent candidates from the Clallam County Home Rule Charter and thereby bring the Charter into compliance with existing state laws on partisan primaries. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 15,434
Rejected - 6,106

PASSED

11/6/2007

**AMENDMENT #5
FREQUENCY OF CHARTER REVIEW**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission has Proposed amending the Clallam County Home Rule Charter concerning the frequency with which the Clallam County Home Rule Charter is reviewed. This amendment would require the County Commissioners to cause an election of a Charter Review Commission commencing with the state-wide general election in November 2014 and every eight (8) years thereafter. Should this proposal be:

Approved - 14,246
Rejected - 7,131

PASSED

11/3/2015

**AMENDMENT #1
ELECTIONS FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning elections of Commissioners to the Board of County Commissioners. This amendment would require each Commissioner to be nominated and elected solely by the voters of his or her represented district, replacing the provision that allows each Commissioner to be elected at large, *i.e.* by a countywide majority, during the general election. Should this amendment be:

Approved - 13,100
Rejected - 7,815

PASSED

11/3/2015

**AMENDMENT #2
FREQUENCY OF CHARTER REVIEW**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the frequency the County reviews its Home Rule Charter. This amendment would require Clallam County to review its Home Rule Charter, by electing commissioners to serve on a Charter Review Commission, every five (5) years instead of every eight (8) years. Should this amendment be:

Approved - 12,590
Rejected - 8,152

PASSED

11/3/2015

**AMENDMENT #3
TRANSMISSION OF INITIATIVES TO VOTERS**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the Board of Commissioners' participation in transmitting citizen initiatives. This amendment would require qualified initiatives to be proposed directly to the voters without prior consideration, adoption, or rejection by the Board of County Commissioners. Should this amendment be:

Approved - 13,066
Rejected - 7,596

PASSED

Charter Amendments

11/3/2015

**AMENDMENT #4
TRANSMISSION OF REFERENDA TO VOTERS**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the Board of Commissioners' participation in transmitting citizen referenda. This amendment would require qualified referenda to be proposed directly to the voters without prior consideration, adoption, or rejection by the Board of County Commissioners. Should this amendment be:

Approved - 12,710
Rejected - 7,679

PASSED

11/3/2015

**AMENDMENT #5
SIGNATURE GATHERING FOR INITIATIVES**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the time period to gather signatures for citizen initiatives. This amendment would increase the time for gathering signatures for initiatives from ninety (90) days to one hundred and twenty (120) days. Should this amendment be:

Approved - 12,258
Rejected - 8,629

PASSED

11/3/2015

**AMENDMENT #6
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the Director of the Department of Community Development (DCD). This amendment would require the DCD Director to become an office appointed by the Board of County Commissioners instead of an office elected by the voting public at large. Should this amendment be:

Approved - 7,278
Rejected - 13,388

FAILED

Charter Amendments

11/3/2015

**AMENDMENT #7
HOME RULE CHARTER INTERPRETATION**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the interpretation of the Clallam County Home Rule Charter. This amendment would require charter interpretations to afford Clallam County those powers conferred to charter counties under state law and this home rule charter. Should this amendment be:

Approved - 11,384
Rejected - 7,173

PASSED

11/3/2015

**AMENDMENT #8
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONERS' ELECTED TERM**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the Charter Review Commission Members' one-year term of office. This amendment would cause the commissioners' one-year term to begin on the first day of January, instead of beginning on the day of their election. Should this amendment be:

Approved - 17,145
Rejected - 3,094

PASSED

11/8/2016

**AMENDMENT #1
VACANCIES IN PUBLIC OFFICE**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning vacancies in public offices. This amendment would require the charter to use the same language as state law when referencing vacant offices that are nonpartisan or previously held by an official that did not state a preference for a political party. Should this amendment be:

Approved - 28,672
Rejected - 5,819

PASSED

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11/8/2016

**AMENDMENT #2
EMPLOYEE APPEALS OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning a county employee's right to a public disciplinary hearing. This amendment would require an employee contesting a suspension or dismissal from county employment to choose (1) a hearing prescribed by county policies, or (2) a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners as allowed by charter; thereby, eliminating the ability to pursue both. Should this amendment be:

Approved - 26,614
Rejected - 8,682

PASSED