

Charter Review Extended Public Comment Meeting



Thursday, April 18, 2024



5:30 PM – Meeting Begins
6:00 PM – Extended Comment Period



**Tacoma Municipal Building,
Council Chambers**

747 Market Street, First Floor
Tacoma, WA 98402



MORE INFO:

For more info, including submitting comments, or questions:
bit.ly/COT-Charter-Review

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the City Charter?

The City Charter is Tacoma's constitution, or governing law. The purpose of the Charter is to set forth the organization, and basic rights and privileges of the City government.

Why is the City Charter being reviewed?

The City Charter requires a review at least once every 10 years, and the Charter Review Committee's role is to perform a comprehensive review and make recommendations to the City Council for any proposed amendments. The City Council can accept or reject the Committee's recommendations as well as make their own. Any proposed amendments will appear on the ballot in the November 5, 2024, election. The last review and public vote was in 2014.

Why should I care about the 2024 Charter Review?

The 2024 Charter Review directly affects you, because the City Charter drives the way our local government operates. The charter touches on the duties of the legislative branch, including the city council's creation and composition and the mayor's duties. Also, the duties of the administrative branch, including those of the city manager. Additionally, the charter dictates the details of public utilities, nominations and elections, city officers and personnel, the city budget, and the public's participation in initiatives and referenda.

How can I become involved?

The Charter Review Committee looks to you for your ideas about Tacoma's constitution. You can provide written comments or attend a public meeting and provide your input in person.

How can I share my ideas?

You are welcome to provide written comment for any Charter Review Committee meeting. The Charter Review Committee meets in a hybrid format, with in-person and virtual options to attend and provide comment on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 PM in the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street.

Who are the Charter Review Committee members?

The Charter Review Committee is made up of 15 Tacoma residents appointed by City Council. Each Council Member chose one person for appointment, with the Mayor choosing the Chair. The remaining 6 members were appointed by the full Council following an open application and interview process. The Committee reflects a cross section of Tacoma.

When will the Charter Review Committee provide its recommendations?

On May 7, 2024, the Charter Review Committee will provide its recommendations for any City Charter amendments to the City Council.

Where do I go for more information?

Information about the 2024 Charter Review is available at cityoftacoma.org/charterreview.



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