

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER

*Text proposed for amendment in the City Charter is listed in **red font**, with additions in ***bold italics*** and deletions in ~~*strikethrough italics*~~.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Section 404. CITY COUNCIL, PRESIDING OFFICER, MAYOR.

(a) Commencing in ~~2026~~ **2028**, on the second Wednesday of ~~April~~ **December**, following the adoption of any certified general ~~or special~~ municipal election results by which any council member is declared elected, **and annually on the same day in non-election years**, the City Council shall meet and shall elect one of its members as its presiding officer, who shall have the title of Mayor. ***If at any other time the Mayor's seat is vacated, the City Council shall meet and elect one of its members as its presiding officer, who shall have the title of Mayor, at the next regular City Council meeting or call a special meeting to be held for such purpose.*** The Mayor shall have a voice and vote in all its proceedings. The Mayor shall be the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes. The Mayor shall also act in a liaison capacity between the City Council and the City Manager, and in such capacity shall advise the City Manager on matters of Council policy. The Mayor shall perform such other duties consistent with the office as may be prescribed by this Charter or as may be imposed by the City Council. The Mayor shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the City Council.

(b) MAYOR PRO TEMPORE. The City Council shall also designate one of its members as Mayor Pro Tempore, who shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the City Council. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of the Mayor during an absence or disability.

(As amended by Cerritos voters at the following election(s): March 4, 2025, April 12, 2022)

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS

Section 800. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

General municipal elections for the election of officers and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe shall be held in the City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in ~~March~~ **November** of each ~~odd~~ **even**-numbered year. ***General municipal elections shall be consolidated with the Statewide general election.*** ~~The date for the election was established by ordinance of the City Council, pursuant to the provisions of this Charter in effect at the time of the said ordinance adoption.~~ Any ~~subsequent~~ change to the general municipal election date shall require voter approval. A change in the date of the general municipal election may change the length of a term of office, but only to the extent required to accommodate that change of date, and subject to the limitation that as a result of any Charter amendment effecting a change in date of an election, no term of office shall be increased or decreased by more than twelve months; thereafter, such terms of office shall be of such length as is otherwise provided by law.