

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT ONE  
CLARIFY COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Section 8 of the Charter shall be amended to clarify that unless explicitly stated otherwise in the Charter, the terms City Council or Council as used throughout the Charter shall mean the Mayor and six City Council members collectively as one governing body and, thereafter, City Council may adopt by ordinance appropriate amendments to the City Charter to correct usage to this intent.

YES  
NO

**CHARTER AMENDMENT TWO  
TERM LIMITS**

Section 13(c) of the Charter shall be amended that no one can serve more than eight consecutive years (two terms) in the singular position of Mayor or Council, or more than sixteen consecutive years (four terms) in any combination of the positions. After two years out of office, an individual may re-qualify for any seat on the City Council as a Council member or as Mayor.

YES  
NO

**CHARTER AMENDMENT THREE  
REFERENDUM SPENDING; CAMPAIGN SPENDING**

Section 15 of the Charter shall be amended to modify referendum and campaign spending limits by increasing the maximum cap annually based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) or three (3%) percent, whichever is less.

YES  
NO

**CHARTER AMENDMENT FOUR**  
**DECREASE RUN-OFFS WITH MULTIPLE CANDIDATES**

Section 17 of the Charter shall be amended that instead of 50% plus one voter, the person with the highest number of votes cast for the seat shall be elected. A run-off will be held in the event of an exact tie on the earliest date that the run-off election can be conducted.

YES  
NO

**CHARTER AMENDMENT FIVE**  
**DEPUTY MAYOR / FILLING VACANT COUNCIL SEATS**

Sections 18 and 21 (C) of the Charter shall be amended to clarify that the Deputy Mayor is elected by City Council and, if a vacancy occurs, the Deputy Mayor serves as Mayor unless the vacancy is more than 180 days, in which case the seat is filled by special election for the remainder of the term.

YES  
NO

**CHARTER AMENDMENT SIX**  
**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Section 26 of the Charter shall be amended to permit voice votes instead of roll calls on certain votes taken by City Council, and require a majority of the eligible voting Council members present rather than an affirmative vote of four members to be valid and binding. Voting on ordinances shall continue to be by roll call for first, second and final reading and recorded in the minutes, or when requested by a Council member.

YES  
NO

**CHARTER AMENDMENT SEVEN**  
**ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Section 27 of the Charter shall be amended to permit the City Council to adopt resolutions to establish, alter, or abolish any City department office, or agency; or to grant, renew, or extend a franchise, instead of enacting an ordinance.

YES  
NO

**CHARTER AMENDMENT EIGHT**  
**ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS IN GENERAL**

Section 29 of the Charter shall be amended to eliminate the mandatory thirty day waiting period on every ordinance and publication requirements after passage having an effective date in accordance with state law or ten days after enactment. Nothing precludes City Council from adopting an ordinance with a different effective date, consistent with state law.

YES  
NO

**CHARTER AMENDMENT NINE**  
**CITY CLERK AND FINANCE DIRECTOR AS TWO SEPARATE OFFICES**

Section 37 of the Charter shall be amended to distinguish the functions and responsibilities of the City Clerk and Finance Director as separate City officers.

YES  
NO

**CHARTER AMENDMENT TEN**  
**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Section 57 of the Charter shall be amended to establish a Charter Review Committee, appointed by City Council, to meet at least every ten years to consider and make recommendations to City Council relative to the City Charter.

YES  
NO

Anyone seeking to look at specific text changes may do so, by reviewing the attachment in Bonita Springs Ordinance No. 09-10.