

## Summary of City of Brookings Charter Revisions

This is a summary of the proposed amendments to the City Charter:

1. **Preamble Addition:** Emphasized inclusive citizen participation in governance.
2. **Article I - Powers of the City:**
  - Updated intergovernmental relations section.
  - Removed limitations section.
3. **Article II - City Council:**
  - Removed salary mention in compensation section.
  - Adjusted the clerk's appointment process to involve recommendation by the City Manager and confirmation by the Council. Added supervision by City Manager in consultation with City Council.
  - Required investigations to be conducted by a third party.
  - Added regular City Charter reviews every 10 years unless needed sooner.
4. **Article IIA (renumbered as Article III) - City Manager:**
  - Added a residency requirement for the City Manager with a transition period.
  - Permitted resignation as a removal option.
  - Extended review intervals for City Manager's duties from five to ten years.
  - Updated responsibilities related to financial and council reporting.
  - Introduced new duties to promote partnerships and support long-term goals.
5. **Article IV - Departments, Offices, and Agencies:**
  - Changed in the appointment process for the City Attorney with specific licensing requirements. Added supervision by City Manager in consultation with City Council.
6. **Article V - Financial Procedures:**
  - Modified budget submission and content requirements to reflect actual practice.
  - Added provisions for public hearings and amendments before budget adoption.
  - Defined "publish" to include contemporary media.
  - Updated appropriations and revenue ordinance details.
7. **Article VIII - General Provisions:**
  - Changed "hired" to "employed" in anti-discrimination language, changed "handicap" to "disability," and included "sex and gender identity" in the protected categories.
8. **Articles IX & X - Charter Amendment and Transition:**

- Adjusted language for proposing amendments and replace "newspapers" with "news media" for notifications.
- Removed outdated sections.