

Summary of Brookings City Charter Revisions

Here's a summary of the proposed amendments to the city charter in the image:

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 and City Attorney appointment process to involve recommendation by the City Manager and confirmation by the 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.
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" as 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 - Removed outdated sections.