

RESOLUTION NO. 6001

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, ORDERING AND CALLING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.03 OF THE CITY CHARTER CLARIFYING THE PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF THE VICE-MAYOR; DIRECTING PUBLICATIONS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; DESIGNATING THE PLACE AND TIME TO ACCEPT ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE QUESTION; ESTABLISHING THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS INCLUDING BALLOT TABULATION REQUIREMENTS; AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY AND PAYMENT OF ELECTION EXPENDITURES; SETTING FORTH THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND VOTER RIGHTS ACT REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING CANVASSING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY AND RATIFICATION CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025, the city council adopted Ordinance 5132 forming a City Charter Amendment Resident Advisory Committee to review the city charter and make recommendations to the city council regarding potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter Amendment Resident Advisory Committee presented its recommendations to the city council at a work session held February 2, 2026, and the city council further considered the committee's recommendations at a second work session held April 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the city council desires to propose amendments to the city charter to clarify certain ambiguities in the charter regarding the process for selecting the vice-mayor as recommended by the City Charter Amendment Resident Advisory Committee and as shown on Exhibit "A" hereto; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the city council to submit the proposed charter amendments to the qualified electors of the city; and

WHEREAS, the city council may consolidate the charter amendment election with the general election conducted in the City on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. That the proposed amendments to the City Charter for the City of Chandler attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by reference made a part hereof, be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors of the city at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Section 2. Order and Call for Election; Ballot. Pursuant to Sections 7.03 and 10.09 of the City Charter for the City of Chandler and Article 13, Section 2 of the Arizona Constitution, a charter election in the city is hereby ordered and called to be held on November 3, 2026, to submit to the qualified electors of the city the proposed amendments to the city charter shown on Exhibit A. The form of Ballot is attached hereto as Exhibit “B” and incorporated herein.

Section 3. Publications; Informational Pamphlet. The city clerk is hereby directed to cause the preparation and distribution of any required publications as required by law including an informational pamphlet and sample ballot pursuant to, and meeting the requirements of, A.R.S. § 19-141 and Section 7.03 of the city charter and, if the city clerk determines it to be in the city’s best interests, combine such informational pamphlet and sample ballot with any other publicity pamphlet being prepared for the November 3, 2026 general election. The officers of the city are hereby authorized to prepare and deliver, or cause to be prepared and delivered, to the city clerk the information necessary or appropriate for completing the informational pamphlet.

The informational pamphlet is to be mailed before the earliest date of receipt of a requested early ballot to the residence of each registered voter of the city as shown on the general county register.

Section 4. Arguments; Notice and Submittal. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 19-141(C), the city hereby sets the date of Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at the hour of 5:00 p.m. as the deadline to submit arguments “for” or “against” the proposed charter amendments. Each argument shall not exceed 300 words in length, and \$150.00 shall be deposited with the city clerk, 175 S. Arizona Avenue, 1st Floor, by the person submitting each argument, to offset a portion of the proportionate cost of paper and printing the argument. The city clerk is authorized to publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the city a notice stating the deadline for filing with the city arguments “for” or “against” the charter amendments, for inclusion in the informational pamphlet pertaining to the amendments. The city clerk is authorized to prepare the notice as necessary to comply with all applicable laws.

Section 5. Conduct of Election; Designating Election Format; Contracts; Expenditures. The election will be conducted in the manner provided by law, and the poll lists kept, and the votes cast will be counted and tabulated, and the returns thereof will be made in the manner provided by law and only persons who are qualified electors of the city will vote at the city charter election. The charter election may be consolidated with any other election conducted in the city on November 3, 2026. A ballot box for drop-off will be available at Chandler City Hall, 175 S. Arizona Avenue.

Ballots shall be counted by the voting system in use by the Maricopa County Elections Department for the recordation of the electors' choices as authorized by Arizona law.

The mayor and the city clerk or either of them is each hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Maricopa County Recorder to obtain precinct registers for the election and to enter into an agreement with the Maricopa County Elections Department to conduct the charter election for the city.

The city council hereby authorizes all expenditures as may be necessary to order, notice, hold and administer the charter election, which expenses shall be paid from current operating funds of the city.

The city clerk is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to facilitate the charter election.

Section 6. Deadline for Voter Registration and Early Voting Dates. A voter in this charter election must be a qualified elector of the city. Maricopa County registration and voting lists will be used for the charter election. To be qualified to vote in the special election, a city resident must be registered to vote by midnight on October 5, 2026.

Early voting with respect to the charter election will be permitted in accordance with the provisions of A.R.S. Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 8.

Section 7. Voting Rights Act and Spanish Translation. To comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the proceedings pertaining to this election will be translated into Spanish and posted, published, distributed, and/or recorded in each instance where posting, publication, distribution, and/or recording of such proceedings are required, such as this call of election, the notice of election, ballots, the request for arguments, the informational pamphlet, all early voting materials and all instructions relating thereto.

Section 8. Canvass of Election; Reporting. The election officials will forward the votes cast to the city council for canvassing. The city council will meet at the council chambers on a day that is within 20 days after the election date to canvass the returns of the election and to certify the result, as provided by Arizona law. The city clerk is authorized and directed to file and record a certificate of result of election in the office of the Maricopa County Recorder: (i) disclosing the purpose of the election, (ii) the total number of votes cast and the total number of votes for and against the proposed charter amendments and (iii) stating whether the amendment is ordered. On filing and recording the certificate, the city council will carry out the purpose of the charter election.

Section 9. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or phrase of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or phrase shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The city council hereby declares that the city would have adopted this resolution and each and every other section, paragraph, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase hereof and authorized and approved the actions of the city pertaining to the election pursuant hereto irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, paragraphs, subdivisions, sentences, clauses or phrases of this resolution may be held illegal, invalid or unenforceable.

Section 10. Ratification. All actions of the city council, officers, employees and agents of the city which are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this resolution, whether heretofore or hereafter taken, shall be and are hereby ratified, confirmed, authorized and approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this ____ day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 6001 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of April, 2026, and that a quorum was present thereat.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY



Exhibit A: Proposed Charter Amendment – Article II, Section 2.03
Exhibit B: Form of Official Ballot

EXHIBIT "A"

Article II – City Council

Section 2.03. Mayor and vice-mayor.

- (a) *Mayor.* The mayor shall have the same powers, rights and responsibilities as a member of the council and shall be its presiding officer. In addition, he shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes and by the governor for purposes of military law and civil defense. He shall from time to time communicate to the city council such information and recommend such measures as may, in his judgment, tend to the improvement of finances, law enforcement, health and comfort of the citizenry and good government of the city. Neither the mayor nor any other council member shall have any administrative duties.
- (b) *Vice-mayor.* ~~Within thirty-one (31) days after taking office, each~~ AT THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR, THE council shall elect from among its members a vice-mayor who shall act as mayor during the temporary absence or disability of the mayor.

EXHIBIT "B"

**CITY OF CHANDLER
CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

PROPOSITION ____

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHANDLER CITY CHARTER
BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS RECOMMENDED BY
THE CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT RESIDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

OFFICIAL TITLE: Amending Article II, Section 2.03 of the Chandler City Charter regarding clarification of the process for selecting the vice-mayor.

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE: The charter amendment clarifies the process for selecting the vice-mayor.

A “yes” vote shall have the effect of providing that the vice-mayor be selected at the first regular meeting in January of each year.

A “no” vote shall have the effect of retaining the existing charter language.

Shall the above-described charter amendment be adopted?

_____ YES _____ NO

TAGLINE TEXT

Shall Article II, Section 2.03 of the city charter be amended to provide that the vice-mayor be selected at the first regular meeting in January of each year?

_____ YES _____ NO