

## EXHIBIT B

### **Charter amendment concepts**

Follow-up to 10-13-2025 meeting

1.	<p><b>Cleanup</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cleanup post amendment 10</li><li>• 1306 - delete provision requiring County be named in lawsuits instead of constitutional offices</li><li>• 1005(1) - delete “and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elected offices”</li><li>• 1003.1 - delete stagger of initial term language</li><li>• 1002 - update reference “personnel director”</li><li>• 603 - delete reference to elected departments</li><li>• 602.1 - delete election of directors</li><li>• 601.2 - delete reference to elected directors</li><li>• 601.1 - delete reference to elected directors and update departments</li><li>• 305 - delete reference to elected directors</li></ul> <p>The Florida Constitution applies regardless of language in the Charter. However, the Charter can be revised to reflect updated constitutional language. It is not legally necessary but can be done.</p> <p>Follow-up: No additional comment.</p>
2.	<p><b>CRC Approval Process</b></p> <p>Apply same 2/3 vote requirement that applies to Council to the CRC for placing a proposed Charter amendment on the ballot for consistency. See, § 1302.1.</p> <p>Follow-up: At the 10/13/2025 CRC meeting, a member requested consideration of the opposite notion – lower the 2/3 threshold of the Council to majority vote for proposed charter amendments. The CRC currently has a majority vote requirement.</p>
3.	<p><b>Name Change of Council to Commission</b></p> <p>The Charter provides that the name of the governing body of the County of Volusia is the County Council. It is first referenced in § 202(1) and referenced throughout the Charter. The Florida Constitution names the governing body of a county the board of commissioners unless otherwise provided by a charter.</p> <p>Follow-up: A name change has no substantive legal effect. It is solely a name issue.</p>

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4.	<p><b>Council Salary and in County Travel</b></p> <p>The Charter reduces the salary of a council member to 50% provided by state law for a county commissioner and to 60% for the chair in section 304. These salaries constitute full compensation for all services and in-county expenses except out-of-county expenses as permitted by law. In the absence of such a section, salaries would be determined by state law. In 2016, the Charter Review Commission recommended a change to section 304 to allow for in-county reimbursement by ordinance, but it failed by a margin of 35.68% in favor and 64.32% against in the referendum.</p> <p>Follow-up: No additional comment.</p>
5.	<p><b>Eliminate “Uniform” vehicular beach access fee.</b></p> <p>§ 205.3 of the Charter provides that “[t]he council shall have the exclusive power to impose a <u>uniform</u> reasonable vehicular access fee, but no other fee shall be charged for individual beach access or use.”</p> <p>The requirement of a uniform fee is not statutorily required by § 161.58(3), F.S. This statute only requires that a local governing body “charge a reasonable fee for vehicular traffic access.”</p> <p>The County’s compliance with the “uniform fee” means that we cannot directly charge a non-uniform rate between residents and non-residents. Any residential discount is subsidized from other revenues. For example, the elimination of a “uniform fee” would also allow flexible fees (i.e. surge pricing) for in demand approaches by providing allowing a lesser charge for lesser used approaches.</p> <p>Follow-up: No additional comment.</p>
6.	<p><b>Fiscal impact of proposed Charter amendments.</b></p> <p>Add a provision to Article XIII of the Charter to authorize the Council by ordinance to require a statement to the public regarding the probable financial impact of any proposed amendment to the Charter. The ordinance may provide that proposed amendments be submitted to the County for fiscal analysis as a prerequisite to placement on the ballot and that the fiscal impact be reflected in any proposed ballot language. See, Seminole County Charter, § 4.2; see also, § 7.4.2 of Brevard County Charter; § 602, Orange County Charter.</p> <p>Follow-up: No additional comment.</p>

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7.	<p><b>Annual report on preemption by state of County Home Rule Authority.</b></p> <p>Create a § 207 to require a written annual report to the Council which identifies known preemptions of County Home Rule authority by the Florida Legislature, including any additional preemptions from the last legislative session.</p> <p>Follow-up: No additional comment.</p>
8.	<p><b>Change the First Meeting Date of the Year to Allow for Flexibility.</b></p> <p>Currently, § 306 of the Charter states that “the organizational meeting of the council shall be held on the first Thursday after the first Monday of January.” An amendment could propose that the date of the organizational meeting may be on a different day for additional flexibility.</p> <p>Follow-up: No additional comment.</p>
9.	<p><b>Personnel Board.</b></p> <p>Proposed changes to merit rules might no longer be required to first go to the personnel board. See § 1008, Charter. Approval is by ordinance of the Council; Personnel board may no longer need to approve employment classifications. See § 1005(3), Charter.</p> <p>Follow-up: No additional comment.</p>
10.	<p><b>Department directors.</b></p> <p>Amend § 602 of the Charter to clarify that department and division directors are appointed by the County Manager and repeal reference to confirmation.</p> <p>Follow-up: No additional comment.</p>
11.	<p><b>Tax Collector Budget.</b></p> <p>Provide for “a different method of submission of the tax collector’s budget” than what is prescribed under § 195.087(2), Florida Statutes.</p> <p>Follow-up: No additional comment.</p>

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