

Charter Referendums Handout
(Numbers Refer to the Charter Section)

Question 1: Shall the Charter of Palm Beach Shores be amended to conform with State Law for recall of elected officials, and for use of referendum with zoning changes, and to update language throughout the document without altering substance?

- The language throughout the document is revised to be gender neutral and to add clarity without changing the substance of the text.
- 3.18 Process for removal/recall of elected officials defers to state law
- 9.1 Clarified, pursuant to state law, that referendum cannot be used in the approval process for a specific development order.

Question 2: Shall the Charter of Palm Beach Shores be amended to eliminate the office of Town Tax Collector, make the Town Manager a non-Officer employee, clarify and detail the Mayor's overall authority, provide specific Mayor authority to fill a vacancy in an appointed position and prescribe residency requirements for Planning and Zoning service?

- 3.17 Mayor's authority to fill a vacancy in an appointed office is provided.
- 4.1 The office of Tax Collector is removed.
- 4.2 The duties of the Mayor are further defined.
- 4.6 The Town Manager made a non-Officer employee, remains as a Town employee at the pleasure of the Town Commission.
- 4.7 Added requirements to serve on the P&Z

Question 3: Shall the Charter of Palm Beach Shores be amended by clarifying the powers, authority and responsibilities of the Town Commission; by creating at-large Commission seats for election purposes; by prescribing residence requirements for eligibility to hold elected office; by adding flexibility to the date upon which the town Commission may re-organize every year; and by defining the term "extended absence or disability: for purposes of a Commission seat vacancy?

- 3.1 Description of Town Commission powers added.
- 3.2 Added requirement of 2 year Town residency to hold office
- 3.3 Proposal to number the Commission seats.
- 3.7 Reorganization meeting changed to "next scheduled Commission meeting."
- 3.12 "Extended absence or disability" is defined as six months or longer.

Question 4: Shall the Charter of Palm Beach Shores be amended to allow the Town Commission the option of providing remuneration to the Mayor and/or Commissioners by ordinance, which remuneration would not be effective for the Mayor or any Commission until their next term following the term during which such ordinance is adopted?

- 3.13 Remuneration of Elected Officials