



**CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION FORM TO
MOVE GAINESVILLE ELECTIONS TO THE FALL
GAINESVILLE VOTES! YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE**

I, the undersigned, a registered voter of the City of Gainesville, hereby petition pursuant to Section 5.01 of the Charter of the City of Gainesville and Chapter 9 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances, to have the following proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Gainesville submitted to a vote of the electors at a regular city election, a state-wide general election, or at a special election called by the City Commission for the City of Gainesville for that purpose. Section 2.03 and paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of Section 2.04 of the City of Gainesville Charter shall be amended as follows:

2.03. Eligibility.

... A commissioner may not serve on the commission for more than two (2) consecutive ~~four-year~~ three-year terms. The mayor may not serve as mayor for more than two (2) consecutive ~~four-year~~ three-year terms. ...

2.04. Election and terms.

(1)(a) ~~Elections shall be nonpartisan.~~

(b) Candidates for election to the commission shall qualify in the manner prescribed by ordinance.

~~(b) (c)~~ Except as provided in Subsection ~~(1)(d) (1)(e)~~ herein, each commissioner shall be elected for a term of ~~4~~ 3 years.

~~(e) (d)~~ For the purpose of transitioning to Fall elections, the city shall prescribe by ordinance a schedule of transitional terms that do not shorten or extend the current term of office of any sitting commissioner. providing more evenly staggered terms of office, in the regular municipal election held in 2003, the district seat added pursuant to Sec. 2.01(3) of this Charter shall be elected for an initial term of office of one year, and the at-large seat added pursuant to Sec. 2.01(3) of this Charter shall be elected for an initial term of two years. Thereafter, the terms of office for said seats shall be 3 years.

~~(e) (e)~~ Beginning in 2018, an election to choose a successor to each commissioner whose term will expire before the next election shall be held and shall coincide with the state-wide primary election. In the event a runoff election is required as provided in Subsection (2), such runoff election shall coincide with the state-wide general election. The regular municipal election shall be held on the date as prescribed by ordinance.

~~(e) (f)~~ Upon the occurrence of a vacancy on the commission, a special election may be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term as may be prescribed by ordinance.

(2) The district candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast in a particular district shall be elected. The at-large candidate and the candidate for mayor receiving a majority of the votes cast within the city at large for such seat shall be elected. If a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes cast for a particular seat, as applicable, a runoff election shall be held between the two (2) candidates for that seat receiving the highest number of votes cast. In the case of a tie, the candidates shall be selected for the runoff election in the same manner as provided for other offices by general law. The candidate receiving more votes in the runoff election shall be elected.

(3) ~~The mayor, one of the two city commissioners elected at-large and each city commissioner from an even-numbered district shall be elected at the general election in each year the number of which is a multiple of 4. The other city commissioner elected at-large and each city commissioner from an odd-numbered district shall be elected at the general election in each even numbered year the number of which is not a multiple of 4. The terms of office of commissioners shall be staggered so that the terms of office of all commissioners do not expire the same year. Commissioners hold office from 12 o'clock noon of the first Thursday in December following the first Tuesday in May of the year in which they are elected until their successors in office are elected and qualified or until recalled as provided by law. If a runoff election is necessary, commissioners hold office from 12 o'clock noon of the Thursday following the third Tuesday in May of the year in which they are elected.~~

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residence street address	city GAINESVILLE
signature	date