



**City of Amarillo – Governance and Ends Policies
New Proposed Charter Review Policy**

The 2024 Charter Review Committee recommends the following proposed policy be included in the Amarillo Governance and Ends Policies, or as otherwise directed by the City Council, to create a regular Charter Review interval and process and to authorize the creation of a community-based Charter Review Committee. The proposed policy may be in addition to or in concert with the creation, adoption, and implementation of any Charter provisions adopted by the voters of Amarillo.

1.8. CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND PROCESS

(a) The City Council shall establish a Charter Review Committee every four (4) years for the purpose of a regular review of the City Charter and to make recommendations to the City Council, as necessary. The Charter Review Committee shall convene every four years in even numbered years beginning in 2026, or at other times as convened by the City Council. The review shall include potential issues referred to the Committee by the City Council, including review of the Charter necessitated by changes in federal and state law, or for any other reason as directed by the City Council.

(b) The Charter Review Committee shall be composed of fourteen (14) persons appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and each Councilmember elected on a citywide, at-large basis shall appoint two (2) persons to the Commission who may live in any area of the city; each Councilmember elected to represent a specific geographic place shall appoint two (2) persons to the Commission who must reside in the geographic area represented by that Councilmember. The term of office for each appointee shall be four (4) years. The Commission shall elect its own Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and may adopt its rules and procedures if they do not conflict with any City ordinance or policy and are consistent with state and federal law. The members of the Charter Review Committee shall not serve the City in any other capacity, whether appointive or elective, nor shall they hold any other elective public office.

