

2025  
Clallam County Charter Review Commission

Resolution Number 5

Proposed Charter Amendment Requiring Printing of the Full Text of Proposed  
Charter Amendments in the Local Voters' Pamphlet

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission elected by the voters of Clallam County for the year 2025 finds that:

1. RCW 29A.32.210 requires each county auditor to print and distribute a local voters' pamphlet that provides information on all measures appearing on ballots within that county and specifies that "The format of any local voters' pamphlet shall, whenever applicable, comply with the provisions of this chapter regarding the publication of the state candidates' and voters' pamphlets.
2. RCW 29A.32.070(10) requires that the state voters' pamphlet contain the full text of each statewide measure on the ballot.
3. RCW 29A.32.241 requires that the "local voters' pamphlet shall include but not be limited to . . . the text of each measure. . ."
4. The Clallam County Auditor has not always included the full text of proposed Charter amendments in the local voters' pamphlet, and the Prosecuting Attorney has opined that the full text need not be included in the local voters' pamphlet, just the text.
5. The difference in the meaning of "the full text" and the "text" is too vague to be certain that the voters of Clallam County will always be appropriately apprised of the meaning of proposed Charter amendments.
6. Rather than risk a proposed Charter amendment adopted by the voters of Clallam County being adjudged void for failure of the full text of the amendment having been printed in the local voters' pamphlet; and because the voters of Clallam County deserve the same opportunity to consider the terms of proposed charter amendments that the voters of the State of Washington have to consider the terms of proposed statewide initiatives; and to give effect of the terms of RCW 29A.32.210 that "the format of any local voters' pamphlet shall, whenever applicable, comply with the provisions of this chapter regarding the publication of the state candidates' and voters' pamphlets"; and to give effect to the terms of RCW 29A.32,241 that requires the "local voters' pamphlet shall include but not be limited to . . . the text of each measure. . ."; and to err on the side of caution, it is best that the Clallam County Charter be amended to explicitly require the full text of any proposed Charter amendment be printed in the local voters' pamphlet.

Therefore, the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission hereby proposes that Section 11.20: Charter Amendment and Repeal, 11.20.10: General Provisions, of the Clallam County Charter be amended to read as follows:

Charter amendments may be proposed by the Commission, the County Commissioners or by the public. Any proposed Charter amendment shall be filed and registered by the Auditor and submitted to the voters at the next statewide general election occurring at least 90 days after registration of the proposed amendment by the Auditor. If more than one amendment is submitted on the same ballot, they shall be submitted in such a manner that the people may vote for or against the amendments separately; provided that an amendment which embraces a single or interrelated subject may be submitted as a single proposition even though it is composed of changes to one or more Articles. The full text of any proposed Charter amendment shall be printed in the local voters' pamphlet.

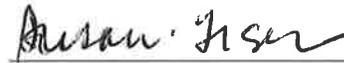
If a proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, it shall be effective 10 days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the petition or ordinance proposing the amendment. Any implementing ordinance required by any Charter amendment shall be enacted by the County Commissioners within 180 days after the amendment is effective, unless the amendment provides otherwise.

Any language in double parentheses with a line through it is existing Clallam County Charter language and will be taken out of the Charter if this measure is approved by voters. Any underlined language does not appear in current Clallam County Charter language but will be added to the Charter if this measure is approved by voters.

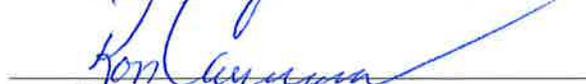
Further, the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission, pursuant to Article XI, Sub-Sections 11.20.10 and 11.20.20 of the Clallam County Charter, and Clallam County Code Section 37.10.020, calls for:

1. The Clerk of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to cause this Resolution and the Charter amendment hereby proposed, and five copies of the same, to be filed with and registered by the Clallam County Auditor, along with the Resolution Coversheet required by the Clallam County Auditor; and
2. For the Charter amendment hereby proposed to be submitted to the voters at the next statewide general election occurring at least 90 days after registration of the proposed amendment by the Auditor.

This Resolution is passed and approved on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2025, by the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission.

  
Susan Fisch, District 1 Commissioner, Chair

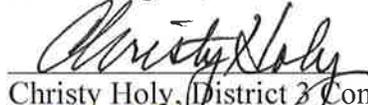
  
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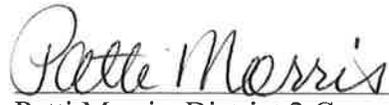
  
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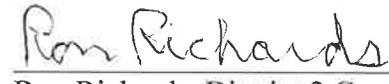
  
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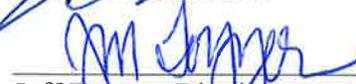
  
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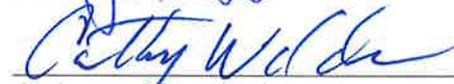
  
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