

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT QUESTIONS

City of Minneapolis

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HOME RULE CHARTER: CITY "CONSTITUTION"

1. It defines the powers and authority of the City, granted by its people.
2. It prescribes the City's operating structure and its principal officers, including their number, qualifications, manner of election or appointment, and duties.
3. It specifies the processes by which official acts and decisions are made, implemented, and enforced.

BALLOT QUESTIONS 2021

1. GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE REFORM

Proposal to amend the City Charter related to Government Structure:
Executive Mayor & Legislative Council. Initiated by Charter Commission pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 410.12, subd. 1.

CITY QUESTION #1

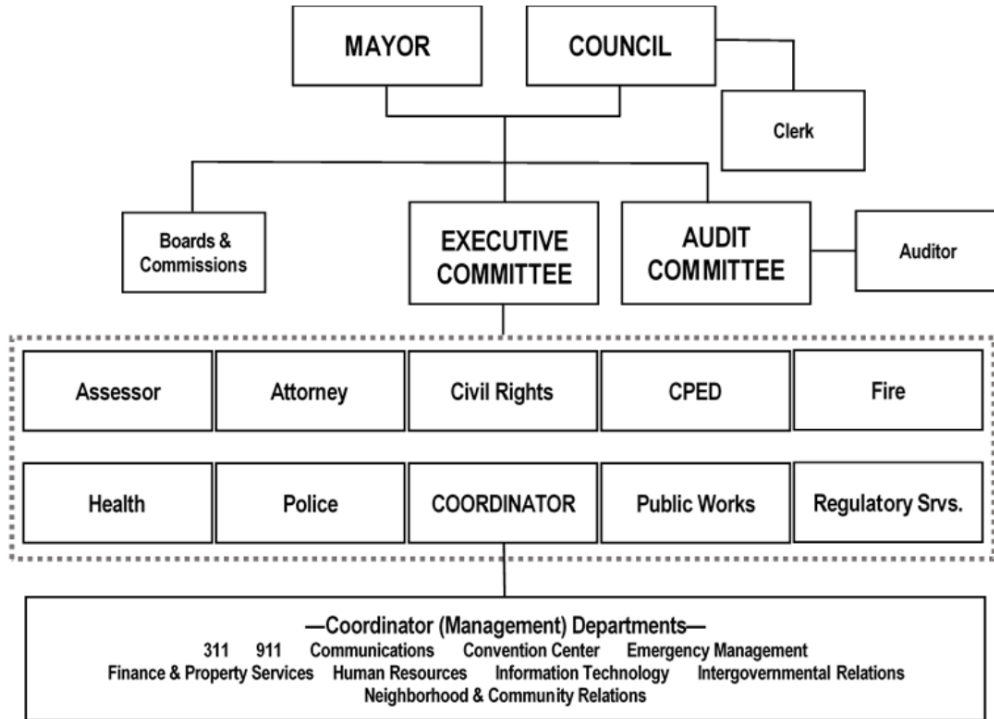
Government Structure: Executive Mayor-Legislative Council.

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to adopt a change in its form of government to an Executive Mayor-Legislative Council structure to shift certain powers to the Mayor, consolidating administrative authority over all operating departments under the Mayor, and eliminating the Executive Committee?

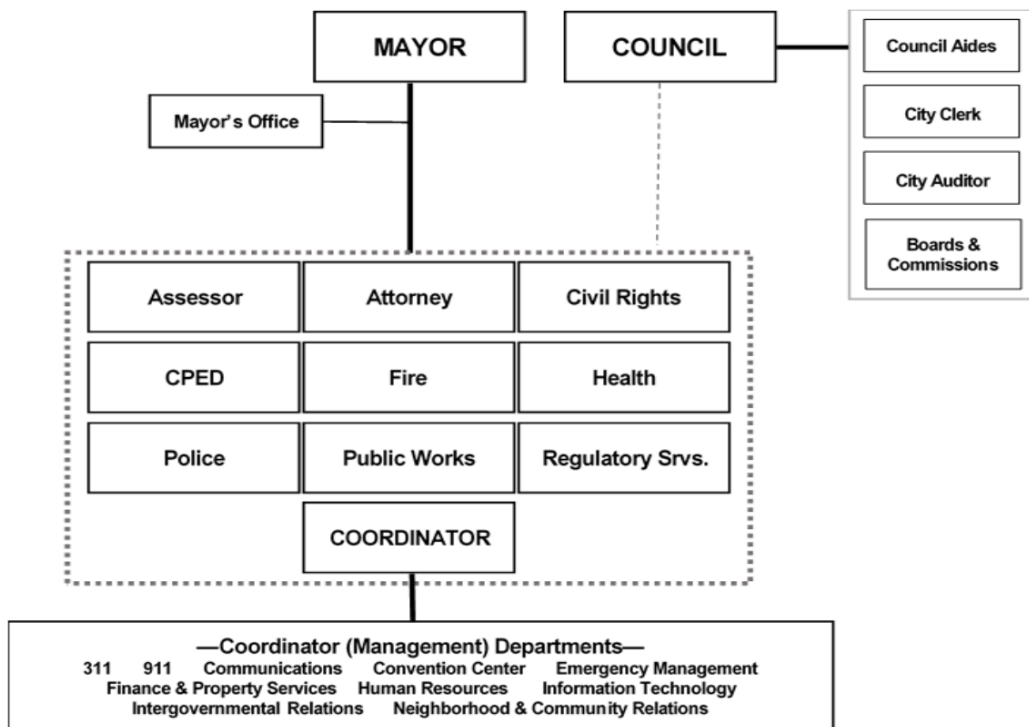
YES

NO

Current Structure



Proposed Structure



Major Elements of Government Structure Reform:

1. Establish a government structure based on separation of powers with checks and balances between an elected chief executive (Mayor) and a legislative body (Council).
2. Define the Council as the City's legislative body.
3. Define Mayor as City's chief executive officer & administrative authority.
4. Eliminate the Executive Committee.
5. Define the City's Administration as including all operating departments under the Mayor's authority.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Proposal to amend the City Charter related to Public Safety Department. Initiated by Yes4Minneapolis petition pursuant to MN Stat. § 410.12, subs. 1, 2, and 3.

CITY QUESTION #2

Public Safety Department.

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to remove the Police Department and replace it with a Department of Public Safety that employs a comprehensive public health approach to the delivery of functions by the Department of Public Safety, with those specific functions to be determined by the Mayor and City Council by ordinance; which will not be subject to exclusive mayoral power over its establishment, maintenance, and command; and which could include licensed peace officers (police officers), if necessary, to fulfill its responsibilities for public safety, with the general nature of the amendments being briefly indicated in the explanatory note below, which is made a part of this ballot?

YES

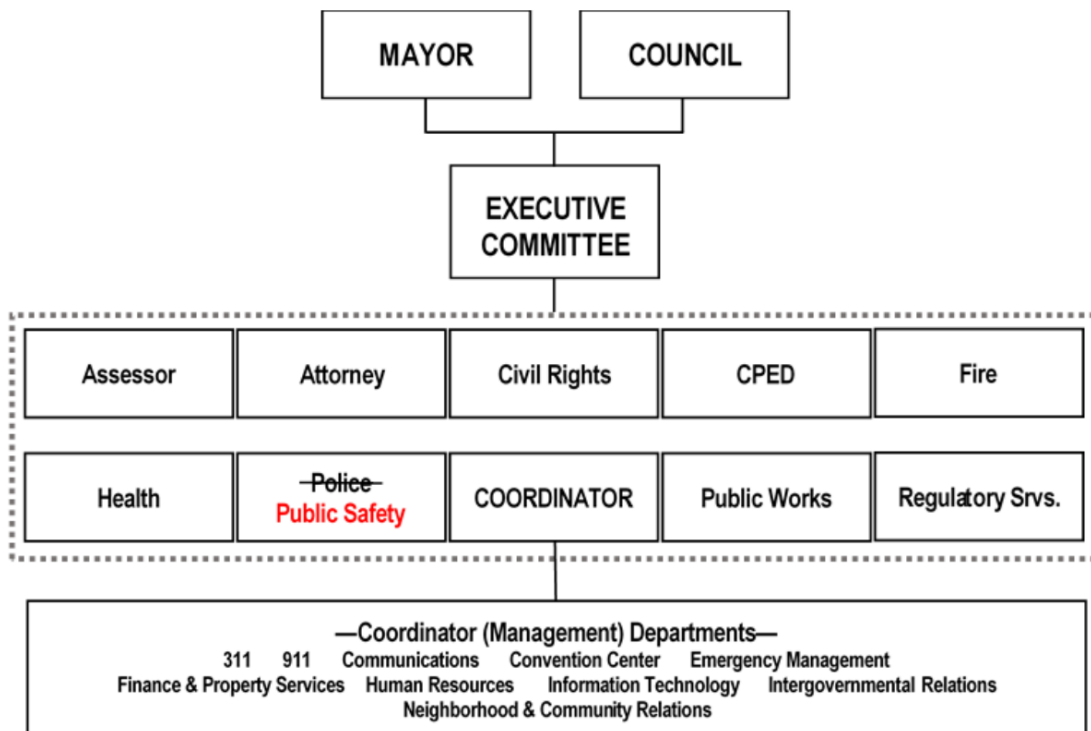
NO

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would create a Department of Public Safety combining public safety functions through a comprehensive public health approach to

be determined by the Mayor and Council. The department would be led by a Commissioner nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the Council. The Police Department, and its chief, would be removed from the City Charter. The Public Safety Department could include police officers, but the minimum funding requirement would be eliminated.

Table of Organization



Major Elements of Public Safety Departments:

1. Create a new Public Safety Department to consolidate public safety functions through a comprehensive public health approach that would include police officers if necessary.
2. Establish a commissioner to lead the department, nominated by the Mayor and appointed by Council.
3. Remove the Police Department from the Charter.
4. Remove mandatory minimum funding (staffing) levels and the additional taxing authority to pay for that.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Proposal to amend City Charter related to Rent Stabilization By Ordinance.

Initiated by Council pursuant to MN Statutes § 410.12, subd. 5., and § 471.9996.

CITY QUESTION #3

Authorizing City Council To Enact Rent Control Ordinance.

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to authorize the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in the City of Minneapolis, with the general nature of the amendments being indicated in the explanatory note below, which is made a part of this ballot?

YES

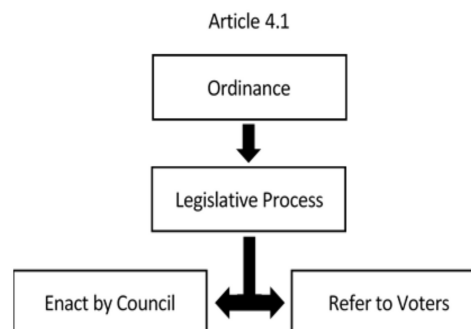
NO

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would:

1. Authorize the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in the City of Minneapolis by ordinance.
2. Provide that an ordinance regulating rents on private residential property could be enacted in two different and independent ways:
 - a. The City Council may enact the ordinance.
 - b. The City Council may refer the ordinance as a ballot question to be decided by the voters for approval at an election. If more than half of the votes cast on the ballot question are in favor of its adoption, the ordinance would take effect 30 days after the election, or at such other time as provided in the ordinance.

PROCEDURAL PATHWAYS TO ENACTMENT



Major Elements of Rent Stabilization – By Ordinance (Article IV):

1. Establishes authorization to enact rent stabilization policy as an enumerated power in the City Charter.
2. Provides a permissive process for Council to enact the ordinance or to refer the proposal as a ballot question to voters (determined by the Council).
3. If referred to voters, requires more than half the votes cast on the question to be in favor for passage.

City Questions	City Questions	City Questions
To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.	City Question 2	City Question 3
City Question 1	Department of Public Safety	Authorizing City Council To Enact Rent Control Ordinance
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- Details of the ballot proposals can be found at lims.minneapolismn.gov
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