

**ARTICLE XXIV
CHARTER AMENDMENT**

Section 24.01. Initiation of Amendments. Amendments to this charter may be initiated only in the following manner:

A. By resolution of the council adopted after two readings on separate days and passed by a vote of five or more members of the council.

B. By petition presented to the council, signed by registered voters comprising not less than 5 percent of the number of voters registered in the last general election, setting forth the proposed amendments. Such petitions shall designate and authorize not less than three nor more than five of the signers thereto to approve any alteration or change in the form or language or any restatement of the text of the proposed amendments which may be made by the county attorney. (Amended 2012)

Upon filing of such petition with the council, the county clerk shall examine it to see whether it contains a sufficient number of valid signatures of registered voters. (Amended 2012)

Section 24.02. Elections to be Called.

A. Any resolution of the council or petition of the voters proposing amendments to the charter shall provide that the proposed amendments shall be submitted to the voters of the county at the next general election.

B. The county clerk shall have summaries of the proposed amendments published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and the entire text published by electronic or online publication on the official website of the County of Kaua'i at least thirty days prior to submission of the proposed amendments to the voters of the county at the next general election. (Amended 2014)

C. Should the majority of the voters voting thereon approve the proposed amendments to this charter, the amendments shall become effective at the time fixed in the amendment, or, if no time is fixed therein, thirty days after its adoption by the voters of the county. Summaries of any charter amendment shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and the entire text published by electronic or online publication on the official website of the County of Kaua'i within thirty days of the effective date of such amendment. (Amended 2014)

Section 24.03. Charter Review. The mayor with the approval of the council shall appoint, with appropriate staffing, a charter commission composed of seven members who shall serve in accordance with section 23.02C of this charter to study and review the operation of the county government under this charter. In the event the commission deems changes are necessary or desirable, the commission may propose amendments to the existing charter or draft a new charter which shall be submitted to the county clerk. The county clerk shall provide for the submission of such amendments or new charter to the voters at any general or special election as may be determined by the commission. The commission shall publish summaries of any such amendments or new charter not less than thirty days before any election at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county and the entire text of the amendments or new charter by electronic or online publication on the official website of the County of Kaua'i. (Amended 2006, 2014, 2016)

A. Unless a new charter is submitted to the voters, each amendment to the charter shall be voted on separately.

B. If a majority of the voters voting upon a charter amendment votes in favor of it or a new charter, if a new charter is proposed, the amendment or new charter shall become effective at the time fixed in the amendment or charter, or if no time is fixed, thirty days after its adoption by the voters. Summaries of any new charter or amendment shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county, and the entire text published by electronic or online publication on the official website of the County of Kaua'i not more than thirty days after its adoption. (Amended 2014)