

# CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Name as it Appears on Voter I.D. card

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

Voter Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ -OR- Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I am a registered voter of Hillsborough County, Florida and hereby petition the Supervisor of Elections to place the following amendment to the Hillsborough County Charter on the ballot in the next general election.

**BALLOT TITLE: REPLACING THE CURRENT APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR WITH AN ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR**

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** Shall the Hillsborough County Charter be revised to replace the office of an appointed County Administrator with an elected County Mayor; limited to two consecutive terms; specifying executive functions, powers and duties; specifying that the County Mayor shall not be a member of the Board.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

This amendment shall take effect upon passage by the voters.

Note: Language stricken is current language in the Charter being deleted and language underlined is new language that is proposed to add to the Charter.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY THAT:

**ARTICLE V OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHARTER IS HEREBY AMENDED BY THE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS OF THE FOLLOWING TO READ:**

**FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

V. Executive Branch: Elected County Mayor ~~Administrator~~

Section 5.01. Elected County Mayor ~~Administrator~~.

The executive responsibilities and powers of local self government of the county not inconsistent with this Charter shall be assigned to and vested in the an elected County Mayor ~~administrator~~. The Executive Branch shall be composed of an elected County Mayor, the officers and employees of the administrative offices and executive divisions established by this Charter or created by the board of county commissioners. One or more assistant county Mayors ~~administrators~~ may be appointed by the County Mayor ~~administrator~~ with the advice and consent of the board and shall serve at the pleasure of the County Mayor administrator.

Section 5.02. Administrative Organization.

All functions of the executive branch shall be allotted among not more than ten divisions or offices. Each division or office shall be administered by a division or office head in accordance with the administrative code. Each division or office head shall be appointed by the County Mayor administrator with the advice and consent of the board and shall serve at the pleasure of the County Mayor administrator. Each division or office head shall report to and be responsible to the County Mayor administrator or designated assistant county Mayor administrator. The County Mayor administrator may, as allowed by ordinance, require one division or office to undertake a task of another division or office on a temporary basis if he or she deems it necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the county government to do so ~~or until the board provides otherwise~~.

Section 5.03. County Mayor ~~Administrator~~: Qualifications, Election, Appointment, Term of Office; Compensation.

The County Mayor administrator shall be a full-time position combining both the duties of ceremonial head and operational head of the county. officer who holds a masters degree in public administration,  
(FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT CONTINUED ON THE OTHER SIDE)

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315 Plant Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606**

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- (1) ~~management, or related field shall have three years of executive or management experience in public administration. The County Mayor county administrator shall be elected at large and shall not be a member of the board of county commissioners. The term of office shall be for a term of four years not to exceed two consecutive terms and will commence on the second Tuesday following the general election at which the County Mayor was elected appointed by an affirmative vote of not less than five members of the board of county commissioners and may be removed at any time by an affirmative vote of not less than five members of the board or upon the affirmative vote of four (4) members at each of two (2) regular meetings not less than thirteen (13) days apart and no more than twenty eight (28) days apart. The County Mayor shall be administrator need not be a registered voter and a resident of the county at the time of election to office and throughout the term of office appointment, but shall within a reasonable time become and remain while in office a resident of the county. The first election of the County Mayor shall be held in even numbered years at the next regular primary and general election immediately following the certification by the Supervisor of Elections to the board of county commissioners that the required signatures have been obtained pursuant to Section 8.03 (2) of the Charter or as soon thereafter as possible after all approvals that may be necessary have occurred. The County Mayor administrator shall not engage in any other business or occupation.~~
- (2) ~~The compensation of the Mayor administrator shall be fixed by the board of county commissioners by ordinance at a level which is commensurate with the requirements of the position. The county administrator's compensation, including severance pay, may be set by contract if allowed by and pursuant to ordinance.~~
- (3) ~~The office of County Mayor administrator shall be deemed vacant if the incumbent: takes up residence outside the county; is by death, illness, resignation, refusal of the Mayor to serve, removal, or other casualty or reason unable to continue to perform the duties of his office; or resigns; or is removed by the board of county commissioners in the manner prescribed in Section 5.03(1). A vacancy in the office shall be filled in accordance with state law the same manner as the original appointment. The board of county commissioners may appoint an interim administrator in the case of vacancy, temporary absence, or disability of the present administrator until a successor has been appointed and qualified or the administrator returns.~~

Section 5.04. ~~Political Activity by Administrator~~ Duties. The County Mayor shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Report annually, or more often if necessary, to the board of county commissioners and to the citizens on the state of the county, the work of the previous year, recommendations for action or programs for improvement of the county, and the welfare of its residents.
- (2) Prepare and submit to the board for its consideration and adoption an annual operating budget, a capital budget, and a capital program; establish the schedules and procedures to be followed by all county departments, offices, and agencies in connection therewith; and supervise and administer all phases of the budgetary process;
- (3) Administer and carry out the directives and policies of the board of county commissioners and enforce all orders, resolutions, ordinances, and regulations of the board, the county charter, and all applicable general law, to assure that they are faithfully executed;
- (4) Supervise the care and custody of all county property, institutions, and agencies;
- (5) Supervise the collection of revenues, audit and control all disbursements and expenditures, and prepare a complete account of all expenditures;
- (6) Review, analyze, and forecast trends of county services and finances and programs of all boards, commissions, agencies, and other county bodies and report and recommend thereon to the board;
- (7) Develop, install, and maintain centralized budgeting, personnel, legal, and purchasing procedures as may be authorized by the administrative code;
- (8) Negotiate contracts, bonds, or other instruments for the county, subject to board approval; make recommendations concerning the nature and location of county improvements; and execute services determined by the board;
- (9) Assure that all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the county or its inhabitants in any statute, franchise, or other contract are faithfully kept and performed;
- (10) Supervise, direct, and control all county administrative departments;
- (11) Employ, pursuant to appropriation and the administrative code, such personnel as necessary to administer county functions and services;
- (12) Any other power or duty which may be assigned by county charter or by ordinance or resolution of the board of county commissioners.

~~The county administrator shall not hold any political office nor take part in any political activity other than voting.~~

Section 5.05. Performance Bond.

~~The county administrator shall be required to post a performance bond in accordance with general law.~~

X \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED VOTER DATE SIGNED

Name of paid petition circulator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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