



# City of Santa Rosa

## Legislation Details

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<b>Title:</b>	CHARTER REVIEW				

The City of Santa Rosa is a Charter City formed pursuant to the provisions of the California Constitution. The City's Charter provides the fundamental framework for the City's governance. It is, in essence, the City's "constitution." The City Charter is subject to periodic review for possible revision or refinement. Any proposed amendments to the City Charter are subject to approval by the City's voters.

Section 12 of the City Charter requires review of the Charter not less than every 10 years, with the review to be conducted by a committee to be appointed by the City Council. The last Charter review began in 2011 and resulted in proposed revisions placed on the November 2012 ballot. In accordance with Section 12, the City Council has directed that a new Charter review begin this fall. That review may result in proposed revisions, additions or deletions to the existing Charter. Any proposed changes to the Charter will be placed on the November 2022 ballot for voter consideration.

On June 8, 2021, the Council held an initial study session and gave direction to staff concerning the proposed Charter review process. Council was particularly interested in having additional opportunities to hear from the community as to issues of concern that might be addressed through Charter revision. This study session will begin the process of community engagement and education, and staff invites the public to join. The Council will take no formal action but may give further direction to staff regarding (a) the composition of the Charter review committee, (b) the general scope of the committee's assignment, and (c) any specific topics the Council wishes the committee to consider.

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