

Miami-Dade County Charter Review Task Force Agenda
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Monday, August 25, 2025
10:00 AM
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- I. Roll Call

- II. Pledge of Allegiance

- III. Reasonable Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

- IV. Charter Matrix Presentation

- V. Agenda Items
 - A. Proposed Technical Changes
 - B. Proposed Amendments/Revisions to the Home Rule Charter as recommended by the Constitutional Offices

- VI. Comments/Discussion by Task Force members
 - A. Staff Updates
 - B. Other Discussion Items
 - C. Future Meeting Dates

- VII. Adjournment

Attachments:

- (1) Review of Constitutional Officers in Selected Florida Home-Rule Charter Counties
- (2) Proposed Revisions to the Home Rules Charter as Recommended by the Constitutional Offices

REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS IN SELECTED FLORIDA HOME- RULE CHARTER COUNTIES

An Analysis of Charter Treatment in the
Top 5 Most Populous Counties

Office of Management and Budget
August 25, 2025



METHODOLOGY

Counties Selected*

- Broward, Hillsborough, Orange, Palm Beach, and Pinellas

Focus

- Reviewed how each County Charter references and addresses the roles, responsibilities, and structural integration of the five Constitutional Officers (COs): Clerk of the Circuit Court, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector

Sources Reviewed

- Most recent published County Charters

Key Areas of Analysis

- How each Charter references or addresses COs
- Whether COs can be heard at Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meetings
- Whether COs have the ability to place items on BCC agendas
- Whether Charters allow for interlocal agreements or contracts with COs for joint services or performance by one on behalf of the other

*Volusia County was not analyzed because their charter has not yet been updated to reflect a post-Amendment 10 structure. Their Charter Review is scheduled for 2026.

COUNTY INFORMATION

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Seat: Fort Lauderdale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Population (2020): 1,944,375 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form of Government: Council Manager
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Charter Established: 1975 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Update to Charter: 2018; next update scheduled for 2030 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Seat: Tampa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Population (2020): 1,459,762 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form of Government: Council Manager
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Charter Established: 1983 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Update to Charter: 2020; next update scheduled for 2025 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Seat: Orlando 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Population (2020): 1,429,908 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form of Government: Strong Mayor (with a County Administrator)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Charter Established: 1987 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Update to Charter: 2024; next update scheduled for 2028 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Seat: West Palm Beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Population (2020): 1,492,191 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form of Government: Council Manager
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Charter Established: 1985 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Update to Charter: 2011; No specific scheduled date for update 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Seat: Clearwater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Population (2020): 959,107 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form of Government: Council Manager
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Charter Established: 1980 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Update to Charter: 2024; next update scheduled for 2032 	



CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT



1

Broward

- Defined as a Constitutional Officer
- **Section 3.03.G-** The Charter transfers all Clerk of the Circuit Court duties related to the County Commission to the County Administrator or designee, removing the Clerk's ex-officio role.
- **Section 3.06.B-** The Charter assigns the Clerk's fiscal and auditing duties to the County Administrator, who oversees the Finance and Administrative Services Department.
- **Section 11:08-** Subject to the Broward County Code of Ethics



2

Hillsborough

- **Sec. 1.02.** - The charter does not include reference to the Clerk and Comptroller.
- **Sec. 4.10.** - Establishes a County Internal Auditor to conduct audits that may include all aspects of the Charter Government and its offices and its officials.



3

Orange

- **Sec. 702.** - Clerk must receive proposed Charter changes for elections by qualifying deadline for ballot inclusion.
- **Sec. 712.** - Subject to being audited by the Comptroller



3

Orange County- Comptroller

- **Sec. 504.1.F** - Shall serve as the clerk to TransMAC.
- **Sec. 602.1.E** - Shall prepare and transmit to and sponsor of the petition, a financial impact statement.
- **Sec. 702.B** - Shall analyze the impact of potential charter changes.
- **Sec. 712** - Required to conduct all audits including performance audits on all Constitutional Offices



2

Palm Beach

- The Clerk of the Circuit Court is defined as a Constitutional Officer



2

Pinellas

- **Sec. 4.02** - Shall serve on the County Attorney Oversight Committee.
- **Sec. 4.03** - The Charter in no manner changes the status, duties, or responsibilities of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
- **Sec. 6.02** - Charter amendment petitions shall be filed with the clerk of the circuit court.
- **Sec. 6.06** - For each proposed charter amendment placed on the ballot, the clerk of the circuit court, as county auditor, shall prepare, a separate financial impact statement, estimating the increase or decrease in revenues or costs to the county resulting from approval of the proposed charter amendment.

1 County holds Comptroller function via 2020 voter referendum based on CS/HB 989 (Broward Resolution No. 2020-337)

2 CO holds both Clerk and Comptroller function

3 Independently elected Comptroller



PROPERTY APPRAISER



Broward

- Defined as a Constitutional Officer
- **Section 11:08-** Subject to the Broward County Code of Ethics



Hillsborough

- **Sec. 1.02.** - The charter does not include reference to the Property Appraiser.



Orange

- **Sec. 712.** - Subject to being audited by the Comptroller



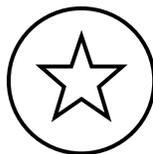
Palm Beach

- Defined as a Constitutional Officer
- **Section 4.1.a-** Outlines that the election for this office shall be nonpartisan

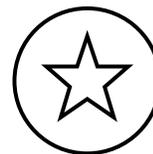


Pinellas

- **Sec. 4.02** – Shall serve on the County Attorney Oversight Committee.
- **Sec. 4.03** - The Charter in no manner changes the status, duties, or responsibilities of the Property Appraiser.



SHERIFF



Broward

- Defined as a Constitutional Officer
- **Section 5.01.B-** Defines an obligation to the Sheriff to maintain and operate a centralized criminal records system
- **Section 5.01.C-** Lays upon the duty to the County Commission to provide methods of funding for law enforcement services by the Sheriff in unincorporated areas and other areas not otherwise protected
- **Section 11:08-** Subject to the Broward County Code of Ethics



Hillsborough

- **Sec. 1.02.** - The charter does not include reference to the Sheriff.



Orange

- **Sec. 712.** - Subject to being audited by the Comptroller



Palm Beach

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Pinellas

- **Sec. 4.02** – Shall serve on the County Attorney Oversight Committee.
- **Sec. 4.03** - The Charter in no manner changes the status, duties, or responsibilities of the Sheriff.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Broward



- Defined as a Constitutional Officer
- **Section 11:08-** Subject to the Broward County Code of Ethics
- **Section 7.01.B-** Assigns the Supervisor of Elections the duty to validate petitions within 30 days of receiving a certificate and to report findings to the County Commission.

Hillsborough



- **Sec. 8.02.** - The charter review board is to file any proposed amendments to the Charter with the Supervisor of Elections who shall provide for a vote on it pursuant to Section 8.04.
- **Sec. 8.03.** - Proposed Charter amendments may be invoked by the people by filing a petition with the Supervisor of Elections who must certify a beginning date of the drive, certify signatures, and place amendments on the ballot.

Orange



- **Sec. 302 .E** - Consult with board to set election dates and candidate qualifying period for mayoral vacancy.
- **Sec. 602.A** - In regard to submitted initiative petitions, the supervisor of elections must approve forms, beginning date of the petition drive, verify signatures, and submit a written report to the board pursuant to Sec. 602 A-G of the Charter.
- **Sec. 712.** - Subject to being audited by the Comptroller

Palm Beach

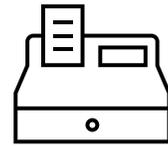


- Defined as a Constitutional Officer
- **Section 4.1.a-** Outlines that the election for this office shall be nonpartisan
- **Section 5.1-** The Charter tasks the Supervisor of Elections with verifying petition signatures within 45 days as part of the citizen initiative process for county ordinances.

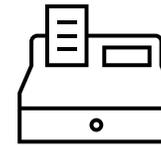
Pinellas



- **Sec. 4.02** - Shall serve on the County Attorney Oversight Committee.
- **Sec. 4.03** - The Charter in no manner changes the status, duties, or responsibilities of the Supervisor of Elections.
- **Sec. 6.02** - Proposed Charter Amendments may be proposed by petition. The sponsor of a petition amendment shall, prior to obtaining any signatures, submit the text of the proposed amendment for supervisor's approval. The supervisor will certify the beginning date and signatures on the petition pursuant to Sec. 6.02 of the Charter.



TAX COLLECTOR



Broward*

- Not defined as a Constitutional Officer
- Amended Section 3.06 to align with state changes on elected Tax Collector; amended Section 9.01 to remove preempted local licenses and consolidate examining boards.



Hillsborough

- **Sec. 1.02.** - The charter does not include reference to the Tax Collector.



Orange

- **Sec. 712.** -Subject to being audited by the Comptroller



Palm Beach

- Defined as a Constitutional Officer



Pinellas

- **Sec. 4.02** – Shall serve on the County Attorney Oversight Committee.
- **Sec. 4.03** - The Charter in no manner changes the status, duties, or responsibilities of the Tax Collector.

*Broward County’s Tax Collector was not a Constitutional Officer prior to Amendment 10 and thus, their Charter does not reflect a post-Amendment 10 structure. Their Charter Review is scheduled for 2030.

POTENTIAL CHARTER MENTIONS

- (1) Does the Charter provide the County Constitutional Officers or any other governmental entity with the right to attend and be heard at any regular or special open session meeting of the Commission?
- (2) Does the Charter provide the ability for COs to place items on a BCC agenda?
- (3) Does the Charter contain provisions that provides that the County may enter into contracts with the County Constitutional Officers for the joint performance or performance by one on behalf of the other of any authorized function of such government unit?



- (1) **Section 1.04-** Any person has the right to be heard
- (2) No Mention
- (3) **Section 2.10-** The County Attorney may represent the COs
Section 3.07 (B)- All operational services shall be made available to the COs.



- (1) No Mention
- (2) No Mention
- (3) No Mention



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CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS' JOINT PROPOSED REQUIRED AND REQUESTED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO CONFORM WITH AMENDMENT 10

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER

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ARTICLE 1. - BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SECTION 1.01. - POWERS.

A. The Board of County Commissioners shall be the legislative and the governing body of the county. The County shall have the power to carry on a central metropolitan government. The Board's powers shall include but shall not be restricted to the powers to:

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4. Provide central records, training, and communications for fire and police protection; ~~[[provide traffic control and central crime investigation]]~~; provide fire stations, jails, and related facilities; and subject to Section 1.01A(18) provide a uniform system for fire ~~[[and police protection]]~~.

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19. By ordinance, abolish or consolidate ~~[[the office of constables, or]]~~ any county office created by the Legislature, or provide for the consolidation and transfer of any of the functions of such officers, provided, however, that there shall be no power to abolish the Superintendent of Public Instruction, >>to abolish or impair the jurisdiction, responsibilities, powers or duties of the County Constitutional Officers set forth in the Florida Constitution or by general law, except as set forth therein, <<or to abolish or impair the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court or to abolish any other Court, provided by the Constitution or by general law, or the judges or clerks thereof.

20. Make investigations of county affairs, inquire into the conduct, accounts, records, and transactions of any department or office of the county, and for these purposes require reports from all county ~~[[officers and]]~~ employees, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and require the production of records.

21. Exercise all powers and privileges granted to municipalities~~[[,]]~~ >>and<< counties~~[[, and county officers]]~~ by the Constitution and laws of the state, and all powers not prohibited by the ~~Constitution~~ or by this Charter.

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SECTION 1.05. - FORFEITURE OF OFFICE OF COUNTY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.

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C. Any appointed official or employee of Miami-Dade County who qualifies as a candidate for election to the office of Miami-Dade County Commissioner~~[[7]]~~ >>or<< Miami-Dade County Mayor, ~~[[Miami Dade County Clerk of the Circuit Court, or Miami Dade County Property Appraiser]]~~ shall immediately take a leave of absence from his or her county position until the date of the election and shall, if elected, immediately forfeit his or her county position. If the candidate is not elected, he or she shall immediately be reinstated to his or her former position.

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ARTICLE 3. - ELECTIONS

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SECTION 3.03. - NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS.

All elections for Mayor~~[[, Clerk of the Circuit Court]]~~ and the members of the Board shall be nonpartisan and no ballot shall show the party designation of any candidate. No candidate shall be required to pay any party assessment or state the party of which he is a member or the manner in which he voted or will vote in any election.

SECTION 3.04. - QUALIFICATIONS AND FILING FEE.

- A. All candidates for the office of Mayor or County Commissioner shall qualify with the >>Supervisor of Elections<< ~~[[Clerk of the Circuit Court]]~~ no earlier than the 84th day and no later than noon on the 70th day prior to the date of the election at which he is a candidate in the method provided by law or ordinance, and shall pay a filing fee of \$300. ~~[[All filing fees shall be paid into the general funds of the county.]]~~
- B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a person who seeks to qualify as a candidate for the office of Mayor or County Commissioner and who meets the >>candidate <<petition requirements of >>general law<< is not required to pay the filing fee required by this section or any other qualifying fee required by the state~~[[(collectively the "Qualifying Fee")]. A candidate who seeks to qualify without paying the Qualifying Fee must obtain the number of signatures of voters in the geographical area represented by the office sought equal to at least 1 percent of the total number of registered voters of that geographical area, as shown by the compilation by the Supervisor of Elections for the immediately preceding general election. Signatures may not be obtained until the candidate has filed the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository pursuant to state law. The format of the petition shall be used by candidates to reproduce petitions for circulation. Each petition must be submitted before noon of the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period for the office sought to the Supervisor of Elections. The Supervisor shall check the signatures on the petitions to verify their status as voters in the geographical area represented by the office sought. No later than the 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period, the Supervisor of Elections shall certify the number of valid signatures. The Supervisor of Elections shall~~

~~determine whether the required number of signatures has been obtained and shall notify the candidate. If the required number of signatures has been obtained, the candidate shall be eligible to qualify pursuant to this section without paying the Qualifying Fee]].~~

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ARTICLE 5. - ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

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SECTION 5.03. - FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION.

- A. ~~[[The department of finance shall be headed by a finance director appointed by the Mayor and the Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts. The finance director shall have charge of the financial affairs of the county.]]~~ >>RESERVED<<

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SECTION 5.04. - ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

- A. ~~[[Commencing with the general election to be held in November 2008 and every four years thereafter, the Miami Dade County Property Appraiser shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis, by a majority of the qualified electors voting at a county wide election held within Miami Dade County, Florida.~~

~~B.]]~~ Beginning with the tax year 1961, the county tax rolls prepared by the county shall be the only legal tax rolls in this county for the assessment and collection of county and municipal taxes. Thereafter no municipality shall have an assessor or prepare an ad valorem tax roll. Each municipality shall continue to have the right to adopt its own budget, fix its own millage, and levy its own taxes. Each municipality shall certify its levies to the County not later than 30 days after the county tax rolls have been finally approved by the Board. Any municipality may obtain a copy of this tax roll upon payment of the cost of preparing such a copy, and copies of the tax rolls shall be available for public inspection at reasonable times. Maps showing the assessed valuation of each parcel of property may be prepared and made available for sale to the public at a reasonable price.

~~[[C]]>>~~B<<. All county and municipal taxes for the tax year beginning January 1, 1961, and all subsequent tax years, shall be collected by the >>Tax Collector in accordance with state law<<~~[[county on one bill prepared and sent out by the county. The amounts of county and municipal taxes shall be shown as separate items, and maybe paid separately.]]~~

~~[[D]]>>~~C<<. Delinquent municipal taxes shall be collected in the same manner as delinquent county taxes.

~~[[E]]>>~~D<<. All the tax revenues collected for any municipality shall be returned monthly by the county to the municipality.

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ARTICLE 6. - MUNICIPALITIES

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its individual character and standards may be preserved for its citizens.

SECTION 6.03. - MUNICIPAL CHARTERS.

- A. Except as provided in Section 6.04, any municipality in the county may adopt, amend, or revoke a charter for its own government or abolish its existence in the following manner. Its governing body shall, within 120 days after adopting a resolution or after the certification of a petition of ten percent of the qualified electors of the municipality, draft or have drafted by a method determined by municipal ordinance a proposed charter amendment, revocation, or abolition which shall be submitted to the electors of the municipalities. Unless an election occurs not less than 60 nor more than 120 days after the draft is submitted, the proposal shall be submitted at a special election within that time>>, or at such other time as the Supervisor of Elections provides for such election<<. The governing body shall make copies of the proposal available to the electors not less than 30 days before the election. Alternative proposals may be submitted. Each proposal approved by a majority of the electors voting on such proposal shall become effective at the time fixed in the proposal.

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SECTION 6.05. - CREATION OF NEW MUNICIPALITIES.

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- B. A new municipality may also be created by petition of electors residing in the area to be incorporated in accordance with the following process:
 - 1. An incorporation committee composed of a minimum of five (5) electors from the proposed area of incorporation will initiate the process by filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court an initiatory petition on a form prescribed by the ~~[[Clerk]]~~ >>County<<for such purpose. The form shall identify the names and addresses of the Incorporation Committee members and describe the proposed incorporation area. The form of the petition shall prominently state that a budgetary analysis and a copy of the proposed charter will be distributed to the electors within the area and made available, as required by this section. Within seven (7) days of receipt of the form, the ~~[[Clerk]]~~ >>County<<will determine if the form is acceptable and if it is acceptable shall approve the form of petition and provide the Incorporation Committee the total number of the electors within the proposed incorporation area and the number of required signatures which shall be equal to twenty percent (20%) of the electors in the proposed incorporation area and shall notify the Board of County Commissioners. If the ~~[[Clerk]]~~ >>County<<determines that the form of petition does not comply with the requirements of this Charter or inaccurately describes proposed boundaries, the ~~[[Clerk]]~~ >>County<< may disapprove the form of petition and provide notification to the Incorporation Committee and the Board of County Commissioners of the disapproval. The ~~[[Clerk]]~~ >>County<<shall advise the Incorporation Committee as to the reasons for disapproval and the Incorporation Committee may submit a new petition at any time. If the Clerk

approves the form of the petition, the Incorporation Committee, within ninety (90) days of such approval, shall submit to the Board of County Commissioners a proposed municipal charter, which, at a minimum, shall set forth the form of government and governing body of the newly incorporated area as well as provide for the conditions for incorporation as set forth in Section 6.05(B)(7) below. During such ninety (90) day period, the incorporation committee shall hold at least three public hearings on the proposed municipal charter, in three different locations in the area proposed to be incorporated, notice of which shall be mailed to all electors within the area proposed for incorporation.

2. (a) No later than ninety (90) days from the date of approval of the above form by the ~~[[Clerk]]~~ >>County<<, the Board of County Commissioners shall review the appropriateness of the petition for incorporation and proposed municipal charter and recommend any changes to the boundaries of the proposed municipality and proposed municipal charter to the Incorporation Committee at a public hearing.
 - (b) At such public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners shall approve the proposed incorporation petition, as presented in the petition or as revised by the Incorporation Committee, or reject the incorporation petition as presented or as revised by the Incorporation Committee.
 - (c) The County Commission's failure to review the incorporation petition within the time required by this paragraph is subject to mandamus by a court of competent jurisdiction.
3. The Incorporation Committee will have six (6) months from the date by which the Board was required to have reviewed the incorporation petition to obtain signatures equal to twenty percent (20%) of the electors in the proposed incorporation area, with signatures on a petition provided by the ~~[[Clerk]]~~ >>County<<. The petition shall require the name, address and signature of the elector and such signatures shall be notarized.
 4. The signed petitions will be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections, who shall ~~[[have thirty (30) days to]]~~ canvass the signatures contained therein >> in accordance with state law<<.
 5. Upon certification of the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition, the ~~[[Supervisor of Elections]]~~ >>Incorporation Committee<< shall present the petition to the Board of County Commissioners at their next regularly scheduled meeting. After conducting a public hearing at such meeting, the Board of County Commissioners shall decide whether or not to call an election to authorize the creation of a city and approve a municipal charter for the proposed municipality. If the Board decides to call an election to authorize the creation of the municipality and approve the municipal charter, such election shall occur no sooner than ninety (90) and no greater than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the Supervisor of Elections certifies the signatures >> or at such other time as the Supervisor of Elections provides for such election<<. The election shall be held, whenever practicable, in conjunction with another election scheduled to occur within the prescribed time period. The election shall be decided by an affirmative vote of a majority of electors voting in the proposed incorporation area.

7. The new municipality shall have all the powers and rights granted to or not withheld from municipalities by the County Home Rule Charter and the Constitution and general laws of the State of Florida; provided, however, any proposed municipality whose boundaries include any area outside the urban development boundary, as may be described in the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan, shall abide by the permitted uses as set forth in such plan. It is further provided, as a condition of incorporation, that the new municipality shall provide in its charter: to remain a part of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue District, to remain a part of the Miami-Dade Library System, to contract with ~~[[Miami-Dade County]]~~ >>Sheriff<< for local patrol police services for a minimum of three years, for Miami-Dade County to retain authority for residential garbage and refuse collection and disposal within the proposed new municipality, and for the payment, assumption, or other satisfaction for that portion of the County's preexisting debts and obligations or other refundings secured by revenues or taxes collected within the proposed municipality's area and that neither the new municipality nor its electors shall take any action that would adversely affect the County's bond or other debt obligations that are secured by taxes or revenues from the area constituting the new municipality.

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ARTICLE 8. - INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

SECTION 8.01. - INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

The electors of the county shall have the power to propose to the Board of County Commissioners passage or repeal of ordinances and to vote on the question if the Board refuses action, according to the following procedure:

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5. If the proposal is submitted to the electors, the election shall be held either:

- (a) In the next scheduled county-wide election, or
- (b) If the petition contains the valid signatures in the county in numbers at least equal to eight percent of the registered voters in the county, the election shall take place on the first Tuesday after 120 days from certification of the petition>>, or at such other time as the Supervisor of Elections provides for such election<<. The result shall be determined by a majority vote of the electors voting on the proposal.

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SECTION 8.02. - RECALL.

Any member of the Board of County Commissioners~~[[,]]~~>> or<< the Mayor~~[[, or the Property Appraiser]]~~ may be removed from office by the electors of the county, district, or municipality by which he was chosen. The procedure on a recall petition shall be identical with that for an initiatory or referendary petition, except that:

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4. The Board of County Commissioners must provide for a recall election not less than 45 nor more than 90 days after the certification of the petition >>, or at such other time as the Supervisor of Elections provides for such election<<.

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ARTICLE 9. - GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 9.01. - ~~[[ABOLITION OF CERTAIN OFFICES AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS]]~~>>COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS<<]].

- ~~[[A. — On May 1, 1958, the following offices are hereby abolished and the powers and functions of such offices are hereby transferred to the Mayor, who shall assume all the duties and functions of these offices required under the Constitution and general laws of this state: County Tax Collector, County Surveyor, County Purchasing Agent, and County Supervisor of Registration. The Mayor may delegate to a suitable person or persons the powers and functions of such offices.~~
- ~~B. — In the event that other elective officers are abolished by the Board, the Board shall provide that any person duly elected to such office shall if he so desires remain in the same or similar position and receive the same salary for the remainder of the term for which he was elected, and shall provide for the continuation of all duties and functions of these offices required under the Constitution and general laws.~~
- ~~C. — On November 9, 1966, the Office of Sheriff is hereby abolished and the powers and functions of such office are hereby transferred to the Mayor, who shall assume all the duties and functions of this office required under the Constitution and general laws of this state. The Mayor may delegate to a suitable person or persons the powers and functions of such office.~~
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- >>A. The County shall not abolish, impair or transfer the jurisdiction, responsibilities, powers or duties of the County Constitutional Officers set forth in the Florida Constitution and general law except as permitted therein.
- B. The County Constitutional Officers shall have the right to attend and be heard at any regular or special open session meeting of the Commission, but not the right to vote at such meetings, on matters within their jurisdiction, responsibilities, powers or duties. The County Constitutional Officers shall also have the power to present matters to be considered by the Commission at the next regular meeting of the Commission when state law requires action by the Commission to exercise the County Constitutional Officers' responsibilities, powers or duties.
- C. The County may enter into contracts with the County Constitutional Officers for the joint performance or performance by one on behalf of the other of any authorized function of such government unit.<<

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SECTION 9.07. - AMENDMENTS.

- A. Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners or by petition of electors numbering not less than ten percent of the total number of electors registered in Dade County at the time the petition is submitted. An initiative petition to amend this Charter shall be submitted, together with proposed ballot language, to the ~~[[Clerk of the Circuit Court]]~~ >>County, which<<[[, who]] shall without delay approve as to form a petition for circulation in one or several copies as the proposer may desire. Initiatory petitions shall be certified in the manner required for initiatory petitions for an ordinance.
- B. Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by initiatory petitions of electors. The Board of County Commissioners shall call a countywide election to be held in conjunction with the next scheduled general election after the date that a certified petition is presented to the County Commission.
- C. Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by the Board of County Commissioners at any time. Elections on charter amendments proposed by the Board shall be held in conjunction with the next scheduled general election after the Board adopts a resolution proposing any amendment.
- D. The result of all elections on charter amendments shall be determined by a majority of the electors voting on the proposed amendment.

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SECTION 9.10. - COMMISSION AUDITOR.

There is hereby created and established the Office of the Commission Auditor. The Commission Auditor, who shall be a certified public accountant, will be selected by the County Commission and shall report directly to the County Commission. The County Commission shall provide by ordinance for the specific functions and responsibilities of the Commission Auditor, which shall include but not be limited to providing the Commission with independent budgetary, ~~[[audit,]]~~ management, revenue forecasting, and fiscal analyses of commission policies, and county services and contracts. >>The Clerk of the Court and Comptroller shall have the exclusive authority to perform audits as set forth in state law.<<

SECTION 9.11. - INSPECTOR GENERAL.

There is hereby created and established an Office of the Inspector General. The Inspector General shall head the Office of the Inspector General. The minimum qualifications, term, powers, duties and responsibilities of the Inspector General as well as the organization of the Office of the Inspector General shall be set forth by Ordinance. Such Ordinance shall, at a minimum, provide that: (1) the Office of the Inspector General be sufficiently independent to assure that no interference or influence external to the Office adversely affects the independence and objectivity of the Inspector General; (2) the Office of the Inspector General be empowered to

perform investigations~~[[, audits]]~~, reviews and oversight of County contracts, programs, projects, abuse, waste and mismanagement as well as County-funded contracts, programs and projects; and (3) the Office of the Inspector General be empowered to provide inspector general services to other governmental entities and municipalities upon the approval of a request to provide such services by a majority of the Board of County Commissioners.

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