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City of San Angelo Charter Review



# Committee recommendation

In consideration of Chief Carter's current term ending May 2024, we recommend the City of San Angelo order a May 6, 2023, election.

No voter approved amendments would take effect until after May 2024, allowing Chief Carter to serve the remainder of his current term.

We propose two text amendments regarding:

- Section 61 – Qualifications.
- Section 62 – Term of Office.
- Section 64 – Authority.

# Committee recommendation

## CURRENT:

### SECTION 61. QUALIFICATIONS:

The Chief of Police shall have been a resident of the City of San Angelo for a period of at least two years immediately prior to his election and shall possess the qualifications of electors in said city.

## PROPOSED:

### SECTION 61. QUALIFICATIONS:

The Chief of Police shall have been a continuous resident of the City of San Angelo for a period of at least six months and a resident of the State of Texas for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the filing deadline for the election and shall possess the qualifications of electors in said city.

Additionally, the Chief of Police shall meet or exceed the following qualifications (to be sworn and accepted, unless challenged, challenges will be reviewed by the Civil Service Commission):

- 10 years as a sworn police officer with a minimum of 5 years demonstrated performance in a supervisory capacity (Lieutenant or above) in similar sized agency.
- Masters' Peace Officer Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE); or Bachelor's in Criminal Justice; or 4 years of military service.

# Committee recommendation

## CURRENT:

### SECTION 62 – TERM OF OFFICE:

The term of office of the Chief of Police for the City of San Angelo shall be four years.

## PROPOSED:

### SECTION 62 – TERM OF OFFICE:

The Chief of Police shall serve a term of four (4) years and until his successor is elected and qualified, unless sooner removed from office by death, resignation or recall. To align terms with Single Member Districts 1, 3, and 5, the term for the election held May 4, 2024, will be a term for three (3) years, with all following elections to be for a term of four (4) years.

If the Chief of Police ceases to be a resident of the city, or is found to have violated state or federal law, they shall be deemed to have automatically resigned from office.

# Committee recommendation

## **CURRENT:**

### **SECTION 64 – AUTHORITY:**

The Chief of Police shall have exclusive control of the police department of the City of San Angelo and shall have the right to select, employ, discharge at will and to prescribe the salaries of (within the monetary limits fixed by the city budget) the employees in such department.

## **PROPOSED:**

### **SECTION 64 – AUTHORITY:**

The Chief of Police shall manage and operate the department in accordance with local, state, and federal laws in addition to city policies.





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