

# City Charter



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**

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## **Sec. 1.01. Creation and powers.**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby created which shall have all governmental, corporate and proprietary powers to enable it to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions and render municipal services, and may exercise any power for municipal purposes except as otherwise provided by law.

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**Who is the Charter Revision Board?**

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## **Who is the Charter Revision Board?**

Board Members – 5 Appointed Members

Term/Term Limits – 1 Year / 6 Terms

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## **Sec. 2-231. Established; term; compensation; duties.**

There is hereby created an advisory board to the city commission, known as the charter revision board, whose members shall serve for a term of one (1) year from the date of their appointment and without compensation, for the purpose of advising the city commission on the propriety of the existing charter and, further, to make such suggestions and recommendations to perfect the charter so as to establish a better government of and for the city.

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## Who is Involved with the Charter Revision Board?

Charter Revision Board Members

City Attorney's Office

City Clerk's Office

City Auditor's Office

City Manager's Office

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WHEN WAS THE CITY  
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ESTABLISHED?



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## **How is the Charter Changed?**

Through Referendum on Election Cycles

Through Referendum During Special Elections

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How Is THE  
CHARTER REALLY  
CHANGED?



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YOU!



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## **How is the Charter REALLY Changed?**

Community Feedback is Critical

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## **How Can You Stay Involved?**

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations  
Attend Charter Revision Board Meetings  
Complete On-Line Survey

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## **Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations:**

Topic Presentations to Membership for Feedback



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## **Charter Revision Board Meetings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Each Month – 5:30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor – 101 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave (Tower 101)



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**Survey & Additional Information:**

**<https://spotlightftl.com/charterreview>**



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## Additional Outreach Efforts:

**SpotlightFTL.com**

**Postcards**

**Flyers at City Buildings & High-Traffic Areas**

**City Website**

**Social Media Campaign**

**Media Outreach**

**Community Stakeholders**

**Organization Partnerships (Riverwalk, Chamber of Commerce)**

**Email Distribution**

**Mayor & Commissioner Newsletters**

**Water Bill**



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## Charter Revision Board Community Outreach Program

**Who: Neighbors in all Four City Districts**

**Why: Educate and Receive Feedback on City Charter Revision Topics**

**What: Community Meetings**

**Where: Designated Locations in each District**

**When: Early June?**



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THE  
END?



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**NO?**



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**No Sunset on Charter Revision Board  
Charter is Meant to be a Living Document**



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# Questions?

