

SALINE PROPOSAL #1 – Proposed Ballot Language

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SALINE CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE
PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS**

Currently, the City of Saline Charter establishes that City Council meeting notices and proceedings be published in a local newspaper.

The City Council is proposing that Charter Sections 6.2 and 6.5 be amended to allow for City Council meeting notices and proceedings to be published on the City website and in a manner consistent with state law, and to make all references gender-neutral.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

YES _____ NO _____

SALINE PROPOSAL #1 – Summary of Changes

Sec. 6.2. - Quorum; rules and organization.

A majority of the council ~~men~~ members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time. Every ordinance and resolution shall be adopted or passed by the affirmative vote of four council ~~men~~ members. Unless by affirmative vote of four council ~~men~~ members, no office shall be created or abolished, no tax or assessment be imposed; street, alley or public ground be vacated, real estate or any interest therein be sold or disposed of, private property be taken for public use, any vote of the council be reconsidered or rescinded at a special meeting, nor any money appropriated. No council ~~man~~ member shall vote on any question in which ~~he is~~ they are financially interested or any question concerning ~~his~~ their own official conduct; but on all other questions every council ~~man~~ member present shall vote. On all votes which are not unanimous, the yea and nay vote of each member shall be recorded and published in the regular proceedings of the meeting. The council shall determine the rules of its proceedings, and keep a journal thereof in the English language. The proceedings of each council meeting shall be published within two weeks on the city website and in a local newspaper selected by the council ~~manner consistent with state law~~, but each item of business shall be condensed to a statement of its substance by the clerk, under the direction of the council, unless otherwise provided by this charter or the general laws of the state, and except that any pertinent points of any resolution shall not be omitted, nor any vote of the council; ~~provided, that if there be no newspaper published in the city, publication of the proceedings shall not be required.~~ All sessions of the legislative body and all records of the municipality shall be public.

Sec. 6.5. - Public notices.

When by this charter any officer is required to give publication to any notice, such notice shall be published ~~once in a newspaper selected by the council, printed and circulated in the city; and if there be no newspaper published in the city, such notice shall be printed and posted in at least five public places within the city~~ on the city website and in a manner consistent with state law.

SALINE PROPOSAL #2 – Proposed Ballot Language

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SALINE CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE MEETING DATE OF CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING AN ELECTION

Currently, the City of Saline Charter establishes that City Council shall meet on the first Monday in January following each regular City election.

The City Council is proposing that Charter Section 6.1 be amended to change the first meeting date of City Council to the first Monday after January 2 following each regular City election, and for notice of such meetings to be published consistent with state law, and to make all references gender-neutral.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

YES _____ NO _____

SALINE PROPOSAL #2 – Summary of Changes

Sec. 6.1. - Meetings; attendance at meetings.

The council shall meet on the first Monday in January after January 2 following each regular city election and shall hold at least two regular stated meetings each month for the transaction of business, at such time and place within the city as it shall prescribe. Special meetings may be called by the mayor or any two council members on at least ~~twelve~~ eighteen hours' ~~actual~~ notice to each member of the council by email, ~~or by written notice left at their respective residences~~, but any special meeting at which all members of the council are present shall be a legal meeting for all purposes, without such notice.

~~Absence from three consecutive regular meetings shall operate to vacate the seat of a member, unless the absence is excused by the council, by resolution setting forth such excuse and entered in the minutes of the council meeting.~~ The council may by a majority vote of those present compel the attendance of its members and other officers of the city at its meetings and enforce orderly conduct therein.