

Tooele City Charter

Tooele City is the only city in Utah administered under a “home rule charter” created under the Constitution of the State of Utah. All other cities and towns in Utah operate under forms of government established by the Utah State Legislature. The Charter, which was approved by voters in 1965, allows Tooele City to operate under its own rules of administration. The City Charter can only be changed by approval of the voters in a municipal election and was last amended in 2005.

To read the City Charter, visit:
tooelecity.org/CityCharter

Tooele City

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TOOELE CITY VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

Proposition #8

Tooele City Question 1

General Election

Tuesday, November 21, 2023



Information about Proposition #8

To amend the City Charter, the Tooele City Council must pass a Resolution proposing the amendment, and then the citizens vote on whether they would like the amendment implemented. On August 2, 2023, the Tooele City Council passed Resolution 2023-57 to place a proposal to amend the Charter on the ballot. If the proposed amendments are approved, the Charter will more closely match the language in current Utah state law and the way that all cities in the State of Utah select city recorders (UCA 10-3-916).

On Tuesday, November 21, 2023, Tooele City residents will have the opportunity to vote on Proposition #8, Tooele City Question 1, about amending the Tooele City Charter.

What is the proposed amendment?

The amendment will change the language

FROM: The Council, with the advice of the Mayor, shall select a qualified elector of the city to act as City Recorder who shall be the clerk of the Council and shall be the depository for all City records not needed for current operations of any department. The City Recorder shall serve for a term of two years unless sooner removed for cause, and said removal shall be in accordance with the City's policies and procedures and other applicable law.

TO: The Council, with the advice of the Mayor, shall select a qualified person to act as City Recorder who shall be the clerk of the Council and shall be the depository for all City records not needed for current operations of any department. The City Recorder shall serve without limitation of time and in accordance with the City's policies and procedures and other applicable law.

What do I look for on the ballot?

PROPOSITION #8 – Tooele City Question 1

Shall the Tooele City Charter, Section 3-01, be amended as proposed by the Tooele City Council? That Section 3-01 regarding the office of the City Recorder be amended by substituting the words “qualified elector of the city” with the words “qualified person”, and removing the term limit, to read as follows: The Council, with the advice of the Mayor, shall select a qualified person to act as City Recorder who shall be the clerk of the Council and shall be the depository for all City records not needed for current operations of any department. The City Recorder shall serve without limitation of time and in accordance with the City's policies and procedures and other applicable law.

_____ Yes

_____ No

What is the cost to Tooele City taxpayers?

There is no cost to the taxpayers. The outcome of Proposition #8 will have no impact on current taxes, existing public debt, or City liability.

Remember to Vote!

There are several ways to return your ballot:

- At a drop box by November 21
- By mail, must be postmarked by November 20
- At a vote center, 7 am – 8 pm, on November 21

More information at www.tooeleco.org/elections, vote.utah.gov, or www.tooelecity.org.

Arguments For & Against

Argument **FOR** Proposition #8:

"The current Tooele City Charter requires the city recorder to be appointed every two years. The two-year appointment provision is antiquated: no other appointed official in Tooele City or the rest of Utah's 245 cities and towns requires reappointment for a term of two years or other set term. Appointed officials statewide, including city recorders, are not appointed for set terms but serve at the pleasure of elected officials. Removing the two-year term from the Charter will increase government efficiency in allowing the city recorder to serve, without the interruption of expiring terms and reappointments, as long as the recorder is doing a good job and the elected officials are satisfied with the recorder's work. Getting rid of the two-year appointment does not increase or decrease the city recorder's job security, but simply removes a clumsy requirement for frequent reappointments. The proposed change also will not result in an ongoing financial cost to the city or its citizens."

Submitted by Tony F. Graf, Jr.,
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No arguments **AGAINST** Proposition #8 were submitted.

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