

**ARTICLE XIV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Sec. 1400. Definitions.**

Unless the provision or the context otherwise requires, as used in this Charter:

- (a) "Shall" is mandatory, and "may" is permissive.
- (b) "City" is the City of Riverside, and "department," "board," "commission," "agency," "officer," or "employee," is a department, board, commission, agency, officer or employee, as the case may be, of the City of Riverside.
- (c) "County" is the County of Riverside.
- (d) "State" is the State of California.
- (e) "Newspaper of general circulation within the City" is as defined by State law.

**Sec. 1401. Violations and penalty.**

The violation of any provision of this Charter shall be deemed a misdemeanor and be punishable upon conviction by a fine of not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**Sec. 1402. Severability.**

If any provision of this Charter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Charter, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

**Sec. 1403. Charter Review Committee.**

In February 2019, and in February every eight years thereafter, the City Council shall appoint and appropriate adequate funds for a Charter Review Committee. The Charter Review Committee shall have the power and duty to:

- (a) Recommend to the City Council which, if any, Charter amendments should be placed on the ballot at the next regular municipal election for Mayor.
- (b) Hold public meetings to receive input on proposed Charter amendments.
- (c) Present a final report with its recommendations to the City Council by the last Tuesday in May preceding the next regular municipal election for Mayor. It may, in its discretion, make interim reports to the City Council.

The City Council shall act upon the recommendations of the Charter Review Committee prior to the last day to place measures on the ballot for the next regular municipal election for Mayor.

The City Council may appoint Charter Review Committees more often if it desires. (Effective 10/23/2012 and 12/27/1995)

**Sec. 1404. Charter, amending.**

This Charter, and any of its provisions, may be amended in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of California. (Effective 12/27/1995)

**Sec. 1405. Pending actions.**

No action or proceeding before any board or commission of the City, whether specifically enumerated in this Charter or not, which was commenced before the effective date of this Charter, and no right accrued in any such proceeding, is affected by the provisions of this Charter, but all proceedings taken thereafter shall conform to the provisions of this Charter.