

Amend the Charter of the City of North Miami Beach

Amendment title: Proposed Charter Amendment for Single-Member City Commission Districts

Amendment summary (see following pages for the full text of the proposed amendment):

We, the signers of this petition, pursuant to F.S. § 166.031, seek to propose a referendum to amend the Charter of North Miami Beach to create six single-member commission districts with staggered terms and to retain an at-large Mayor, providing fair, neighborhood-based representation. The amendment requires districts to be substantially equal in population, contiguous and compact where practicable, and consistent with federal and state law. Candidates for commissioner must reside in their respective districts for at least six (6) months and in the City for at least one (1) year prior to qualifying. Candidates for the Mayor seat must reside in the City for at least one (1) year prior to qualifying and shall be elected citywide and preside over the Commission. The Mayor and Commissioners must maintain residency and elector status during their terms of office. District elections and new term-limit cycles begin in 2028.

By signing this Petition, we ask that the following question be placed on the November 3, 2026, General Election Ballot:

Shall Articles II and IV of the North Miami Beach City Charter be amended to create six single-member commission districts with staggered terms, substantially equal in population, contiguous and compact where practicable and retain an at-large Mayor who will preside over the Commission?

Your name and contact information	1	I am a registered voter of the City of North Miami Beach and I petition the City to place this proposed charter amendment on the ballot pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 166.031, Miami-Dade County Charter § 6.03, and North Miami Beach Code § 7-13.			
		First name	Middle initial	Last name	
		Address		N. Miami Beach, FL	Zip code
		Phone (optional)			

Your date of birth or voter registration number	2	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	OR	Voter registration number:

Signature	3	Signature (Handwritten signature only):	Today's date (mm/dd/yyyy):

Return instructions	4	Please return all completed petitions to the amendment sponsor:	
		Stronger NMB, 1835 NE Miami Gardens Drive, Suite 184, North Miami Beach, FL 33179	

Full text of the proposed amendment:

The Charter of the City of North Miami Beach is amended as follows: (Additions are underlined and deletions are marked by strikethrough.)

Article II. - Mayor, Vice-Mayor, City Commission

Sec. 2.2 - City Commission.

A. The City Commission shall be composed of seven (7) members, elected as herein provided, one of whom shall be the Mayor; six (6) Commissioners elected from single-member districts, numbered from Districts (2) Two through (7) Seven, and the Mayor, elected at-large citywide and designated as District One (1) by the qualified electors of the City. The six (6) single-member districts shall be established and maintained in compliance with applicable state and federal law (e.g. Voting Rights Act) to be substantially equal in population, contiguous, and compact to the extent practicable; shall respect neighborhoods and follow major geographic boundaries where feasible. Within two months of the adoption of this Charter Amendment, the current Commission shall hire and appoint a consultant to establish the initial City Districts in preparation to meet the residency requirement for the 2028 election. The City Commission shall then properly redistrict each Commission District in the odd numbered year following each decennial census to account for any population shifts. The Commission shall be the legislative body of the City of North Miami Beach and shall have power to investigate any phase, function or operation of the City Government in such manner and at such time as to it shall be deemed necessary to the determination by the Commission of the public policy of the City. It shall have such other powers as are hereinafter expressly or impliedly set forth, or inherent in the legislative department of government. Any Commission-appointed officer of the City of North Miami Beach may be removed by a majority vote of the City Commission.

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Full text of the proposed amendment (continued):

Sec. 2.2 - City Commission.

B. Mayor and Commissioners must remain bona fide residents and qualified electors of the City and, for Commissioners, of the district from which they were elected. The Mayor must reside continuously within the City during the term of office. Each Commissioner must reside continuously within the district from which elected during the term of office. Failure to maintain such residency shall result in the office being automatically deemed vacant and forfeited without further action.

Article IV. - Election of City Commission Members

Sec. 4.2 - Election and Term of Commission Members.

A. The Mayor shall be elected at large by the electors of the City of North Miami Beach. The six (6) remaining members of the City Commission shall be elected from groups single-member districts numbered Two (2) through Seven (7). The groups shall be elected Citywide by the qualified electors of the City of North Miami Beach. The member in Group One shall be the Mayor. Qualified electors residing within each district shall vote for not more than one (1) candidate for the offices of city commissioner from that single-member district and shall not be entitled to vote for candidates for city commission from any other single-member district. At the City's general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November ~~2018~~ 2028, and at each general election every four years thereafter, the Mayor and members of City Commission running from ~~groups~~ Districts 3, 5, and 7 shall be elected for four (4) year terms. At the City's general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November ~~2020~~ 2030 and at each general election every four years thereafter, the members of City Commission running from ~~groups~~ Districts 2, 4, and 6 shall be elected for four (4) year terms.

B. ~~Commencing with the 2011 general elections for groups 1, 3, 5, and 7 and with the 2013 general elections for groups 2, 4, and 6, no~~ No person may serve as, or be elected to the office of, Commissioner or Mayor ~~or any combination thereof~~ for more than two consecutive four-year terms, not including time served as a member of the Commission as a result of having filled a vacancy in the Commission pursuant to Section 4.5 of the North Miami Beach City Charter so long as such time served in filling a vacancy does not exceed 50% of that subject term. Service by a Commission member in excess of 50% of any term of office ~~(including those terms provided for in Charter Section 4.1)~~ shall be considered a full term for purposes of the term limit provisions in this section. After being out-of-office for two (2) years, he/she may run again. Members of the Commission shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. For purposes of the term-limit provisions of this Charter, the calculation of consecutive terms for the Mayor and Commissioners shall commence with the general election held in 2028, and service prior to that election shall not be counted.

C. Notwithstanding the above, if a person is elected to 2 consecutive terms and has not met the term limit under the 50% provision in subsection B, he/she may only be elected to one additional term (regardless of that person's length of service in that additional term) for completion of that particular term limit, after which time or unless he/she is out of office for 2 years in which case he/she may run again for the term limit.

Sec. 4.3 - Qualification of Commission Members.

Candidates for the office of Mayor and Commissioner of the City of North Miami Beach shall qualify with the Clerk of the City not prior to the seventy-eighth day preceding the election provided for in Section 4.1 hereof nor later than 12:00 noon on the seventy-third (73) day preceding the election. A candidate shall qualify by taking and subscribing to an oath that she/he is qualified under the charter of the City of North Miami Beach to hold the office of Commissioner and Mayor and by paying to said Clerk a qualifying fee in the amount of four (4%) percent of the annual salary of the office, which fee shall be deposited in the general fund of the City. Candidates for the office of City Commission member shall designate the district from which they desire to be elected. Each candidate, at the time of qualifying with the Clerk, shall designate a campaign treasurer and a depository of campaign funds. Candidates for Mayor, at the time of qualifying with the Clerk, must have immediately and continuously resided in the City of North Miami Beach for at least one (1) full year and be a qualified elector of the City of North Miami Beach. Each candidate for Commission, at the time of qualifying with the Clerk, must have immediately and continuously resided in their respective District for at least six (6) months and in the City of North Miami Beach for at least one (1) full year ~~shall at the time of qualifying and at the time of election and~~ be a qualified elector of the City of North Miami Beach. ~~and All candidates for office shall not, within five years next preceding the date of his/her qualification, have been convicted in this or any other state of any offense involving moral turpitude. A person may qualify as a candidate for only one office in any given election. No candidate may simultaneously qualify for the office of Mayor and the office of City Commissioner.~~

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