

**Clark County Charter Review Commission  
Resolution No. 2021-5**

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter by requiring adoption of a new ethics code and autonomous review process.

WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 1, 2021, and July 7, 2021, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 7, 2021 voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2021 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter that includes a requirement for the county council to adopt by ordinance a Code of Ethics on or before July 31, 2022, and establishing on or before July 31, 2022 in the county manager’s office an autonomous Ethics Review Commission, and a supporting Ethics Oversight and Compliance office; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

**Section 1. New.** A new Section 8.12, Code of Ethics, is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

**Section 8.12 Code of Ethics**

On or before July 31, 2022, the County Council shall adopt an ordinance establishing a code of ethics, and shall establish penalties for the violation of this code. The ethics code must be adhered to by all departments and entities that receive funding through the County budget, and all officials elected or appointed to administer County government.

**Section 2. New.** A new Section 8.13, Ethics Review Commission and Oversight Office, is proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

1 **Section 8.13 Ethics Review Commission and Oversight Office**

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3 On or before July 31, 2022, the County Manager, in conjunction with the County Council and as  
4 per Section 3.3B of this charter, shall appoint an autonomous ethics review commission  
5 comprised of qualified individuals in the area of ethical conduct in government which will be  
6 charged with hearing and ruling on complaints of violations of the code of ethics. An ethics  
7 oversight office shall be established by the County Manager to operate an ethics complaint  
8 hotline, accept and investigate potential ethics complaints and provide staff support to the ethics  
9 review commission. The ethics review commission and oversight office will be administered  
10 through the office of the County Manager.

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12 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution proposing amendments to the Clark County Home  
13 Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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15 **Section 4. Instructions to Staff.** The County Manager shall direct appropriate county staff to do  
16 the following:

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18 A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the  
19 voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home  
20 Rule Charter.  
21 B. Transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an  
22 appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.  
23 C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to  
24 Code Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.

1 ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 7th day of  
2 July, 2021.

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4 ATTEST:

FOR CLARK COUNTY CHARTER  
REVIEW COMMISSION:


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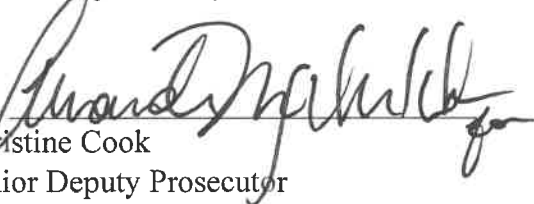


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