

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Clerk, City of Oakland
FROM: Mayor's Office
DATE: June 11, 2026
RE: Charter Reform — Proposed Amendments to the Oakland City Charter

AMENDMENT 1 — Section 216(d): Effective Date of Ordinances

Charter Section:

Section 216. Effective Date of Resolutions and Ordinances, Subdivision (d)

Amended Section

Section 216(d). All ordinances shall take effect upon the seventh day after final passage unless a later effective date is indicated therein or is otherwise required by law, except that the following ordinances shall take effect immediately upon final passage unless a later effective date is indicated therein:

AMENDMENT 2 — Section 218: Non-Interference / Right of Inquiry and Access for Constituent Services

Section 218. Non-Interference in Administrative Affairs. Right of Inquiry and Access for Constituent Services.

Amended Section

Remove Section 218(a) Each department under the Mayor's or City Administrator's jurisdiction shall maintain at least one designated Council liaison for Council inquiries, and the Mayor or City Administrator shall ensure coordination.

AMENDMENT 3 — Section 218: Non-Interference / Right of Inquiry and Access for Constituent Services

Charter Section:

Section 218. Non-Interference in Administrative Affairs. Right of Inquiry and Access for Constituent Services.

Amended Section

Section 218 (c) Councilmembers and their staff shall not have the power to direct, give orders to, or attempt to coerce any department head or any other subordinate of the City under the jurisdiction of the Mayor, City Administrator or other appointed or elected officers in respect to any administrative action.

AMENDMENT 4 — Section 305(r): Functions, Powers and Duties of the Mayor

Charter Section:

Section 305. Functions, Powers and Duties.

Amended Section

305 (r) To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or by ordinance or resolution.

AMENDMENT 5 — Section 502: Acting City Administrator

Charter Section:

Section 502. Acting City Administrator.

Amended Section

Section 502. Acting City Administrator. The City Administrator shall designate two or more of the City Administrator's assistants or department heads, in the sequence in which they are to serve, as Acting City Administrator to serve as City Administrator in the temporary absence or disability of the City Administrator. **In the event of the removal or resignation of the City Administrator, the Mayor may designate one of the City Administrator's assistants or a department head to temporarily serve as Acting City Administrator. An Acting City Administrator shall have all the powers and duties of the City Administrator.**

AMENDMENT 6 — Section 603(c): Elected Official Salary Increases

Charter Section:

Section 603. Public Ethics Commission, Subdivision (c). Elected Official Salary Increases.

Amended Section

603 (c) **Elected Official Salary Increases.** The Public Ethics Commission, with the assistance of the City Administrator and/or outside consultants, at the discretion of the Executive Director, shall set the salary for the City Councilmembers, the Mayor, the City Attorney, and the City Auditor as provided for in Charter Sections 202, 300, 401(1), and 403(1).