

YOUR CHARTER RIGHT · FLORIDA STATUTE §166.031

# The residents decide.

**When the Commission can't — or won't — residents can place a charter amendment on the ballot themselves.**

Under Florida Statute §166.031, any qualified voter of a Florida municipality may petition to amend the city charter. Once the signatures of 10% of registered voters are verified, the Commission is legally required to place the amendment on the next general election ballot. The word "shall" in §166.031(3) is not optional — and it applies notwithstanding any charter provisions to the contrary. No commissioner gets to veto it.

5,796

Signatures needed to qualify in Pompano Beach

10%

Of Pompano Beach's registered voters

180 days

To collect signatures from the first one

## ACTION NEEDED

# Two amendments on one petition drive.

Pompano Beach residents are circulating two citizen-initiated charter amendments at the same time. You can sign one, the other, or both. Each amendment needs its own packet of valid signatures to qualify for the ballot — and the clock starts the moment the first signature is collected.

### Amendment 1 — Five Votes. No Conflicts.

Eliminate the separately elected Mayor-at-Large seat. Five elected commissioners, five votes, Mayor and Vice Mayor chosen from among them. Ends 3–3 gridlock. Saves taxpayers the Mayor's salary and benefits.

### Amendment 2 — One Firm. One Role.

Bar City strategic-planning consultants from simultaneously holding CRA contracts, owning property inside the districts they advise on, placing former staff into pivotal City or CRA planning roles for 24 months, or sitting on economic-development boards that direct their own City work.



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What the packet includes. The petition form (print-at-home or request by mail), circulator instructions, plain-English explainers of both amendments, and FAQ. Signatures must come from registered Pompano Beach voters. Every circulator is responsible for verifying the signer's voter-registration status before submission.

Pass it on. Download this handout at [pompanopetitions.com](http://pompanopetitions.com) and print double-sided on one sheet to share with neighbors.

## AMENDMENT 1

# Five Votes. No Conflicts.

**Commission of five elected members · Mayor and Vice Mayor selected from among them.**

**The problem** Pompano Beach has five districts, but six seats on the Commission — five district commissioners plus a separately-elected Mayor-at-Large. The Mayor lives in one of those five districts, so that district effectively gets two votes while the other four get one. The math produces chronic 3–3 gridlock.

**The fix** Eliminate the Mayor-at-Large seat. Five elected commissioners — one per district — select a Mayor and Vice Mayor from among themselves at the swearing-in, in public. Same way the Vice Mayor is already selected today.

**What stays** District boundaries are unchanged. Every resident still elects their own district commissioner. No district is counted twice.

**Taxpayer impact** The Mayor's salary and benefits — including pension contributions, expense allowance, and other compensation tied to that dedicated seat — return to the general fund.

**Florida peers** Coconut Creek, Fruitland Park, and Broward County itself all select their Mayor from within an elected commission. Both models exist across Florida; neither is unusual.

## AMENDMENT 2

# One Firm. One Role.

**Separate strategic-planning consultants from the redevelopment decisions they profit from.**

**The problem** A single firm can today: hold strategic-planning contracts with both the City and the CRA; own real property inside the districts it advises on; place former staff into pivotal planning, zoning, and procurement roles; and sit on economic-development boards that direct its own City work. Stacked together, that's capture.

**Rule 1** No dual strategic-consultant contracts. A firm advising the City on land use, zoning, or redevelopment strategy cannot simultaneously hold a parallel strategic-advisory contract with the CRA.

**Rule 2** Disclosure of interests. Firms must disclose real-property interests held by the firm or its principals inside advised districts, outside compensation from developers or property owners (24-month lookback), and voting roles on economic-development boards.

**Rule 3** 24-month cooling-off period. No revolving door between consultant roles and pivotal City or CRA planning, zoning, or procurement staff roles.

**Rule 4** No shadow governance. City strategic-planning consultants cannot simultaneously vote on economic-development boards that direct the redevelopment plans their firm is paid to produce.

**Legal basis** Amendment 2 regulates the City's own contracting, hiring, and appointment powers — exactly what a charter is for under §166.031. It does not try to regulate the CRA, which Florida law treats as separate, distinct, and independent. Municipalities may adopt stricter local ethics rules than the Chapter 112 baseline.

Ready to help? Request the full packet — petition forms, circulator instructions, and plain-English explainers — at [go.pompanopetitions.com](https://go.pompanopetitions.com).