

History of reforms for possible consideration by a Charter Advisory Committee in 2014

Each of these four recommendations has been considered at least twice since 1991.

Recommendations	1982 Charter review committee	2001-2002 Blue Ribbon Committee (This grew out of a mayor/council subcommittee that met from 1988 to 2001.)	2010 Charter change election. (Issues were referred to the ballot by the City Council at request of the Tucson Charter Change Coalition.)	Charter amendments presented to voters in elections in various years.
Consider whether the City of Tucson should stay with the council-manager form of government or convert to the mayor-council form. (Mayor-council is often called “strong mayor.”)	Committee recommended conversion to mayor-council. Rejected by city council by a 5-2 vote.	--	--	1991. Proposed conversion to mayor-council form of government. Rejected by voters 46,959 to 21,425.
Consider whether the city should stay with partisan elections or convert to nonpartisan elections.	--	Committee recommended conversion to nonpartisan elections. Tabled by city council.	--	1993. Conversion to nonpartisan elections rejected by voters 23,768 to 17,223. (Put on the ballot by initiative.)
Provide for increasing the number of wards as population increases (through growth or annexation).	Committee recommended increasing council by three members. Rejected by city council by a 5-2 vote.	Committee recommended increasing the city council from six to eight members. The increase would have been delayed until 2007. Tabled by city council.	--	--
Consider what are appropriate salaries for the mayor and council.	Committee recommended mayor and council members should receive salary increases commensurate with their added responsibilities. Rejected by city council by 5-2 vote.	Committee recommended setting salaries equal to those of the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Tabled by city council.	Indexing salaries to those of the Board of Supervisors was one of four issues bundled together in 2010. Voters rejected the bundle by 56% to 44%.	Mayor/council salary increase rejected by voters in 1997, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007. (Increase approved in 1999.) (Increases proposed by Citizen’s Commission on Public Service and Compensation.)