

**THIS AMENDMENT PASSED ON A 9-0 VOTE.**

**CITY COUNCIL  
of the  
CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**

**June 17, 2024**

**FLOOR AMENDMENT NO.   2   TO   P-24-4**

**AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR: Fiebelkorn**

1. Strike the following on page 2 beginning on line 23 as follows:

If either the Mayor or City Council fails to name a replacement Committee member within 45 days of a vacancy, the other body shall make the appointment. ~~[If two persons appointed by the Mayor as a Committee member resign within a 365-day period, the Council shall make the next appointment. If two persons appointed by the City Council resign within a 365-day period, the Mayor shall make the next appointment.]~~

Explanation: This proposes to remove language specific to if two appointees resign from a position in a one-year period. There are a number of extenuating circumstances out of either bodies control that could lead to multiple resignations in a one year period.

**THIS AMENDMENT FAILED ON A 3-6 VOTE.**  
**For: Baca, Peña, Lewis**  
**Against: Bassan, Champine, Fiebelkorn, Grout, Rogers, Sanchez**

**CITY COUNCIL  
of the  
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**June 17, 2024**

**FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO. P-24-4**

**AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR: Peña**

1. Amend the title of the Proposal as follows:

ADOPTING A PROPOSITION TO BE SENT TO THE VOTERS AT THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE XIX OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE REGARDING THE PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE OF SEPARATION OF POWERS ISSUES UNDER THE CITY CHARTER [AND ARTICLE XVIII REGARDING THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION]

2. Add the following Whereas clauses:

[WHEREAS, proposed updates to the section of the City Charter related to changes to the salaries of the Mayor and Councilors will allow the City to respond equitably and swiftly to any salary changes that the Independent Citizens' Salary Commission have approved; and]

3. Amend the SUMMARY as follows:

Proposing to amend the City Charter regarding the procedure to determine separation of powers issues [and the effective date for elected officials' salaries] under the City Charter.

4. Insert the following language at the end of Section 1 of the bill:

"Amend XVIII. CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

A Citizens' Independent Salary Commission is created with the authority to set the salaries of the Mayor and ~~Councillors~~ [Councilors]. The Commission has the authority to evaluate the annual salaries and determine whether they should be increased or decreased. The Commission has authority to consider all factors relevant to the salaries.

(a) The Commission shall consist of five members selected by the Accountability in Government Committee. All members shall be residents of the City of Albuquerque and shall not be an officer, official or employee of the city or an immediate family member of the same. The term of each member shall be for four years, unless a member is selected to fill a vacancy, and no member shall be appointed to more than two terms. The initial terms of members of the newly established Commission shall be staggered; the initial term for two members shall be two years and the initial term of three members shall be four years.

(b) At least one year prior to each regular municipal election, the Commission shall review the salaries paid by the city to the Mayor and ~~Councillors~~ [Councilors]. If after such review the Commission determines that the salary should be increased or decreased, the Commission shall file a written salary schedule with the City Clerk indicating the proposed salary.

~~(c) Changes to the salaries shall not be effective for the incumbent Mayor and Councillors, but shall be effective at the beginning of the next term.~~

[(c) Changes to the salaries shall be effective at the beginning of the first fiscal year after the report is submitted.]

(d) Any change to salaries recommended by the Commission shall be subject to the referendum procedures as provided for in Article III, Section 2 of this Charter.

(e) All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public and subject to the Open Meetings Act, Sections 10-15-1 et seq. NMSA 1978.”

5. Amend SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. as follows:

This proposition is effective immediately. The Charter Amendment described in SECTION 1 of this proposition shall take effect on January 1, ~~[2025]~~ [2026] [2025], so long as certified as approved by the voters.

**Explanation:** This amendment proposes to allow salary increases for incumbent elected officials. Salary increases for these offices may only be approved by the voters.

**THIS AMENDMENT PASSED ON A 8-1 VOTE.**  
**For: Baca, Bassan, Champine, Grout, Lewis, Peña, Rogers, Sanchez**  
**Against: Fiebelkorn**

**CITY COUNCIL  
of the  
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**June 17, 2024**

**FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. Amendment to FA#4 TO P-24-4**

**AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR: Joaquín Baca**

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