PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF CRESTVIEW

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact our office at cityclerk@cityofcrestview.org, 850-682-1560, or click on this link https://www.cityofcrestview.org/FormCenter/Charter-Changes-21/Charter-Change-Question-85 to submit questions online. The First reading of the Ordinance to send these questions to the electorate will be on Monday, July 27th at 6:00 PM in the Council chambers at city hall. The Second reading will be on Monday, August 10th at 6:00 PM in the Council chambers. If approved, these amendments will be on the General Election ballot on November 3, 2020 and any adopted changes will take effect on November 15, 2020.

SHOWN BY BALLOT QUESTIONS:
(A Complete copy of the Charter with changes follows this Ballot Section)

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1
RELATING TO CERTAIN LANGUAGE CHANGES TO THE CITY CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF CRESTVIEW FLORIDA.

Parts of the Charter relating to City Manager, City Clerk and use of Ordinances and Resolutions are not conducive to the efficient daily operations of the City of Crestview.

Shall the portions of the Current City Charter regarding City Manager, City Clerk, Ordinance and Resolutions be changed to allow more efficient daily operations of the City of Crestview?

_____ YES For adopting the amendment to the City Charter.
_____ NO Against adopting the amendment to the City Charter

Sections to be Changed if Amendment 1 is Adopted, changes are shown in yellow.

Section 4.01. Mayor.

(c) Compensation. The salary of the Mayor shall be set by ordinance, resolution, which shall take effect upon the Mayor assuming office following the next Mayoral election.
Section 4.02 City Council

(b)

(5) The City Council shall appoint the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk and Department Heads by a majority vote of the entire Council.

(c) Compensation. The salary of Council Members shall be set by ordinance resolution; said compensation shall take effect upon the Council Member assuming office following the next Council election.

Section 4.03 City Council Procedures

(a) Meeting Rules and Procedures. The City Council shall determine its own rules of procedure and order of business. The City Council shall meet regularly at least once every month at such times and places as the City Council may prescribe. Policies and Procedures for the City Council shall be set forth by ordinance resolution.

Section 5.01 City Manager

(b) Draw and sign vouchers upon the depositaries, which vouchers shall be countersigned by the City Clerk, Finance Director and keep a true and accurate account of the same.

(i) Perform such other duties as are specified in this charter, or adopted by ordinance, Resolution, or which may be required by the Council.

(j) City Manager Authority over City Personnel.

In addition to the authority, duties and obligations specified in this Charter, and except as may be inconsistent with this Charter and/or adopted ordinances, resolutions, and policies of the City, the City Manager shall:

1. Determine the employment qualifications of the Department Heads and otherwise handle all aspects of the filling of vacancies in the positions of the Department Heads.

2. Have complete and full authority acting on behalf of the City Council over each and every Department, Department Head and employee of the City, and full authority over all operations of the City. However, when any action is required by the Charter or ordinances on the part of the City Council, such action may be taken by the City Manager subject to the confirmation by the City Council in accordance with the Charter or Ordinance.

3. Have the authority to discipline, demote, suspend and/or remove any Department Head or employee in a manner consistent with the adopted ordinances and personnel
policies of the City. The City Manager may authorize any Director or other administrative officer who is subject to the City Manager’s direction and supervision to exercise these powers with respect to subordinates in that officer’s department, office or agency.

Section 5.03 City Clerk

(c) Review/countersign/approve all checks and electronic financial transfers with the City Manager. Provide administrative services as required by the Council.

(d) Review contracts for compliance with policy and Council direction and Attest to same that all contracts which shall then be signed by the Mayor.

(f) Issue receipts for all money received and shall deposit said money in the proper depositories on the first regular banking day after receipt. Shall maintain and address contract management and records of same.

(h) Preform such additional duties as may be required by the Council. All other powers and duties of the City Clerk shall be as provided by ordinance.

Section 5.05 City Boards, Commissions and Authorities

(a) Establishment. Unless otherwise provided by law, the City Council shall establish or terminate by ordinance, Resolution, such boards, commissions and authorities as it may deem advisable from time to time.

Section 6.03 Qualifications, Eligibility, and Filing Fee.

(b) Qualifying Fee. Each candidate shall pay to the qualifying officer a qualifying fee in the amount as set forth by City ordinance, resolution as well as an election assessment as provided by Florida State Law.

Section 9.01 Effective Date

Upon approval of a majority of the electorate voting at a referendum on this Charter, this Charter will become effective on October 1, 2018 on November 15, 2020.

Section 9.03 Repeal of Former Charter Provisions

All Charter provisions in effect prior to the effective date of this Charter are repealed, provided that all extra territorial powers of the City conferred by special act or otherwise are preserved and can be repealed or modified only by referendum or as otherwise provided by law.

All affected Charter provisions in effect prior to the effective date of this Charter revision are
repealed, provided that all extra territorial powers of the City conferred by special act or otherwise are preserved and can be repealed or modified only by referendum or as otherwise provided by law.

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2
RELATING TO A CHANGES TO THE VOTING DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF CRESTVIEW

The current voting districts defining precincts for elected council members is disproportionate to the population of those precincts.

Shall the voting districts for elected official precincts be amended to more directly represent the population of the voting districts?

YES For adopting the amendment to the City Charter.

NO Against adopting the amendment to the City Charter

Sections to be Changed if Amendment 2 is Adopted, changes are shown in blue

Section 6.07 Council Precincts

(a) **Number of Precincts.** There shall be three (3) City Council precincts. The boundaries of the three (3) precincts shall remain the same as they existed prior to the approval of this charter by the electorate of the City, being described more particularly as:

City Council Precincts: The City of Crestview shall be divided into three precincts, numbered as follows: **Number One:** East Crestview, comprising all that territory within the corporate limits east of Main Street and South of U.S. Highway No. 90; **Number Two:** West Crestview, comprising that territory within the corporate limits west of Main Street and south and west of U.S. Highway No. 90; **Number Three:** North Crestview, comprising all that territory within the corporate limits north of U.S. Highway No. 90. **Number One:** Central Crestview as bordered by U.S. Highway 90 on the north and Interstate 10 on the South, **Number Two:** South Crestview as bordered by Interstate 10 on the North, **Number Three:** North Crestview as bordered by U.S. Highway 90 on the south.
CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 3
RELATING TO A CHANGES TO THE ELECTION DATES FOR THE CITY OF CRESTVIEW

The current Election dates for the City of Crestview are March of odd numbered years.

Shall the election dates for the City of Crestview be amended to coincide with the General Election held in November of each even numbered year.

_____ YES For adopting the amendment to the City Charter.
_____ NO Against adopting the amendment to the City Charter

Sections to be Changed if Amendment 3 is Adopted, changes are shown in green.

Section 6.04 Elections Procedures

(a) General Elections. The Supervisor of Elections shall be the Filing Officer for the City of Crestview and shall conduct all elections in accordance with Florida Statutes. The general election shall be held on the second Tuesday in March. Elections shall be held every two (2) years. The election shall be held in conjunction with the November General election commencing in November 2022.

Section 6.06 Commencement of Term of Office

The term of office of any elected official (Mayor or City Council Member) will commence on the first (1st) Monday in April, after his or her election, at which time the newly elected official shall take an oath of office and be installed in office regular meeting of the City council after his or her election, at which time the newly elected official shall take an oath of office and be installed in office.
PROPOSED CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF CRESTVIEW

ARTICLE I.
GENERAL POWERS OF THE CITY

Section 1.01. General Powers and Corporate Existence.

The municipal corporation now existing and known as the City of Crestview ("City"), located in Okaloosa County, Florida, within the boundaries hereinafter described, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate, and shall have all governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers to enable it to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions and render municipal services, and may exercise any power for municipal purposes except when expressly prohibited by law.

Section 1.02. Construction.

The powers of the City under this Charter shall be construed liberally in favor of the City, and the specific mention of particular powers in the Charter shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general power granted in this Article.

ARTICLE II.
CORPORATE BOUNDARIES

Section 2.01. Corporate Boundaries.

The corporate boundaries of the City of Crestview shall remain fixed and established as they exist on the date this Charter takes effect, provided that the City shall have the power to change its boundaries in the manner prescribed by law.

ARTICLE III.
ELECTED CITY POSITIONS

Section 3.01. Form of Government.

The City shall have a Council-City Manager form of government. There shall be a City Council, which shall be the governing body of the City with all legislative powers of the City vested therein, consisting of five (5) Council Members. All Council Members shall be elected by votes cast by City electors (Article VI, Section 6.02). The Council Member from Precinct 1 shall reside in Precinct 1, the Council Member from Precinct 2 shall reside in Precinct 2, and the Council Member from Precinct 3 shall reside in Precinct 3. If at any time a Council Member elected from a precinct moves his or her official residency from said precinct, a vacancy shall
automatically occur in said office. The two Council Members at large may be elected without regard to the territorial limits of precincts. In such election’s candidates running in any group receiving the highest vote shall be deemed elected.

There shall also be a Mayor who is elected At-Large and who shall not be a member of the City Council.

Section 3.02. Election and Terms.

The nonpartisan primary and general election of the Council Members and the Mayor shall be held in the manner provided in Article VI of this Charter and the terms of office for Mayor and Council Members shall be four (4) years and will commence on the first (1st) Monday in April immediately following his or her election.

The base year for elections for Council Members for Group 1 At-Large and Group 2 At-Large, and the Mayor shall be 2019, and shall be for a four-year term. The base year for elections for Council Members for Precincts 1, 2, and 3 shall be 2021 and shall be for a four-year term. These base year dates are established only for the purpose of scheduling elections and staggering terms.

All elected officials who are in office at the time of adoption of this Charter shall continue in office until their respective terms expire or are otherwise limited or terminated; and, as to elected or appointed officials, for such additional consecutive terms for which they seek and win election. Nothing in this Charter except as specifically provided herein, shall affect the rights, privileges or immunities of elected or appointed officials, existing at the time of adoption of this Charter.

ARTICLE IV.
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Section 4.01. Mayor.

(a) Powers and Duties. The Mayor shall exemplify good citizenship and exhibit a cooperative spirit. The Mayor shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To be recognized as the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes, and by the courts for the purpose of accepting and receiving civil process for the City, and by the governor for purpose of military law. To sign all contracts the City enters into on behalf on the City.

(2) In time of public danger or officially declared state of emergency, the Mayor shall assume the role of Emergency Management Director, take command of the police and fire departments, maintain order, and enforce the law.

(3) To preside over all meetings of the City Council with authority to participate in discussions, but without power to vote.
(4) To present recommendations to the City Council on the requirements of its municipal government.

(5) To exercise a veto power over ordinances adopted by the City Council within five (5) days of adoption by the City Council, except the Mayor may not exercise veto power over:

   (i) an emergency ordinance as defined in Florida Statutes;
   (ii) those ordinances adopted as a result of quasi-judicial proceedings, when such proceedings are mandated by law; and
   (iii) ordinances proposing Charter amendments, which the Council is required by law or by this Charter to place on the ballot.

(6) The Mayor shall see that the provisions of this Charter, ordinances, laws, and rules of the City are complied with, and enforced. The Mayor shall have the power to make general investigations into the official conduct and affairs of all City officers or employees of the City, and may examine the conditions of all City books, papers, records, property, and equipment. It shall be his/her duty to make a report to the Council of all violations or neglect of duty or any misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office, neglect of duty or improper conduct on the part of any City officer or employee that may come to his knowledge. The Mayor shall put down riots and unlawful assemblies, and may use the police and common power of the City for such purposes, and shall see that peace, good order, safety, and good morals are preserved within the City; the Mayor may veto any official ordinance of the City Council, subject to the limitations hereinafter prescribed; may call the Council together in special session; and shall recommend to the Council such measures from time to time, as to him/her shall seem wholesome and proper.

(7) The Mayor is to hold no other elected public office while holding said office.

(8) The Mayor may be removed from office as set forth in Sec. 100.361, Florida Statutes.

(9) The Mayor Pro Tem shall be chosen to serve in event of the Mayor's absence, as set forth in Section 4.03(b).

(b) Vacancy.

   (1) Vacancy caused by death, resignation, refusal of the Mayor to serve, removal, or for any other reason, shall be filled by the Mayor Pro Tem as Acting Mayor, who shall serve until a successor is appointed and sworn in. The City Council shall fill the vacancy by a majority vote, and such vacancy shall be filled within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs. The appointed Mayor shall serve the unexpired term of the previous Mayor.

   (2) The Mayor appointed by the Council must meet the qualifications for office as set forth in this Charter at the time of appointment.
(d) **Compensation.** The salary of the Mayor shall be set by ordinance, resolution, which shall take effect upon the Mayor assuming office following the next Mayoral election.

(e) **Signature of the Mayor.** Every ordinance passed by the City Council, before becoming law, shall be presented to the Mayor for his signature and approval within five (5) business days after it has passed. Unless exercising veto power, the Mayor shall sign it and return it to the City Clerk with the date of his/her signature. If the Mayor fails to return any ordinance to the City Clerk before the next regular City Council meeting following the date of passage of the ordinance, unless the ordinance has been vetoed the Mayor shall be deemed to have approved the ordinance and it shall become law without his signature or further action.

**Section 4.02. City Council.**

The City Council shall consist of five (5) electors who shall be designated as follows:

- Councilmember at large Group 1.
- Councilmember at large Group 2.
- Councilmember — Precinct 1
- Councilmember — Precinct 2
- Councilmember — Precinct 3

(a) **Powers and Duties.** City Council Members shall exemplify good citizenship and exhibit a cooperative spirit. The City Council shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To legislate for the City by adopting ordinances and resolutions in the best interest of all citizens of the City.
2. To adopt the annual budget and all other appropriations necessary for efficient City government.
3. To override the Mayor's veto of an ordinance by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the entire Council.
4. To devote such time as is necessary to the performance of City Council duties and hold no other elected public office or be an employee of the City while a City Council Member.
5. The City Council shall appoint the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk and Department Heads by a majority vote of the entire Council.
6. The Council may, in the investigation of charges against municipal officers, assistants, employees, and members of the Council, or of any other matters coming before them, issue subpoenas and compulsory process under the hands of the Mayor, the Clerk, and the seal, for the attendance of any person, firm or corporation, and for the production of books, papers, and records; and Mayor and
Clerk shall each have authority to administer oaths and affirmations; and take depositions.

(7) The City Council, by majority vote, may remove any member of the Council with four (4) consecutive unexcused absences.

(b) **Vacancies.**

(1) If a vacancy on the Council is caused by death, resignation, refusal of any Council Member to serve, removal of any Council Member, the residency relocation of a Council Member from the precinct from which the Council Member is elected, or for any other reason, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of the vacated seat by a majority vote of the remaining Council Members, and such vacancies must be filled within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs. The appointed Council Member may serve the unexpired term of the previous Council Member unless the unexpired term of the previous Council Member, is twenty-eight (28) months or longer. If the unexpired term is twenty-eight (28) months or longer, a person shall be elected at the next general election to fill the unexpired portion of such term.

(2) In the event of a military leave of absence for any elected municipal officer, such leave of absence shall be in accordance with current Florida Statutes.

(3) The Council Member appointed by the Council must meet the qualifications for office as set forth in this Charter at the time of appointment.

(b) **Compensation.** The salary of Council Members shall be set by ordinance resolution; said compensation shall take effect upon the Council Member assuming office following the next Council election.

**Section 4.03. City Council Procedures.**

(a) **Meeting Rules and Procedures.** The City Council shall determine its own rules of procedure and order of business. The City Council shall meet regularly at least once every month at such times and places as the City Council may prescribe. Policies and Procedures for the City Council shall be set forth by ordinance resolution.

(b) **Mayor Pro Tem.** The City Council, at its first regular meeting in April, shall select from among its members a Mayor Pro Tem. The Mayor Pro Tem so chosen shall, in the absence or disability of the Mayor, preside over the meetings of the City Council and perform all the duties and exercise all the authorities of the Mayor. The Mayor Pro Tem's term of service shall be for one year. The Mayor Pro Tem shall retain all voting privileges of an elected member of the City Council.

**Section 4.04. Prohibitions.**

(a) **Appointment and Removal.** No individual City Council Member shall in any manner dictate the appointment or removal of any administrative officer or employee whom the City Manager or Department Heads are empowered to appoint. The City Council may, however, express its views and fully and freely discuss any and all matters with the City
Manager or Department Heads pertaining to the appointment and removal of City officers and employees.

(b) **Interference with Administration.** The City Council or Council Members shall deal with the City officers and employees, who are subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager, solely through the City Manager. Neither the City Council nor Council Members shall give orders to any such officer or employee, either publicly or privately. It is the express intent of this Charter that recommendations for improvement of municipal governmental operations by individual Council Members be made solely to and through the City Manager.

(c) **Holding other Office.** No elected City official shall hold any appointive City office, City board membership, or City employment while in office, except as may be provided by State law. No former elected City official shall hold any compensated appointive City office until one year after having last served as an elected official.

**ARTICLE V.**
**APPOINTED CITY OFFICIALS**

The City Council shall appoint the City Manager, the City Attorney, and the City Clerk.

**Section 5.01. City Manager.**

There shall be a City Manager who shall be appointed or dismissed by the City Council, by a majority vote of the entire Council, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The City Manager shall direct all Department Heads and oversee the daily operations of the City. The compensation to be paid the City Manager for services rendered by said manager, shall be set by the City Council in the contract between the City Manager and the City.

Additionally, the City Manager shall:

(a) Attend the meetings of the City Council.

(b) Draw and sign vouchers upon the depositories, which vouchers shall be countersigned by the City Clerk, Finance Director and keep a true and accurate account of the same.

(c) Shall prepare and submit to the Council once each month a statement of all finances, receipts, and disbursements.

(d) Provide administrative services as required by the City Council.

(e) See that all laws, provisions of this Charter, and acts of the Council, subject to his/her direction and supervision, are faithfully executed.

(f) Coordinate with the City Clerk and Department Heads and submit the annual budget, budget message, and capital programs to the Council in the form prescribed by general law.

(g) Submit to the Council and make available to the public a complete report on the
finances and administrative activities of the City as of the end of each fiscal year.

(h) Keep the Council fully advised as to the financial condition and future needs of the City and make recommendations to the Council concerning the affairs of the City.

(i) Perform such other duties as are specified in this charter, or adopted by ordinance, Resolution, or which may be required by the Council.

(j) **City Manager Authority over City Personnel.**

   In addition to the authority, duties and obligations specified in this Charter, and except as may be inconsistent with this Charter and/or adopted ordinances, resolutions, and policies of the City, the City Manager shall:

   1. **Determine the employment qualifications of the Department Heads and otherwise handle all aspects of the filling of vacancies in the positions of the Department Heads.**

   2. **Have complete and full authority acting on behalf of the City Council over each and every Department, Department Head and employee of the City, and full authority over all operations of the City. However, when any action is required by the Charter or ordinances on the part of the City Council, such action may be taken by the City Manager subject to the confirmation by the City Council in accordance with the Charter or Ordinance.**

   3. **Have the authority to discipline, demote, suspend and/or remove any Department Head or employee in a manner consistent with the adopted ordinances and personnel policies of the City. The City Manager may authorize any Director or other administrative officer who is subject to the City Manager’s direction and supervision to exercise these powers with respect to subordinates in that officer’s department, office or agency.**

**Section 5.02. City Attorney.**

The City Attorney shall serve as the chief legal adviser to the City Council, and shall represent elected or appointed officials, boards and commissions, and employees in the course and scope of their official duties or employment, respectively. The City Attorney shall represent the City in legal proceedings and shall perform any other duties prescribed by State law, by this Charter, or by ordinance or resolution. The City Council shall appoint or remove the City Attorney by an affirmative vote of a majority of its members. The compensation to be paid the City Attorney for the services rendered by said Attorney, shall be set by the City Council in the Contract between the City Attorney and the City.

**Section 5.03. City Clerk.**

There shall be a City Clerk who shall be appointed or dismissed by the City Council, by a majority vote of the entire Council, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and whose duties and responsibilities are as provided by this Charter. The compensation to be paid the City Clerk for the services rendered, shall be set by the City Council.
The City Clerk shall:

(a) Attend all meetings of the City Council
(b) Maintain minutes and records of the same.

(c) Review/countersign/approve all checks and electronic financial transfers with the City Manager. Provide administrative services as required by the Council.

(d) Review contracts for compliance with policy and Council direction and Attest to same that all contracts which shall then be signed by the Mayor.

(f) Sign all licenses issued by the City.

(g) Issue receipts for all money received and shall deposit said money in the proper depositories on the first regular banking day after receipt. Shall maintain and address contract management and records of same.

(h) Keep and have the care and custody of the books, records, papers, legal documents and journals of proceedings of the City Council

(i) Perform such additional duties as may be required by the Council. All other powers and duties of the City Clerk shall be as provided by ordinance.

Section 5.04. Departments.

Department Heads shall be appointed by the City Council with the recommendation of the City Manager. The City Manager shall make recommendations to the City Council regarding the organization of the City government and prescribe the duties and responsibilities assigned to the various departments. The City Manager shall direct the Department Heads of the City in a manner consistent with this Charter and the City's Code of Ordinances. The compensation to be paid the various Department Heads for the services rendered, shall be set by the City Council.

Section 5.05. City Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

(a) Establishment. Unless otherwise provided by law, the City Council shall establish or terminate by ordinance, such boards, commissions and authorities as it may deem advisable from time to time.

(b) Membership and Removal. Unless otherwise provided by law, the City Council shall determine procedures, membership and removal from City boards, commissions and authorities.
ARTICLE VI.
ELECTIONS

Section 6.01. Nonpartisan Elections.

All nominations and elections for the offices of Mayor and City Council Members shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis.

Section 6.02. Electors.

Any person, who is a resident of the City, is a qualified Florida elector, and who has been assigned a voter registration number by the County Supervisor of Elections to vote shall be an elector of the City.

Section 6.03. Qualifications, Eligibility, and Filing Fee.

(a) Qualifications and Eligibility. Any person who is a resident of the City, has qualified as a Florida elector, and has been assigned a voter registration number by the County Supervisor of Elections to vote not less than one (1) year prior to the end of the qualification period, shall be an eligible candidate for the office of Mayor or City Council member. Candidates for Council Member from a Precinct must have been a resident of the declared precinct for at least one (1) year prior to the end of the qualification period.

(b) Qualifying Fee. Each candidate shall pay to the qualifying officer a qualifying fee in the amount as set forth by City ordinance, resolution as well as an election assessment as provided by Florida State Law.

(c) Determination of Qualifications and Eligibility. The Supervisor of Elections shall be the judge of qualifications for candidates for the positions of Mayor and City Council.

(d) Determination of person elected. In the case of two or more persons receive an equal and highest number of votes for the same office, the election shall be determined as per Florida Statutes, Title IX, Chapter 100, Section 100.181.


(a) General Elections. The Supervisor of Elections shall be the Filing Officer for the City of Crestview and shall conduct all elections in accordance with Florida Statutes. The general election shall be held on the second Tuesday in March. Elections shall be held every two (2) years. The election shall be held in conjunction with the November General election commencing in November 2022.

(b) Canvassing Board. Elections shall be conducted and results shall be tabulated, returned and canvassed by a board in accordance with general law. The canvassing board shall submit
Section 6.05. Candidate Qualifying Oath.

(a) **Qualifying Oath or Affirmation.** Any person who is qualified under the laws of the State and this Charter may become a candidate for the office of Mayor or City Council by taking and subscribing to an oath or affirmation, and filing the same with the Supervisor of Elections during business hours during the period prescribed by general law for qualification of candidates for election to City offices.

(b) **Form.** The form of the oath or affirmation shall be as provided by Florida law.

Section 6.06. Commencement of Term of Office.

The term of office of any elected official (Mayor or City Council Member) will commence on the first (1st) Monday in April, after his or her election, at which time the newly elected official shall take an oath of office and be installed in office regular meeting of the City council after his or her election, at which time the newly elected official shall take an oath of office and be installed in office.

In the event of a special election or other election other than the primary or general election, the term of office of any elected official will commence on the third day after his or her election has been certified, at which time the newly elected official shall be given an oath of office and installed in office, or as provided by State law, unless the commencement date falls on a legal or City holiday, in which case the term of office will commence on the next day that is not a legal or City holiday.

Section 6.07. Council Precincts

(a) **Number of Precincts.** There shall be three (3) City Council precincts. The boundaries of the three (3) precincts shall remain the same as they existed prior to the approval of this charter by the electorate of the City, being described more particularly as:

**City Council Precincts:** The City of Crestview shall be divided into three precincts, numbered as follows: Number One, East Crestview, comprising all that territory within the corporate limits east of Main Street and South of U.S. Highway No. 90; Number Two, West Crestview, comprising that territory within the corporate limits west of Main Street and south and west of U.S. Highway No. 90; Number Three, North Crestview, comprising all that territory within the corporate limits north of U.S. Highway No. 90—Number One: Central Crestview as bordered by U.S. Highway 90 on the north and Interstate 10 on the South, Number Two: South Crestview as bordered by Interstate 10 on the North, Number Three: North Crestview as bordered by U.S. Highway 90 on the south.
CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Section 7.01. Charter Amendments.

(a) **Initiation by City Council.** The City Council may propose amendments by ordinance to this Charter. Upon adoption of the initiating ordinance, the City Council shall submit the proposed amendment to a vote of the electors at the next general election held within the City or at a special election called for such purpose.

(b) **Initiation by Petition.** The electors of the City may propose amendments to this Charter in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 166.031, Florida Statutes.

(c) **Consistency.** The method for Charter amendments shall be consistent with State law.

ARTICLE VIII
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01. Code of Ethics.

The City of Crestview shall subscribe to and abide by the *Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees* as provided in the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IX
SCHEDULE

Section 9.01. Effective Date.

Upon approval of a majority of the electorate voting at a referendum on this Charter, this Charter will become effective on **October 1, 2018** and **November 15, 2020**.

Section 9.02. Ordinances Preserved.

All ordinances in effect upon the adoption of this Charter, to the extent not inconsistent herewith, shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed.

Section 9.03. Repeal of Former Charter Provisions.

All Charter provisions in effect prior to the effective date of this Charter are repealed, provided that all extra territorial powers of the City conferred by special act or otherwise are preserved and can be repealed or modified only by referendum or as otherwise provided by law.

If a conflict exists between the provisions of this Charter and the Code of Ordinances, the Charter provisions shall prevail.

Section 9.05. Officers and Employees.

The adoption of this Charter shall not affect or impair the rights, privileges or immunities of City officers or employees at the time of the effective date of this Charter, including rights provided for pursuant to Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, and collective bargaining agreements. Elected officers shall continue to hold their offices for the terms prescribed by the Charter in effect on the date of their election, and they shall discharge their duties until their successors are elected.

Section 9.06. Existing Rights, Obligations, Duties and Relationships.

(a) **Continuity.** All rights, claims, actions, orders, contracts and legal or administrative proceedings involving the City shall continue except as modified pursuant to the provisions of this Charter.

(b) **Obligations.** No debt, contract obligation, or assessment by the City shall be impaired by adoption of this Charter. All existing debts, obligations and assessments shall remain valid and enforceable, according to their terms, under the Charter provisions applicable at the time the debt was incurred, contract signed, or assessment imposed. All obligations and rights arising in connection with projects financed under former Charter provisions shall be unaffected and remain in full force and effect as if the borrowing, taxing, bonding or other financing provisions had survived the adoption of this Charter.

(c) **Other Government Units.** All existing rights, obligations, duties and relationships by law or agreement between the City and other governmental units shall be unaffected by the adoption of this Charter and remain in full force and effect.

(d) **Commencement of Terms for Year 2019 Elections.** The terms for the Council Members and Mayor elected in the 2019 general election shall commence on the first (1st) Monday of April 2019 as provided for in the former City Charter. This provision shall be effective solely for the purposes of transition from the former City Charter to Section 3.02 of this Charter.

Terms for the officers elected in 2017 and 2019. The terms of the elected officials elected in 2017 shall be extended until after the election of November 2022. The terms of the elected officials elected in 2019, shall be extended until November 2024. As determined by the Charter revisions of 2018, should the City Clerk resign their position prior to November 2022, the City Clerk position shall become appointed as allowed in section 5.03 of this Charter.

Section 9.07. Transition.

The City Council shall adopt such ordinances and resolutions as are required to affect the transition. Ordinances adopted within sixty (60) days of the first Council meeting under this Charter for facilitating the transition may be passed as emergency ordinances following the procedures prescribed by law.
Section 9.08. Severability.

If any section or part of a section of this Charter shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the court decision invalidating any section or part of said section shall not affect the remainder of this Charter or the context in which the invalidated section or part of section may appear, except to the extent that an entire section or part of section may be inseparably connected in meaning and effect with the section or part of section to which the court decision may directly apply.

[End of Charter revisions]
City of Crestview Voting Districts

Legend
- City Limits
- Voting Districts
  - 1: Population: 8,506
  - 2: Population: 10,487
  - 3: Population: 5,433

Current
- Harry LeBoeuf
- Joe Blocker
- Shannon Hayes

Parcel Information provided by Okaloosa County GIS Department
Population Estimates derived from Esri 2019 Total Population Dataset
Prepared 2/11/20
Not to Scale
City of Crestview Voting Districts
1st Change Proposal

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Population Estimates derived from Esri 2019 Total Population Dataset
Prepared 2/12/20

Legend
City Limits
Voting Districts
3: Population: 8,506
2: Population: 7,468
1: Population: 8,452