

**City of Newport Beach**  
**Charter Update Commission - Quick Summary of Recommendations (DRAFT)**  
**May 25, 2010**

Item No.*	Subject	Today's Charter	Proposed Change	Ballot Measure
C1	City Manager's Residency	Requires CM to live in NB (no longer constitutional).	Repeal. Council could define a distance from City Hall that the CM must live.	
C2	Redistricting	Must appoint a redistricting committee every 4 years.	Change this to 1 time every 10 years, consistent with the Census.	
C4	Sale of Waterfront Property	Subject to certain exceptions, City can't sell waterfront property, but voters have amended the charter 6 times to sell specific parcels.	Authorize the sale of waterfront property with a vote of the people on specific property.	
C5	Gender References	Includes references to male employees or Councilmen.	Replace with gender-neutral language.	
M1	Public Works Contracting Authority	All projects of \$30K or more must be competitively bid; antiquated and inefficient contracting options.	Clearly allow modern types of bidding processes, including CM@R, and increase the amount to \$125K w/CPI.	
M2	Civil Service	Civil Service Board involved in recruitments. Ord. 866 sets forth process for hiring the Fire and Police Chiefs.	Repeal Ord. 866 to allow for modern chief recruitments. Affirm Civil Service Board roles, except remove recruitment as a role.	
M3 M4	Ordinance Publication & Legal Notice Publication	City Clerk must annually go to bid on publishing legal notices, and full text of ordinance is published.	Repeal. Allow City Clerk to handle as a contract or purchase agreement (possibly with longer terms). Publish ordinance summary not full text.	
M5	Contracts/Long Term Leases	Most contracts at the City may not have a term longer more than 25 years.	Repeal. Allow the Muni Code to authorize longer or shorter contracts.	
M6	Franchise Procedures	Notice and hearing requirements for franchises, including commercial waste haulers.	Amend to streamline and defer to the Muni Code process.	
M8	Misdemeanor Penalties	Limited to \$1,000 in fines and/or 6 months jail.	Amend to allow greater flexibility on fines and penalties.	
P2	Oil Wells	Prohibits the drilling of wells that were not in existence at the time of the Charter, generally. Allows about 360 acres of land to have wells.	Amend to limit the footprint of oil exploration to 20 acres total - allows the consolidation of old wells and well modernization onto a new footprint.	
P3	Funding of Non-Profits	Voter approved NBMC §3.24.010 limits funding to Chamber of Commerce to \$2,400 a year.	Repeal and allow Council Policy and the Muni Code decide whether to fund other agencies too, and at a different amount.	

\* The number reference coincide with the item numbers in the staff report.