

BALLOT PROPOSITION #2
(Proposed Charter Amendment 3)

Date submitted
to Commission: **2/9/2015**

Date scheduled
on agenda: **Amended and approved**

Proposed Charter Amendment Number: 3	2/23/2015: Postponed to 3/9/2015
Submitted by: Ben Elenbaas	3/9/2015: Approved 8-7 with Donovan, Mackiewicz, May, Mutchler, Ryan, Stuen, and Walker opposed.
Title: Shall Charter Section 8.23 be amended to prohibit the County Council from proposing Charter amendments on matters that have previously been approved by a 2/3 majority of voters, except if such proposed amendments are approved by a unanimous of all Council members?	7/6/2015: Amended 9-0-1 with Donovan abstaining and Mackiewicz, May, Ryan, Stuen, and Walker absent. Approved 8-0-2 with Donovan and Mutchler abstaining and Mackiewicz, May, Ryan, Stuen, and Walker absent.
Section(s): Charter Section 8.23	
Ballot Title Proposed by Prosecutor: Proposition No. 2: LIMITING POWER OF COUNCIL TO AMEND CHARTER The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter limiting the power of the Council to propose Charter amendments. This measure would amend Charter Section 8.23 to prohibit the County Council from proposing Charter amendments to previous Charter amendments that have been approved by a 2/3 majority of voters, except if the Council's proposal for further amendment is approved by a Council vote of 7-0. This proposal should be: APPROVED: _____ REJECTED: _____	
Amendment: Section 8.23 Amendments by the County Council. The County Council may propose amendments to the Charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters at the next November general election occurring at least ninety (90) days after enactment. A minimum of five (5) affirmative votes shall be required to enact such an ordinance, except that if a previous charter amendment was approved by a 2/3 majority of the voters, then no ordinance proposing to the voters further amendment of that matter shall be adopted except by a 7-0 affirmative vote of the Council. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the Charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the County Executive. The County Council by unanimous vote of the entire Council may effect amendments to the language of the Charter where the passage of time has rendered language moot or obsolete. Such changes shall be made by ordinance, and have a public hearing.	