

Proposition 3

(Proposed Charter Review Commission Amendment 10)

Date submitted
to Commission: **2/23/2015**

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

Charter Amendment Number: **10**

3/9/2015: Not discussed. Held to 3/23/2015

Submitted by: **Chet Dow**

3/23/2015: Approved 9-2-3 with Stuen and Walker opposed and Donovan, Goldsmith, and May abstaining

Section:

Charter Sections 8.23

7/6/2015: Amended 9-0-1 with Donovan abstaining and Mackiewicz, May, Ryan, Stuen, and Walker absent.

Approved as amended 8-0-2 with Donovan and Mutchler abstaining and Mackiewicz, May, Ryan, Stuen, and Walker absent.

Ballot Title:

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 adopts a proposal for such amendment by a 7-0 vote. 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. **No ordinance to amend any provision of Sections 2.12 or 2.13 of this Charter shall be proposed or enacted by the Council without a 7-0 vote.** 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.