

Suggested changes to the City of Crossville's Charter:

Article II, Section 1. Annexation is no longer completed by ordinance, but by resolution. This makes it difficult to reference a specific resolution. The phrase "Additional annexations by resolution have expanded the corporate boundaries and shall be kept on file with the City Clerk's Office." was added to clarify annexations and boundaries.

Article IV, Section 3. Delete "assessed on the city tax books at a value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more" and replaced with "asset". This will allow for property owners within City limits to vote no matter the value of their property.

Article V, Section 4. Clarify the rate of pay for the Council and Mayor. It is the will of the Council for the Mayor to be paid a hire rate due to the amount of time that is required of the Mayor versus Council members.

Article V, Section 7. Updated with our current meeting date and time, but left the option for Council to change it via ordinance.

Article V, Section 8. Changed to reflect state law and current practices by City staff.

Article VII, Section 1. Reflect current practices and ordinances in place.

Article IX, Section 1. Removed portion of judge being elected and duly qualified. Council would like matters to stay civil in nature and continue to appoint the judge.

Article X, Section 2. Added at the advice of the City Attorney. Follow a TCA regarding personal property taxes.

Article XI, Section 7. Hotel occupancy tax increased from 2% to 3%.

Article XX, Sections 1, 2, 3, 6. Removed verbiage so cases heard by the City Judge are civil and not criminal.

Article XX, Section 3. Statement added for qualifications of the City Judge.

Article XX, Section 9. Remove section regarding Mayor becoming judge in the absence of a City Judge. Updated to reflect T.C.A 16-18-312 – allows for another municipal judge or general sessions judge to hear cases until a new judge is appointed by Council.

Article XX, Section 13. Added to allow the scope of work for the Administrative Hearing Officer and allow for Administrative Hearings.

Article XXI, Section 1 and 2. Reference amount that is set by ordinance rather than Charter.

Article XXIII. Remove Article entirely and adopt by ordinance. This is the only Board/Commission that is within the Charter while all others are set by ordinance. (Lake Commission)

Article XXIV. Remove Article entirely. This is no longer needed in today's time. (Hospital)

Article XXV. Remove Article entirely. Set by ordinance only so it can be evolved with changing times. (Taxi Cabs)