

**THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT IN FULL**  
**AS PASSED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Here are the Amendments set out in full, which will be duly published in Public Notices in newspapers of general circulation in Knox County, Tennessee, and which are on file with the County Clerk of Knox County, Tennessee, the Office of Wm. Mike Padgett.

Amendment 1:

**1. Creation of Article VII Officeholders**

Proposal:

The Knox County Charter is hereby amended by creating a new Article IV, entitled “Other Officers.” Current Knox County Charter Article IV and all of its sections shall be renamed “Article V” and all subsequent Articles renumbered accordingly.

**Article IV. Other Officers**

**4.01 Property Assessor**

The duties of the Assessor of Property are vested in and exercised by the Knox County Property Assessor. The duties, qualifications, oath of office, bond requirements and compensation of the Assessor of Property shall be governed by the Constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee and the Knox County Charter. The duties of this office shall include, but not be limited to, the responsibility of determining and recording the value of all property within the county, whether real, personal or mixed, except for the property of public utilities valued by the State; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall diminish the duties of the Office of the Property Assessor as prescribed by the General Assembly, although additional duties may be given to this office by this Charter or by Ordinance of the County Commission.

**4.02 Sheriff**

The duties of the Sheriff are vested in and exercised by the Knox County Sheriff, who shall be the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Knox County. The duties, qualifications, oath of office, bond requirements, and compensation of the Knox County Sheriff shall be governed by the Constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee and the Knox County Charter. The general duties of Sheriff shall include, but not be limited to, being the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Knox County, maintaining the jails of the County, providing courthouse and courtroom security and providing civil and criminal warrants service as well as those duties traditionally performed by the Sheriff in accordance with common law; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall diminish the duties of the Office of the Sheriff as prescribed by the General Assembly, although additional duties may be given to this office by this Charter or by Ordinance of the County Commission.

#### 4.03 **Register of Deeds**

The duties of the Register of Deeds are vested in and exercised by the Knox County Register of Deeds. The duties, qualifications, oath of office, bond requirements and compensation of the Register of Deeds shall be governed by the constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee and the Knox County Charter. The duties of this office shall include, but not be limited to, the responsibility for the filing or recordation of documents that affect the legal status of real or personal property; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall diminish the duties of the Office of the Register of Deeds as prescribed by the General Assembly, although additional duties may be given to this office by this Charter or by Ordinance of the County Commission.

#### 4.04 **County Clerk**

The duties of the County Clerk are vested in and exercised by the Knox County County Clerk. The duties, qualifications, oath of office, bond requirements, and compensation of the County Clerk shall be governed by the Constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee and the Knox County Charter. The general duties of this office shall include, but not be limited to, the responsibility for the collection of business taxes, motor vehicle registration and licensing, the collection of wheel taxes, the issuance of marriage and other licenses, and the keeping of records of the county's notaries public; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall diminish the duties of the Office of the County Clerk as prescribed by the General Assembly, although additional duties may be given to this office by this Charter or by Ordinance of the County Commission.

#### 4.05 **Trustee**

The duties of the Trustee are vested in and exercised by the Knox County Trustee. The duties, qualifications, oath of office, bond requirements, and compensation of the Trustee shall be governed by the Constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee and the Knox County Charter. The general duties of this office shall include, but not be limited to, the responsibility for the collection of property taxes, the collection and disbursement of County funds, and the management of the county's cash flow and the investment of idle County funds; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall diminish the duties of the Office of the County Trustee as prescribed by the General Assembly, although additional duties may be given to this office by this Charter or by Ordinance of the County Commission.

#### 4.06 **Elections and Filling Vacancies**

The officers listed in Article IV shall be elected by the voters of Knox County in accordance with the Constitution and general laws of the State of Tennessee and the Knox County Charter. Any vacancy in the offices listed in Article IV shall be filled in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee and the Charter of Knox County.

*NOTE: Because this ballot proposal obviously exceeds 300 words, by operation of TCA § 2-5-208(f)(2) we are required to propose a ballot question for submission to the voters. Note that if the ballot question is successful, it is the above proposal that will be adopted. The Ballot Question for Amendment 1 appears at the beginning of this memorandum.*

Amendment 2:

**2. Code Commission**

Question: Shall the Knox County Charter be amended to delete current Section 3.09, and replace it with the following:

Section 3.09 Knox County Code Commission

A. There is hereby created the Knox County Code Commission, which shall be composed of the County Mayor, the County Clerk, and three members of the Knox County Commission, and which, for budgetary purposes, shall be treated as a department of the County Government. The County Commission shall appoint the County Commission members of the Code Commission. The members shall be selected upon this section becoming a law, and shall serve until the first meeting of the Commission on or after September 1, 2010, and shall serve terms of four years thereafter. The Code Commissioners shall serve without compensation, but it shall be the duty of the County Mayor and the County Commission to provide for the payment by the county of all necessary and reasonable expenses, as determined by the County Commission, in its sole discretion, incurred by the Knox County Code Commission in carrying out the intent and purpose of this provision.

B. It shall be the duty of the Knox County Code Commission to provide for the codification and publication, in a bound volume, updated not less often than annually, of this Charter and all ordinances and emergency ordinances (hereafter collectively the “Knox County Code”) of the Commission of Knox County. The Mayor shall cooperate with the Knox County Code Commission with respect to recommendations for contracts by Knox County with any law book publishers or other persons necessary and reasonable to implement this provision. The Commission shall annually appropriate funds to pay for the expenses of codification and costs of publication of the Knox County Code. Such code shall be made available for purchase by any person desiring same. Such Code, as published by the Knox County Code Commission, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts of the authenticity of such Charter, ordinances and emergency ordinances. All Courts of Knox County shall take judicial notice of this Charter and of county ordinances and emergency ordinances.

*NOTE: This question is over 300 words in length, so a summary question must be posed for the ballot. The Ballot Question for Amendment 2 appears at the beginning of this memorandum.*

Amendment 3:

**3. Qualification Date**

Shall Section 7.03 of the Knox County Charter be amended to conform with state law regarding primary election qualifying deadlines by placing a period after the phrase “in compliance with general law” in the first sentence of that section, and deleting the remainder of that sentence?