



AS WE SEE IT

The Revised City Charter

On August 11th the City Commission conducted a second reading of [Ordinance No. 77-20](#). The Ordinance passed unanimously and will now appear on the November 3rd general election ballot. A copy of the revised Charter that will await your approval (or not) is now posted on the Coalition's webpage using the link above.

The NSB Residents' Coalition Leadership wants to make the Coalition's bias in favor of passage known at this time. We support the revised Charter for many reasons including but not limited to:

- ✓ The expansion of opportunities for citizen participation in city governance
- ✓ The ease of navigation of topics made possible by new formatting
- ✓ The elimination of decades of language made obsolete by Florida Statutes
Example: Although Municipal Courts were abolished in 1977, the language pertaining to Municipal Courts remains in the current Charter.
- ✓ The modernization of language and elimination of redundancy.
Example: the entire current Charter is written in the male gender only.
- ✓ The inclusion of citizen aspirations for our city by the addition of a Preamble.
- ✓ The addition of language that speaks to the sustainability of our city into the future by referencing high water quality standards, flood protection guidelines, environmental protection measures, and growth compatible with our infrastructure and scale.
- ✓ Accountability and performance measurement standards for staff
- ✓ Public disclosure of all phases of budgeting and city finances

Join us in exploring all that the revised Charter offers the citizens of New Smyrna Beach.

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