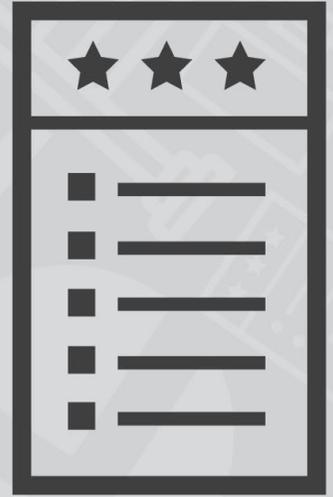


VOTE



Next General Election is November 7th

There will be a proposed Charter amendment on the ballot.

“An Initiatory Petition to Amend the Troy City Charter by Adding Section 12.4 is being submitted to the Troy voters through the initiative process.”

Under State law, a group, organization or individuals can propose a Charter change to the voters by drafting the proposed new language and circulating petitions for voters to sign. More than 2,920 signatures were obtained, and therefore this proposed Charter amendment is required to be submitted to the Troy voters. Under State campaign finance laws, the Troy City Council cannot use public resources to support or oppose a ballot question, but it can provide factual information for the voters.

As written, this provision requires any new agreements and renewals of expired City agreements to be submitted to the voters.

At present, the City has over 200 agreements with various entities. Examples are agreements with the Troy Historical Society, Troy Nature Society, and Billy Casper Golf.

PROPOSAL SECTION
CITY
An Initiatory Petition to Amend the Troy City Charter by Adding Section 12.4
The City has received a citizen initiated proposal to amend the Troy City Charter by adding a new section.
“Section 12.4 The city shall not enter into an agreement for the transfer, sale, lease, or use for more than 90 days, of any portion of any parcel of public land the whole of which is greater than two (2) acres, except by the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting on the question at a general election. ”
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No

Almost all City owned property falls within this requirement.

General elections are held in November.

YES

A **YES** vote means that a proposed sale, lease, or use of most City owned property must be reviewed, evaluated, and voted on by the citizens of Troy in November elections, precluding the exercise of City Council discretion on many new and renewal agreements.

NO

A **NO** vote means that City agreements, including the exercise of term renewals under existing agreements, will continue to be scrutinized by City Council with existing protections in place.

LIST OF AGREEMENTS WITH CITY OF TROY

LIST OF AGREEMENTS (NON-EXHAUSTIVE)

EXPIRATION DATE:

1. Troy Historical Society (Troy Historic Village).....	2026
2. Troy Nature Society (Stage Nature Center).....	2027
3. Troy Racquet Club (Tennis bubble)	2018
4. Gallatin, Inc. (Camp Ticonderoga).....	2021
5. Beaumont Hospital (Flynn parking lot and roadway)	2026
6. Kosch Hospitality, LLC (Troy Community Center catering)	2019
7. Oakland County (52-4 Judicial District Court)	2019
8. SMART (Park and Ride Lot).....	Renews annually w/30 day cancellation
9. St. Joseph Chaldean Catholic Church	Annually
(adjacent property for parking)	
10. Stonecrest Planned Unit Development Agreement.....	Does not expire
(Joint parking facilities with dog park)	
11. Troy Baseball Boosters (storage facilities at Boulan Park).....	Signed 1972 for 99 year lease
12. Emerald Food Services, LLC. (Community Center kitchen)	2019
13. Creative Endeavors Artists over 119 separate contracts.....	Annually
(Senior Store, Troy Community Center)	
14. Friends of Troy Seniors	Annually
(space use at Troy Community Center)	
15. Troy Senior Computer Learning Center Group.....	Annually
(Senior computer lab, Troy Community Center)	
16. Friends of the Troy Public Library	Annually
17. Medi-Go (office space for senior transportation services)	Annually
18. Troy Baseball Boosters (park and field use).....	Annually
19. Troy Youth Soccer League (park and field use)	Annually
20. Troy Cowboys (park and field use).....	Annually
21. Troy Youth Soccer Club (park and field use).....	Annually
22. United Football Club (park and field use)	Annually
23. Football Club United (park and field use)	Annually
24. Over 64 agreements with fitness instructors and personal trainers (Troy Community Center).....	Annually
25. Infant Swimming Resource Company	Annually
(space at the Troy Community Center indoor pool)	
26. Premiere Plus Dance (studio space at Troy Community Center)	Annually
27. Body Images (space at Troy Community Center for fitness classes).....	Annually
28. Troy Judo Club (room use Troy Community Center).....	Annually
29. Japanese Shotokan Karate- Beth Moon	Annually
(room use Troy Community Center)	
30. Zumba Gold Co. (room use Troy Community Center senior program)	Annually
31. Youth Pottery & Art- Jan Lindell-Meinhard.....	Annually
(room use Troy Community Center)	
32. SAFEbuilt agreement (office space at City Hall)	2018 with 5 year option
33. Billy Casper Golf (Sanctuary and Sylvan Glen Golf Course).....	2018
34. Misc. Road Construction Contractors.....	Varied
(staging area for road projects)	

Q&A ABOUT THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

- **What does the ballot proposal change?**

The ballot question is a proposed Charter amendment. There have been limited amendments to Troy's Charter since 1955, with the last Charter amendments approved in 2009. If the Charter is amended, it cannot be changed or modified again unless the voters approve a subsequent change or amendment to the language at a future election.

- **Who are the campaign committees?**

The Charter amendment was initiated by a newly formed campaign committee "Save the Troy Civic Center." Also a campaign committee in opposition called "Vote NO on Extreme Charter Amendment" was formed.

- **Is this proposal limited to the Troy Civic Center property?**

No. As drafted, the language applies to almost all City owned property, because it is for "any portion of any parcel of public land...". All buildings and grounds on the Civic Center campus would be included, but it also extends to the City's two golf courses, Police and Fire Training Center, parks, and many other individual pieces of property the City owns throughout Troy.

- **Does the Charter need to be amended to protect City parks?**

No. The City Charter already requires voter approval to sell or lease any City park (City Charter, Section 12.1)

- **The proposed Charter amendment uses the term "general election". What does this mean?**

"General election" means elections held in November. This Charter Amendment would mean that any new City agreement or a renewal could only be voted on at the next November election of each year.

- **What happens if a covered City agreement expires before the first available November election?**

The proposed Charter amendment language does not address this situation.

- **What types of agreements would require voter approval if the charter amendment passes?**

The charter amendment language would cover over 200 City agreements with various entities. Examples include Oakland County (52-4 District Court), Troy Historical Society, Troy Nature Society, Billy Casper Golf, Friends of the Troy Public Library, Friends of Troy Seniors, Troy Racquet Club, Medi-Go, Creative Endeavors artists, Troy Baseball Boosters, Troy Cowboys, Troy Youth Soccer Club, United Football Club, Football Club United, Camp Ticonderoga, Beaumont Hospital, St. Joseph Chaldean Catholic Church, Community Center catering, fitness instructors and personal trainers, swimming lessons, dance lessons and many others.

- **Would this proposed Charter amendment apply to existing and new agreements?**

Yes. The City's written agreements will continue until expiration, but any renewals will require voter approval if the Charter amendment is approved. The proposed Charter amendment language does not provide any opportunity to "grandfather" any of the current agreements beyond the term expiration. Other agreements are renewed on an annual basis, and would require immediate approval starting November 2018.

- **Could the proposed Charter amendment affect Troy's AAA bond rating?**

The Charter amendment has the potential to impact the City's AAA bond rating. Bond ratings take into consideration economic conditions, efficiency of government, financial standing, projected resources, and limits to governance. If passed, this citizen initiated Charter amendment could restrict the City's ability to operate efficiently and may result in the loss of contractual revenue.

- **Do the voters currently have the ability to stop a lease or long term use agreement of City property, such as the Civic Center campus?**

Yes. In 2005, voters approved a citizen initiated proposal, providing City residents with referendum powers for agreements to rent, lease or long term use of public property (more than 3 years). This provision is Section 12.3 of the Troy Charter.

- **Can the City enter into long term agreements to minimize the frequency or number of ballot questions to approve agreements?**

Each existing City agreement would need to be reopened and renegotiated, with all parties willing to commit to revised terms. A bid process may also be required for some agreements.