

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**MANDEVILLE CITY HALL
3101 E. CAUSEWAY APPROACH
MANDEVILLE, LOUISIANA 70448**

The City Council of the City of Mandeville will hold public hearings at Mandeville City Hall to discuss proposed amendments to the Mandeville Home Rule Charter prior to their adoption.

The public hearings, to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, are scheduled for:

**Monday, April 14, 2014, 6:00 pm
Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 6:00 pm
Thursday, May 8, 2014, 5:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Introduction
 - Purpose of Hearing
 - Presentation on home rule charters and their place in local government
2. Recommended Technical Changes – These changes are technical in nature and generally involve updating the charter to track current state law or clarify ambiguous text. These changes should be considered as a package.
3. Substantive Changes – Topics with specific language recommended
 - Council term limits – increase from two to three consecutive terms
 - Council vacancy appointments – change appointing power from Governor to Mayor
 - Council salary change – require any change in council salary to be made 90 days before the qualifying deadline for the next term
 - Prohibit targeting specific employees for salary reduction
 - Open meetings – require council members elect to comply with open meetings law
 - Council agendas – protect the right of any single council member to place an item on the council agenda
 - Council organization and presiding officer – allow council to change initial organization and elect chair by majority vote rather than two-thirds
 - Council selection of city auditor – require an open selection process
 - Authority to acquire real estate – clarify that authority can be

- provided in the budget ordinance in lieu of a separate ordinance
 - Emergency powers – allow temporary suspension of or modifications of existing ordinances for limited periods during an emergency
 - Electronic signatures – allow mayor to use electronic signatures if authorized by ordinance
 - Chief administrative officer – allow but not require establishment of CAO position by ordinance
 - Special attorney for council – allow the appointment of a special counsel to advise the council under specific circumstances and with four affirmative votes
 - Capital budget - require disclosure of prior unexpended balances and expressly provide authority to rescind prior authorizations
 - Professional services and other non-low bid contracting – establish minimum competitive procurement and process standards for discretionary procurements when state law does not require award to the lowest bidder
4. Open Topics – Invite citizen input on any charter topic of interest
5. Other Topics without recommendations, public input is requested
- Lifetime term limits for Council and Mayor
 - Council authority to call mayoral recall referendum
 - Provide additional civil service protection for Human Resources Director
 - Charter protection for city’s comprehensive plan
 - Contingency for councilmember replacement upon disability
 - Job tenure protection for Chief of Police
 - Elected Chief of Police
 - Automatic authorization for acquiring servitude for capital projects without specific ordinance
 - Clarify Council oversight power

ADJOURNMENT

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DATE OF NOTICE: March 28, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.

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