

## Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendment

### VERSION B

#### Article III; Section 3.5

##### Original Amendment

**Section 3.5** – The City Manager shall appoint a City Attorney, ~~who~~ only after a Council review of candidates, and subject to the Council’s approval of the final candidate. The City Attorney shall be an attorney admitted and qualified to practice in the Supreme Court of the State of Washington and who shall have practiced the profession within the State of Washington for not less than five years next preceding the appointment. The City Attorney shall have power to appoint and remove, subject to the approval of the Manager, professional assistants who shall also be attorneys admitted and qualified to practice in the Supreme Court of the State of Washington. The City Manager shall have the power to remove the City Attorney only upon the approval of the Council. Upon approval of a majority of the City Council, special counsel may be retained in the event a potential or actual conflict of interest arises in the City Attorney’s representation.

##### **NEW AMENDMENT:**

**Section 3.5** – The City Manager shall appoint a City Attorney, who shall be an attorney admitted and qualified to practice in the Supreme Court of the State of Washington and who shall have practiced the profession within the State of Washington for not less than five years next preceding the appointment. The City Attorney shall have power to appoint and remove, subject to the approval of the Manager, professional assistants who shall also be attorneys admitted and qualified to practice in the Supreme Court of the State of Washington. The City Manager shall have the power to remove the City Attorney only upon the approval of the Council.