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Article II, Section 202.2(2)

- Change to add “eminent domain power” after “use of public property” and before “taxing power” in the two cases where these words appear.
- Discussion. County would be renouncing eminent domain abuse and would set an example for municipalities in the county.

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Article VI, Section 601

- Combine sections 601.1 and 601.2 into 601 by listing the departments and their functions together.
- **Discussion.** Section 601 lists Departments but does not include Department of Corrections and Section 601.1 is functions and duties of departments but does not give duties and functions of all departments listed in Section 601. Section 601.2 describes the duties and functions of Department of Legal Services when it should be listed with the other departments.

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Article 601(5) & (6)

- Combine Public Services and Social Services.
- Discussion. Descriptions of functions and duties are not in the charter. Combining Public Services and Social Services may be more efficient.

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Article 601.1(2)

- Move the Department of Corrections back to Department of Public Safety.
- Discussion. Efficiency and single GO-TO person for public safety.

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Article X, Section 1003.2

- Add the requirement for candidates for Personnel Board to have a bachelor's degree in public or business administration. Have at least two years of management experience and be able to discuss the principles of the merit system.
- Discussion. This is a qualification that can be objectively measured.
- Delete "shall be known to be in sympathy with the merit principle as applied to the merit system."
- Discussion. This requirement is not objectively measurable and provides opportunity for abuse. It cannot be applied in any fashion that will appear to be fair.
- Delete "shall not be a member of any local, state or national committee of a political party or an officer in any partisan political club or organization."
- This eliminates, for no good reason, many good candidates that can apply principles and experience.