

2026 Santa Fe Charter Commission Process

(Discussion Draft)

Timeline

1. Determining Topics to be Addressed

- Solicit input from Charter Commission members on review process. May/June
- Review current charter and note sections needing clarification, improvement, or modernization as directed by city council. May/June
- Prioritize topics based on urgency, relevance, and potential impact on city governance. (Use screening grid.) July/Aug/Sept/Oct
- Conduct public meetings to solicit input from the public to identify potential charter issues. (8 meetings) July 16 and 23
August 6 and 20
Sept. 3 and 17
Oct. 1 and 15

2. Formation of Subcommittees for Research

- Assign members to subcommittees based on expertise, interest, or topic relevance. June
- Define clear objectives and scope for each subcommittee, including deliverables and deadlines. June
- Subcommittees conduct research, analyze data, and gather stakeholder input at public meetings related to their assigned topics. July/Aug/Sept/Oct

3. Formulating Recommendations

- Subcommittees present findings and proposed changes to the Full Charter Commission for discussion. Ongoing
- Commission debates recommendations, refines proposals, and assures compliance with legal standards. Nov/December
- Commission conducts meeting presenting proposed recommendations for public comment to ensure alignment with community values. January
- Finalize recommendations through formal Commission vote. February
- Commission prepares a comprehensive final report for the city council. March 15, 2027
- Commission present final recommendations to city council. April