

**PROPOSED NEW ARTICLE VI
 ELECTED OFFICIALS: FORFEITURE AND SUSPENSION OF OFFICE
 NEW Section 6.01 FORFEITURE OF OFFICE & Section 6.02 SUSPENSION OF OFFICE**

Present Charter	Proposed Charter	Reasoning
	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VI ELECTED OFFICIALS: FORFEITURE AND SUSPENSION OF OFFICE</p> <p>SECTION 6.01 FORFEITURE OF OFFICE Any elected official of the City shall automatically and without further act of the City or any of its officials, forfeit his or her office upon the occurrence of any of the following:</p> <p>a. If the official is convicted of any felony in this or any other state or jurisdiction while serving as an elected official of the City. Upon the official’s conviction for a felony, the convicted official’s office shall be filled in the manner set forth in this Charter for the filling of such vacant office.</p> <p>b. If the official ceases to be a qualified elector and resident of the City while serving as an elected official of the City.</p> <p>SECTION 6.02 SUSPENSION OF OFFICE 1. An elected official of the City who is indicted for a felony while serving as an elected official of the City shall be suspended from office with pay during such suspension. Such suspension shall automatically, and without further act of the City or any of its officials, commencing upon the filing of the indictment and shall terminate upon:</p> <p>(a) the dismissal of the indictment; (b) a conviction for a crime other than a felony; or (c) upon a conviction for a felony.</p> <p>2. The office of such suspended official may be filled on an interim basis by an interim appointee in the manner provided in this Charter for the filling of vacant offices except that such interim appointment shall terminate immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following:</p> <p>(a) the dismissal of the indictment against the suspended official; (b) the suspended official’s conviction for a crime other than a felony; (c) upon the suspended official’s conviction for a felony; or (d) upon the end of the term of office from which such official was suspended.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VI ELECTED OFFICIALS: FORFEITURE AND SUSPENSION OF OFFICE</p> <p>SECTION 6.01 FORFEITURE OF OFFICE SECTION 6.02 SUSPENSION OF OFFICE</p> <p>The purpose of this change is to establish the standard of conduct for elected officials and a process to define the specific steps for forfeiture, suspension and interim appointments for all elected officials. This change establishes language that currently does not exist in Charter.</p>