

County Charter Provision Comparisons

Updated December 2016

LEGISLATIVE BODY										
County	Size	How Elected	Partisan Election -- Y/N	Length of Term	Term Limitation	Adjustments to Salary	Separates Legislative & Executive Functions	Specifie s Non- Interfe- rence Clause	Administra- tive Code Required	Recall
Alachua	5	District/At Large (\$2.2)	Silent	4	N	Statute	Y (\$2.1)	N	Y(\$2.2)	Y (\$2.2)
Brevard	5	District (\$2.1;2.3)	Silent	4 (\$2.4)	2 (\$2.4)	Ordinance (\$2.6)	Y (\$1.5)	Y (\$3.4)	Y (\$2.10.2)	Y (\$5.2)
Broward	9	District (\$2.01(A)1)	Y (\$2.01(B))	4	3 (\$2.02)	Statute (\$2.01(D))	Y (\$1.02©)	Y(\$2.07)	Y (\$2.13)	Y (\$1.04(M))
Charlotte	5	District/At Large	Silent	4	Silent	Statute	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clay	5	District	Y	4	2	Charter	Y	Y	Y	Y
Columbia	5	District (\$2.1)	N (\$2.3;5.3)	4	N	Statute (\$2.5)	Y (\$1.6)	Y (\$3.4)	Y (\$2.8(6))	Y
Duval	19	14 District/5 At Large (\$5.01)	Silent	4 (\$5.03)	2 (\$5.041)	Charter (\$5.04, 9.12)	Y (\$4.01)	N	Y	Y (\$15.01)
Hillsborough	7	4 District/3 At Large (\$4.03)	Y same as non- charter (\$4.05)	4	2 (\$4.04)	Charter (\$4.07)	Y (\$3.01)	N	Y (\$7.01)	Y (\$9.08)
Lee	5	District/At Large (\$2.2(A))	Y (\$ 2.2A), except sup of elec.(\$3.2(A))	3	Silent	Statute (\$2.2(C))	Y (\$2.1)	Y (\$2.2(I))	Y (\$2.2(E))	Y (\$2.2(G))
Leon	7	5 District/2 At Large (\$2.2(1))	N	4	Silent	Ordinance (\$2.2(3))	Y (\$§1.8, 2.1)	Y	Y (\$2.2(6))	Y (\$4.2)
Miami-Dade	13	13 District (\$1.04)	N (\$3.3)	4 (\$3.01(A))	2 (\$3.01(D))	Charter	Y (\$1.01,\$2.02)	Y (\$4.04)		Y (\$8.02)

County Charter Provision Comparisons

Updated December 2016

LEGISLATIVE BODY										
County	Size	How Elected	Partisan Election -- Y/N	Length of Term	Term Limitation	Adjustments to Salary	Separates Legislative & Executive Functions	Specifie s Non- Inter- ference Clause	Administra- tive Code Required	Recall
Orange	7	6 District/Mayor-At Large (§201)	N (§605)	4 (§204(A))	2 §(204(B))	Ordinance (§2.05)	Y (§108)	Y (§212)	Y (§211)	Y (§604)
Osceola	5	District/At Large (§2.2(A))	Silent	4	Silent	Statute (§2.2(C))	Y (§2.1)	Silent	Y (§2.2(E))	Y (§2.2(G))
Palm Beach	7	District (§2.2)	Y-except non-partisan for property app, sheriff, sup. of elections (§4.1.a)	4	2	Statute	Y (§2.1)	Y (§2.5)	Y (§2.4)	Y (§5.2)
Pinellas	7	4 District/3 At Large (§3.01)	Silent	4	Silent	Statute (§3.01)	Y (§3.01,§4.01 (c))	N	Silent	Silent
Polk	5	District/At Large (§2.1)	Y (§5.2.1), except clerk, property app, sheriff, sup of elec, & tax coll	4 (§2.4)	2 (§2.3)	Charter (§2.5)	Y (§1.6)	Y (§3.4)	Y (§2.10)	Y (§6.2)
Sarasota	5	District/At Large (§2.1A)	Silent	4 (§2.1A)	2 (§2.1A)	Charter (§2.1B)	Silent	Y (§2.6H,I)	Y (§2.6G)	Y(§6.3)
Seminole	5	District/At Large (§2.2A)	Silent	4 (§2.2A)	Silent	Statute	Y (§2.1)	Y(§2.2(I))	Y(§2.2E)	Y(§2.2G)
Volusia	7	5 District/1 At Large/1 Chair At Large (§301)	N (§904)	4 (§303.1)	2 (§303.5)	Charter (§304)	Y (§203)	Y (§404)	Y (§308.1)	Silent
Wakulla	5	District/At Large (§2.1)	Silent	4 (§2.4)	N	Statute (§2.5)	Y (§1.6)	Y (§3.4)	Y (§§2.8,2.9)	Y (§6.2)

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

County Executive

County	Selection of County Executive	Method of Appointment	Method of Termination	With or Without Cause	Terms/ Conditions of Employment	Powers and Duties	Appointment of Dept. Heads	Termination of Department Heads	With or Without Cause
Alachua	Appointed	Majority (§2.3(A)(2))	Majority, after a hearing is requested (§2.3(A)(2))	Silent	Ordinance	Charter/ Ordinance	Adm/Bd Approval (§2.3(B)(1))	Administrator (§2.3(B)(2))	Either
Brevard	Appointed	Silent	Silent	Silent	Contract	Charter (§3.3)	Mgr/Bd Approval (§4.5.1)	Manager (§4.5.1)	Either (§4.5.1)
Broward	Appointed	6/9	Majority	Silent	S	Charter	Adm/Bd Approval	Administrator	Silent
Charlotte	Appointed (§2.3(A)(1))	4/5 (§2.3(A)(2))	4 of 5/3 at 2 meetings (§2.3(A)(4))	Either (§2.3(A)(4))	Ordinance (§2.3(A)(2))	Charter (§2.3(A)(1))	Adm/Bd Approval (§2.3(B)(1))	Administrator (§2.3(B)(2))	Either (§2.3(B)(2))
Clay	Appointed (§2.3(A)(1))	Majority (§2.3(A)(1))	Majority (§2.3(A)(1))	Either (§2.3(A)(1))	Silent	Charter (§2.3(A)(1))	Administrator (§2.3(B)(1))	Manager/ BCC appeal (§2.3(B)(2))	Either (§2.3(B)(2))

EXECUTIVE BRANCH									
County Executive									
County	Selection of County Executive	Method of Appointment	Method of Termination	With or Without Cause	Terms/ Conditions of Employment	Powers and Duties	Appointment of Dept. Heads	Termination of Department Heads	With or Without Cause
Columbia	Appointed	Majority (§2.8(1))	Majority/at 2 meetings or super-majority at one meeting (§2.8(1))	Either	Contract (§3.2)	Charter (§3.3)	Administrator (§3.3(10))	Administrator (§3.3(10);§4.2)	Either/BCC approval (§4.2)
Duval	Elected (§6.01)	4 years	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Adm/Bd Approval	Silent	Silent
Hillsborough	Appointed (§5.01)	5/7(§5.03(1))	5/4 at 2 meetings (§5.03(1))	Either (§5.03(1))	Ordinance (§5.03(2))	Silent	Adm w/Approval (§5.01)	Administrator (§5.01)	Either (§5.01)
Lee	Appointed (§2.3(A)(1))	Majority (§2.3(A)(1))	Majority (§2.3(A)(1))	Either (§2.3(A)(1))	Contract	Charter (§2.3(A)(1))	Administrator (§2.3(B))	Administrator (§2.3(B))	Either (§2.3(B))

EXECUTIVE BRANCH									
County Executive									
County	Selection of County Executive	Method of Appointment	Method of Termination	With or Without Cause	Terms/ Conditions of Employment	Powers and Duties	Appointment of Dept. Heads	Termination of Department Heads	With or Without Cause
Leon	Appointed (§2.3(1))	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Charter (§2.3(1)(A))	Administrator except county attorney and TDC staff (§2.3(2))	Administrator (§2.3(2))	Either (§2.3(2))
Miami-Dade	Elected (§2.02)	Elected-2 time term limit				Charter	Mayor	Mayor	
Orange	Elected (§3.02)	Elected				Charter	Mayor	Mayor	
Osceola	Appointed (§2.3(A)(1))	Majority	Silent	Silent	Silent	Charter (§2.2(A)(1))	Administrator	Administrator (§2.2(B)(2))	Either (§2.2(B)(2))
Palm Beach	Appointed (§2.4)	Majority (§2.4)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Charter	Administrator (§4.2)	Silent	Silent

EXECUTIVE BRANCH									
County Executive									
County	Selection of County Executive	Method of Appointment	Method of Termination	With or Without Cause	Terms/ Conditions of Employment	Powers and Duties	Appointment of Dept. Heads	Termination of Department Heads	With or Without Cause
Pinellas	Appointed	5/7 (§4.01(a))	4/5 at 2 meetings (§4.01(a))	Silent	Silent	Charter (§4.01(C))	Adm/Bd Approval for unclassified positions (§4.01(C)(2))	Adm/Bd Approval for unclassified positions (§4.01(C)(3))	With
Polk	Appointed	Majority of entire commission (§2.8(1))	Majority at 2 meetings (§2.8(1))	Silent	Contract (§3.2)	Charter	Adm/Bd Approval (§4.2)	Administrator (§4.2)	Either (§4.2)
Sarasota	Appointed (§2.6A)	4/5 (§2.6B)	4/5 or 3/5 at 2 meetings (§2.6B)	Silent	Silent	BCC and Charter (§2.6F)	Adm/Bd Approval (§2.6F)	Adm/Bd App (§2.6F)	Either (§2.6F)
Seminole	Appointed (§2.3(A)(1))	Majority	Majority	Either (§2.3(A)(1))	Silent	Charter (§2.3(A))	Adm/Bd Approval (§2.3(B))	Administrator	Either
Volusia	Appointed (§401)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Charter (§403)	Adm/Council Approval (§602)	Silent	Silent

EXECUTIVE BRANCH**County Executive**

County	Selection of County Executive	Method of Appointment	Method of Termination	With or Without Cause	Terms/ Conditions of Employment	Powers and Duties	Appointment of Dept. Heads	Termination of Department Heads	With or Without Cause
Wakulla	Appointed (§3.1)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Contract (§3.2)	Charter (§3.3)	Silent	Silent	Silent

COUNTY ATTORNEY					
County	Method of Appointment	Method of Termination	With or Without Cause	Appointment of Assistant County Attorneys	Termination of Assistant County Attorneys
Alachua	Silent	Silent	Either (§2.3(C))	Silent	Silent
Brevard	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent
Broward	Silent (§2.10)	Silent (§2.10)	Silent (§2.10)	County Atty (§2.10(C))	Silent
Charlotte	Silent (§2.3(D))	Silent	Either (§2.3(D))	Silent	Silent
Clay	Majority (§2.3(C)(1))	Majority (§2.3(C)(1))	Either (§2.3(C)(1))	County Attorney (§2.3(C)(2))	County Attorney (§2.3(C)(2))
Columbia	Majority	Majority	Either	County Attorney	County Attorney
Duval	Mayor/Council Confirm (§7.203)	Mayor (§7.206)	With/Board Confirm (§7.206)	General Counsel (§7.207)	Silent
Hillsborough	5 (§6.03(1))	5/4 at 2 meetings (§6.03(1))	Either (§6.03(1))	County Attorney (§6.01)	County Attorney (§6.01)
Lee	Majority (§2.3(C)(1))	Majority (§2.3(C)(1))	Either (§2.(C)(1))	County Attorney (§2.(C)(5))	County Attorney (§2.3(C)(5))
Leon	Silent (§2.4)	Silent (§2.3)	Either (§2.4.1)	Silent	Silent

COUNTY ATTORNEY					
County	Method of Appointment	Method of Termination	With or Without Cause	Appointment of Assistant County Attorneys	Termination of Assistant County Attorneys
Miami-Dade	BoCC/Mayor veto/override (§5.06)	Silent	Silent	Co Atty (§5.06)	Silent
Orange					
Osceola	Majority (§2.3(C))	Silent	Silent	Co Atty/Budget approval (§2.3(C))	Silent
Palm Beach	BoCC (§4.3)	Silent	Silent	County Attorney/budget approval (§4.3)	Silent
Pinellas	BoCC (§4.2(a)) and constitutional officers	Silent	Silent	Co Atty/Bd App (§4.02(6))	Silent
Polk	BoCC (§4.3)	Majority (§4.3)	Silent	Silent	Silent
Sarasota	BoCC (§2.7)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent
Seminole	Majority (§2.4)	Majority (§2.4)	Either (§2.4)	County Attorney (§2.4)	County Attorney (§2.4)
Volusia	Council (§III.A.1)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent
Wakulla	BoCC (§4.1)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent

ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS				
County	Affects Status of Elected Constitutional Officers	Describe Change	Does Charter Provide for Recall of Elected Officials	School Board
Alachua	N - Silent		Silent	
Brevard	Y (§4.1;4.2)	Makes them charter officers (§4.1)	Y (§4.1.2; §5.2)	Elections procedures (§8.1)
Broward	Y (§3.06)	Tax Coll/Clerk - Now Dept. of Fin/Adm	Silent	
Charlotte	N (§3.1)		Silent - residency requirements (§3.1)	
Clay	Y (§3.1)	Manager is Clerk of Board, Pre-auditor, Comptroller (§2.3 (4)(1)f); creates a commission auditor (§2.3 (D))	Y (§3.2)	
Columbia	N (§5.1)		Silent	
Duval	Y	Mayor Elected; Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections - elected charter offices	Y (§15.01)	Y (Article 13)
Hillsborough	N (§1.02)		Silent	
Lee	Y (§3.1)	Supv. of Elections - Non-Partisan §§3.1;3.2 (A)	Silent	
Leon	Y (§3.1)	Supv. of Elections - Non-Partisan §3.2 (A)	Silent	
Miami-Dade	Y (§9.01)	Sheriff abolished; Tax Collector-Clerk now Dept. of Fin/Adm;Elected Property Appraiser	Y (§8.02)	

ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS				
County	Affects Status of Elected Constitutional Officers	Describe Change	Does Charter Provide for Recall of Elected Officials	School Board
Orange	Y (§703)	Clerk of Court - Comptroller; removes charter status of Property App; Tax Collector; Sup of Elections; Sheriff - reinstates constitutional status (§703); Sheriff, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Clerk of Court into nonpartisan, elected charter officers subject to term limits of 4 consecutive y-year terms, abolishing status as constitutional officers	Silent	
Osceola	Y (§3.1)	Clerk under Manager	Silent	
Palm Beach	Y (§4.1.a)	Property Appraiser; Sheriff; Supervisor of Elections - nonpartisan	Silent	
Pinellas	N (§4.03)		Silent	
Polk	Y (§5.1; 5.2)	Non-partisan for Clerk, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections, Sheriff, Tax Collector	Silent	
Sarasota	Y (§2.4)	Charter Offices	Y	
Seminole	N (§3.1)		Silent	
Volusia	Y (§601.1)	Tax Coll/Clerk - Now Dept. of Fin/Adm; Sheriff, Super of Elec, Prop App Elected Department Directors	Silent	
Wakulla	N (§5.1)		Silent	

INITIATIVE TO ENACT, AMEND OR REPEAL COUNTY ORDINANCES

County	% of Registered Electors Required on Petition	Time Limitation to Gather Signatures	Time Limit for County Commission to Take Action	If Referendum is Required it will be scheduled at:	Limitation on Subject Matter for Initiative Petitions	Approval as to Form
Hillsborough	8	180	Silent	General Election	Silent	Silent
Lee	5 (§2.2(H)(1))	180 days (§2.2(H)(2))	45 days (§2.2(H)(3))	General Election (§2.2(H)(3))	Specified in charter (§2.2(H)(4))	Y (§2.2(H)(2))
Leon	10 (§4.1(1))	1 year (§4.2(2))	60 days (§4.2(3))	General Election (§4.2(3))	Specified in charter (§4.2(4))	N
Miami-Dade	4 (§8.01)	60 days	30 days	Next Countywide Election or if 8% signatures, special election	Specified in charter	Y
Orange	7 (§601(B))	180 days (§602)	30 days (§602(B))	Next election, 45 days after resol by BoCC (§602(B))	Specified in charter (§603)	Y (§602)
Osceola	7 (§2.2(H)(1))	180 days (§2.2(H)(2))	60 days (§2.2(H)(3))	General Election (§2.2(H)(3))	Specified in charter (§2.2(H)(4))	Y (§2.2(H)(2))
Palm Beach	7(§5.1)	Silent	45 days (§5.1)	General Election (§5.1)	Specified in charter (§5.1)	Silent

INITIATIVE TO ENACT, AMEND OR REPEAL COUNTY ORDINANCES

County	% of Registered Electors Required on Petition	Time Limitation to Gather Signatures	Time Limit for County Commission to Take Action	If Referendum is Required it will be scheduled at:	Limitation on Subject Matter for Initiative Petitions	Approval as to Form
Pinellas	Silent	Silent	Silent			
Polk	6 (§6.1)	1 year (§6.1.1)	60 days (§6.1.2)	General Election (§6.1.2)	Specified in charter (§6.1.2)	Silent
Sarasota	Silent					Silent
Seminole	7 (§2.2(H)(1))	6 mos (§2.2(H)(2))	60 (§2.2(H)(3))	General Election (§2.2(H)(3))	Specified in charter (§2.2(H)(4))	Y (§2.2(H)(2))
Volusia	Silent				Silent	Silent
Wakulla	30 (§6.1)	6 mos (§6.1.1)	60 days (§6.1.2)	General Election (§6.1.2)	Specified in charter (§6.1.3)	Silent

METHODS TO AMEND CHARTER AMENDMENT BY PETITION					
County	Subject Matter Exclusions	% of Registered Electors Required on Petition	Time Limit to Gather Signatures	Referendum Will Be Scheduled	Voting Requirements
Alachua		10 (§4.2(A)(1))	180 days (§4.2(A)(2))	General Election (§4.2(A)(1))	Majority (§4.2(A)(3))
Brevard	Y (§7.3.2.1)	4 (§7.3.2)	9 mos (§7.3.2.4;§5.1.1)	Special Election (§7.3.3)	Majority (§7.3.3)
Broward		10	180 days	Next General Election or Special Election	
Charlotte		10 (4.2(B)(1))	90 days (4.2(B)(1))	General Election (§4.2(B)(1))	Majority (§4.2(B)(3))
Clay		10 (§4.2(A)(1))	180 days (§4.2(A)(3))	General Election (§4.2(A)(2))	Majority (§4.2(A)(4))
Columbia		10 (§8.3.2(2))	6 mos (§8.3.2)	General Election (§8.3.3)	Majority (§8.3.3)
Duval		5 (§18.05(a))	Silent	Next Countywide General Election (§18.05(h))	Majority (§15.05(k))
Hillsborough		8 (§8.03(1))	6 mos (§8.03(1))	General Election (§8.04)	Majority (§8.04)
Lee		7 (§4.1(A)(1))	90 days (§4.1(A)(2))	General Election (§4.1(A)(4))	Majority (§4.1(A)(4))
Leon		10 (§5.2(1)(A))	1 year (§5.2(1)(A))	General Election (§5.2(1)(B))	Majority (§5.2(1)(B))
Miami-Dade	N	10 (§9.07(A))	Silent	60-120 days or special election (§9.07(C))	Majority (§9.07(D))
Orange	N	10 (§601(A))	180 days (§601(A))	Next General Election (§602(A))	Majority (§602(A))
Osceola	N	10 (§4.2(A)(1))	180 days (§4.2(A)(2))	Special Election (§4.2(A)(1))	Majority (§4.2(A)(3))
Palm Beach	N	7 (§6.3)	Silent	General Election or presidential primary (§6.3)	Majority (§6.3)

METHODS TO AMEND CHARTER AMENDMENT BY PETITION					
County	Subject Matter Exclusions	% of Registered Electors Required on Petition	Time Limit to Gather Signatures	Referendum Will Be Scheduled	Voting Requirements
Pinellas	N	8 (§6.02(1))	240 days (§6.02(2))	General Election or special call referendum (§6.02(1))	Majority (§6.02(1))
Polk	Y (§8.3.2)	7 (§8.3.2)	1 year (§8.3.2, §6.1.1)	General Election - cannot be held sooner than 60 days after amendment proposed or validated (§8.3.3)	60% (§8.3.3)
Sarasota	N	5 (§7.1)	Silent	Special Election (§7.1)	Majority (§7.1)
Seminole	N	7.5 residing in 3/5 (§4.2(A)(1))	6 mos (§4.2(A)(2))	General Election (§4.2(A)(1))	Majority (§4.2(A)(3))
Volusia		5 (§1302.2)	Silent	General Election (§1302.3)	Majority (§1302.3)
Wakulla	Y (§7.3.2)	30 (§7.3.2)	6 mos (§7.3.2, §6.1.1)	General Election (§7.3.3)	Majority (§7.3.3)

Other
Brief financial impact statement prepared by county auditor placed on ballot with proposed charter amendment
60% (§8.3.3)
Majority (§7.1)
Majority (§4.2(A)(3))
Majority (§1302.3)
Majority (§7.3.3)

AMENDMENT BY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

County	Appointment of Charter Review Commission Specified in Charter?	When Appointed	Size of Commission	Election Scheduled	Voting Requirements of Commission	Financial Impact Statements
Alachua	Y (§4.2(B))	Every 10 years (§4.2(B)(1))	11-15 (§4.2(B)(1))	General Election (§4.2(B))	Majority (§4.2(B)(5))	Silent
Brevard	Y (§7.4)	Every 6 years (§7.4)	15 (§7.4)	Special Election (§7.4.1)	Majority (§7.4.1)	Silent
Broward	Y	Every 12 years	19	General Election	Two-third	Silent
Charlotte	Y (§4.(C)(1))	Every 6 years (§4.2(C)(1))	15/ 3 alternate (§4.2(C)(1))	General Election (§4.2(C)(1))	Majority (§4.2(C)(5))	Silent
Clay	Y (§4.2(B)(1))	Every 4 years (§4.2(B)(1))	15 (§4.2(B)(1))	General Election (§4.2(B)(5))	Majority (§4.2(B)(5))	
Columbia	Y (§8.4)	Every 10 years (§8.4)	Silent	General Election (§8.4(3))	Silent	Silent
Duval	N					

AMENDMENT BY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION						
County	Appointment of Charter Review Commission Specified in Charter?	When Appointed	Size of Commission	Election Scheduled	Voting Requirements of Commission	Financial Impact Statements
Hillsborough	Y	Every 5 years (§8.02)	14 (§8.02)	General Election (§8.04)	Majority (§8.04)	Silent
Lee	Y	Every 8 years (§4.1(B)(1))	15 (§4.1(B)(1))	General Election (§4.1(B)(4))	Majority (§4.1(B)(4))	N
Leon	N - delegated to BoCC (§5.2(2)(A))	Every 8 years (§5.2(2)(A))	Silent	General Election (§5.2(2)(A))	Silent	Silent
Miami-Dade	N - BoCC reviews charter every 5 years to determine if a revision is needed (§9.08)					
Orange	Y (§7.02)	Every 4 years (§7.02(B))	11-15 (§7.02(A))	General Election (§7.02(B))	Silent	Y (§7.02(B))
Osceola	Y (§4.2(C)(1))	Every 6 years (§4.2(C)(1))	Twice board + 1 (§4.2(C)(2))	Silent	2/3 vote (§4.2(C)(8))	Silent

AMENDMENT BY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION						
County	Appointment of Charter Review Commission Specified in Charter?	When Appointed	Size of Commission	Election Scheduled	Voting Requirements of Commission	Financial Impact Statements
Palm Beach	N					
Pinellas	Y	Every 6 years (§6.03(a))	13 (§6.03(a))	General Election (§6.03(c))	Silent	Silent
Polk	Y	Every 8 years (§8.04)	13 (§8.4)	General Election (§8.4)	Silent	Silent
Sarasota	Elected (§2.8A)	Every 4 years (§2.8A)	10 (§2.8A)	Next Countywide Election (§7.1)	2/3 (§2.8B)	Silent
Seminole	Y (§4.2(B))	Every 6 years (§4.2(B)(1))	15 (§4.2(B)(1))	General Election (§4.2(B)(1))	Majority (§4.2(B)(4))	Silent
Volusia	Y (§1303)	Every 10 years (§1303)	According to general law (§1303)	General Election (§1303)	Silent	Silent
Wakulla	Y (§7.4)	Every 8 years (§7.4)	15 (§7.4)	General Election (§7.4)	Not less than 10 members (§7.4)	Silent

CHARTER AMENDMENT BY COUNTY COMMISSION

County	Amendment Proposed by Ordinance Approved by	Referendum Will Be Scheduled	Voting Requirements
Alachua	Majority + 1 (§4.2(C)(1))	General Election (§4.2(C)(2))	Majority (§4.2(C)(2))
Brevard	Not less than 4 (§7.3.1)	Special/concurrent with countywide	Majority
Broward	Majority + 1 (§2.06)	General Election	Majority
Charlotte	Majority (§4.2(A))	General Election (§4.2(A))	Majority (§4.2(A))
Clay	Majority (§4.2(C)(1))	Next General or Special Election (§4.2(C)(1))	Majority (§4.2(C)(1))
Columbia	Majority + 1 (§8.3.1)	General Election (§8.3.3)	Majority (§8.3.3)
Duval	Silent	Silent	Silent
Hillsborough	5 (§8.01)	Special Election or Regular Election as directed by BoCC (§8.04)	Majority (§8.04)
Lee	Majority (§4.1(C)(1))	General Election (§4.1(C)(2))	Majority (§4.1(C)(2))
Leon	Majority + 1 (§5.2(3)(A))	General Election (§5.2(3)(A))	Majority (§5.2(3)(B))
Miami-Dade	Resolution of BoCC (§9.07(A))	60-120 days after resolution (§9.07(B))	
Orange	Majority (§7.01)	Primary, General or Special Election (§7.01)	Silent

CHARTER AMENDMENT BY COUNTY COMMISSION

County	Amendment Proposed by Ordinance Approved by	Referendum Will Be Scheduled	Voting Requirements
Osceola	Majority + 1 (§4.2(B)(1))	Special Election (§4.2(B)(1))	Majority (§4.2(B)(1))
Palm Beach	4 (§6.3)	Presidential Election Ballot (§6.3)	Majority (§6.3)
Pinellas	Majority + 1 (§6.01)	Next Countywide or Special Election (§6.01)	Majority (§6.01)
Polk	Majority + 1 (§8.3.1)	General Election (§8.3.3)	60% (§8.3.3)
Sarasota	Silent	Special Election (§7.1)	Majority (§7.1)
Seminole	Majority (§4.2(C)(1))	General Election (§4.2(C)(1))	Majority (§4.2(C)(1))
Volusia	2/3 vote of Council (§1302.1)	General Election (§1302.3)	Majority (§1302.3)
Wakulla	Majority + 1 (§7.3.1)	General Election (§7.3.3)	Majority (§7.3.3)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	
County	Relationship to Municipal Ordinances
Alachua	Municipal ordinances prevail in event of conflict. Environmental - Ordinances that establish different standards for the purpose of protecting the environment by prohibiting or regulating air or water pollution, the more stringent will apply inside a municipality. The less stringent standards still apply as well. (§1.4) Land use planning - Each municipality responsible for planning inside municipal boundaries; county for unincorporated area. County and a city may, by interlocal, agree to provide for joint planning under certain circumstances. (§1.5)
Brevard	Municipal ordinances prevail except as otherwise provided by state or federal law. (§1.7)
Broward	Municipal ordinances prevail except when the county ordinance relates to (1) setting minimum standards protecting the environment through the prohibition or regulation of air/water pollution, or the destruction of resources in the county belonging to the general public; (2) land use planning ; (3) handgun management (§2.12)
Charlotte	Municipal ordinances prevail except for countywide ordinances relating to (1) impact fees to pay the cost of county facilities or (2) countywide comp plan or countywide comp plan elements and countywide LDRs as defined by Ch. 163 , Part II, Fla. Stat., as amended by the Legislature.
Clay	Municipal ordinances prevail.
Columbia	Municipal ordinances prevail except the county may, by ordinance, adopt minimum countywide standards for (1) regulating adult entertainment ; (2) protecting the environment by regulating air or water pollution; (3) outdoor burning ; (4) hours of sales of alcoholic beverages ; (5) animal control ; (6) firearms and weapons and; (7) protection of level of service standards for county maintained roads . Municipal ordinances in these areas can be stricter than the county minimum and apply. (§1.8)
Duval	Consolidated government.
Hillsborough	Municipal ordinances prevail. (§4.09) Planning - Charter establishes a single planning agency for cities and county to be created by special act without a referendum; responsible for comp planning and related activities as are committed to it by general or special law. (§9.09) Environmental protection - Charter establishes a single local environmental protection commission to be created by special act without a referendum.(§9.10)
Lee	Municipal ordinances prevail. (§1.4)
Leon	Municipal ordinances prevail. (§1.6)
Miami-Dade	Charter has power to preempt all municipal powers. (§§6.01, 6.02)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	
County	Relationship to Municipal Ordinances
Orange	Municipal ordinances generally prevail. Exceptions: County ordinances prevail when the county sets minimum standards for (1) regulating adult entertainment ; (2) protecting the environment by prohibiting or regulating air/water pollution, and only to extent that minimum standards are stricter than municipal ones; and (3) prohibiting or regulating simulated gambling or gambling. (§704) Voluntary annexation -Charter preempts ability to annex certain "preservation districts" to the county. (§505)
Osceola	Municipal ordinances prevail to extent of conflict. In the absence of conflict, county ordinances shall be effective inside municipalities when such intent is expressed by county ordinance. (§1.4) Casino gambling reserved to the people. (§1.5)
Palm Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Municipal ordinances prevail to extent of conflict, except that county ordinances shall prevail over (1) matters relating to protection of wells and well fields; (2) matters relating to schools, county-owned beaches, district parks and regional parks, solid waste disposal, county law enforcement, and impact fees for county roads and public buildings; in matters related to county fire-rescue impact fees and county library impact fees in those municipalities whose properties are taxed by the county for library and/or fire-rescue services, respectively; (3) for adoption and amendment of countywide land use element; and (4) matters related to establishment of levels of service for collector and arterial roads which are not the responsibility of any municipality,
	<p>the restriction of the issuance of development orders which would add traffic to such roads which have traffic exceeding the adopted level of service, provided that such ordinance is adopted and amended by a majority of the county commission; and (5) voluntary annexation. (§1.3) Protection of Health, Safety and Welfare of all residents of county. County may adopt appropriate ordinances to accomplish these purposes. (§3.3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Both county and municipal approval of charter amendments when they affect municipal power or function.(§6.3)
Pinellas	The county has all special and necessary power to furnish within the various municipalities the services and regulatory authority listed here: (1) development and operation of 911 emergency communication system; (2) development and operation of solid waste disposal facilities, exclusive of municipal collection systems; (3) development and operation of regional sewer treatment facilities in accordance with federal law, state law, and existing or future interlocal agreements, exclusive of municipal systems; (4) acquisition, development and control of county-owned parks, buildings, and other county owned parks; (5) public health or welfare services or facilities; (6) operation, development and control of St. Pete-Clearwater airport;(7) design, construction and maintenance of major drainage systems in both the incorporated and unincorporated area; (8) design, construction and maintenance of county roads; (9) implementation of consumer protection regulations and protections; (10) animal control; (11) civil preparedness; (12) fire protection for unincorporated areas; (13) motor vehicle inspections;

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	
County	Relationship to Municipal Ordinances
	<p>(14) water distribution, exclusive of municipal systems and in accordance with interlocals; (15) charitable solicitations regulations; (16) provide municipal services in unincorporated areas; (17) all powers necessary to transfer functions and powers of other governmental agencies; (18) special one-rule tax to acquire beachfront and other property for recreational use; (19) countywide planning, as provided by special law; (20) voluntary annexation procedures, including lands available for annexation, to the extent provided by general law. (§2.04)</p> <p>Annexation - Nothing in the charter prevents a municipality from annexing an unincorporated area, except that all annexations shall be in accordance with the exclusive method and criteria for voluntary annexation, including delineation of areas eligible for annexations adopted by ordinance under the authority elsewhere in charter. (§2.07)</p> <p>County can furnish additional services to the municipalities when the municipality requests it and BoCC approves. (§2.05) Certain powers of county limited. (§2.06)</p>
Polk	Municipal ordinances prevail. (§1.8)
Sarasota	Generally, municipal ordinances prevail except with respect to comprehensive planning and future land use designations in areas outside the urban service area which are not designated in a municipality's comp plan. In those areas, absent agreement, county's, rather than city's, future land use map designation ordinances control. (§3.3)
Seminole	Generally, municipal ordinances prevail. (§1.4) Exceptions: Casino gambling reserved to the people (Art. V, §1.1) and county ordinances related to the Rural Boundary prevail over municipal ones in conflict with county ordinances related to it. (Art. V, §1.2)
Volusia	Municipal ordinances prevail, except as otherwise provided by the charter. (§1305) Growth Management Commission - countywide power. (§202.3) Environmental minimum standards, including, but not limited to, tree protection, stormwater management, wastewater management, river and waterway protection, hazardous waste disposal, wetlands protection, beach and dune protection, air pollution. Standards shall apply in all areas of the county; county ordinances prevail in this area, municipalities may adopt stricter standards. (§202.4) Unified Beach Code - County has jurisdiction over coastal beaches and approaches (specifically including municipal areas) and exclusive authority to regulate the beaches and public beach access and use; county ordinance prevails in this area. (§205)
Wakulla	Municipal ordinances prevail. (§1.8)

ETHICS, ELECTIONS AND OPEN GOVERNMENT				
County	Campaign Finance Regulation	County Ethics Commission	Local Code of Ethics	Local Elections Criteria/Procedures
Alachua	Y (§1.6)	N	Silent	
Brevard		N	N	
Broward		Y (§11.08)	Y (§11.08)	
Charlotte		N	N	
Clay		N	Y (§2.2(E))	
Columbia		N	N	
Duval		Y (§1.202)	Y (§1.202)	
Hillsborough	Regulates political activity (§9.04)	N	Y (§9.03)	
Lee				
Leon				
Miami-Dade	N - but there is a citizens' bill of rights at the beginning of the charter with many ethics provisions	Y - part of citizens' bill of rights (para. 17)		
Orange			Y (§707)	
Osceola				
Palm Beach		Y	Y (§2-441 through 2-447)	
Pinellas				
Polk				
Sarasota	Y (§6.5A)			
Seminole				
Volusia			Y (§1201)	
Wakulla				

RECALL ELECTION HELD

County	
Alachua	N
Brevard	N
Broward	N
Charlotte	N
Clay	N
Columbia	N
Duval	N
Hillsborough	
Lee	N
Leon	N
Miami-Dade	Y (1970s/ 2006)
Orange	N
Osceola	N
Palm Beach	N
Pinellas	N
Polk	N
Sarasota	N
Seminole	N
Volusia	
Wakulla	N