

Amendment Log
City of Riverside Charter 1929-Current

Res.	Year	Major Amendments	Section	Carried	Notes
	1929	Added water stock acquisition, leasing, etc. to council powers		Y	
		Added airport acquisition, construction, maintenance to council powers		Y	On the ballot as charter with amendments proposed, no enumeration in minutes or resolutions
	1934	Officer salary by ordinance		Y	
		Amendments to recall procedure	234	Y	
		Board of Police and Fire added to city officers	18, 177	Y	
		Change in primaries	191	Y	
		City Auditor in Public Utility department	137	Y	
	1949				
	1953	REPUBLISHED - Council-Manager			
6621	1955	Increase from seven-member to nine-member Planning Commission	706	Y	
7074	1956	Sale of any public utility owned by city prohibited without affirmative votes of at least 2/3 of voters voting on prop	1305	Y	
7554	1956	Bonds for provision of off-street public parking, repaid from parking revenues	XVI	N	
8555	1959	Bond issuance for utility improvements	XVI	N	
9002	1960	Ward elections instead of at large for council	XVI	N	16,106 to 16,305 no
9257	1961	Ward elections instead of at large for council	XVI	Y	
9672	1963	Time of residents in annexed areas to count toward eligibility to hold office	401	Y	
		City Council only as qualified electors, not registered or voting	1603	Y	
9916	1964	Recall of councilmember requires signature of 25% of qualified electors	1607	Y	
		Councilmember candidates must receive a majority vote or there will be a runoff election	1602	Y	
		Mayoral candidates must receive a majority vote or there will be a runoff election	400	Y	
		Changing Utilities Board to seven members	1301	N	
		Mayor may request "reconsideration" - reintroduction of veto power	412	Y	
10407	1965	City Council to issue and sell revenue bonds with limit of \$4.7 million	1306	Y	
10566	1966	Councilman salary/itemize reimbursement	402	Y	
		Councilman salary fixed by population	402	N	
		Require 5 votes to override veto	412	Y	
		Mayor vote on B&C appointment & removal	404, 702, 705	Y	
		Mayor appoint commissioners, council ratifies	404, 702, 705	N	More voted in favor than against, but the prior option received a larger majority of yes votes so was the adopted alternative
10747	1967	Resist duration of contracts to 25 years or must be approved by vote	417	Y	
11040	1968	Electric and water revenue bonds	1300, 1302, 1304, 1306	Y	
11236	1969	Mayoral tie-break vote	404, 419	Y	
12089	1973	Election dates odd numbered years in April	1000	Y	
		Special elections instead of appointment for school board vacancies	1200	Y	
12363	1974	Change 25 year contract limit to general law limit unless voter approval	417	Y	
		Board and commission terms to begin in October	702, 704	Y	
		Moving municipal elections to March rather than April of odd years	1000	Y	
		Equity of utility must be at least 12% of aggregated utility bonds	1306e	Y	
12947	1976	Allow city to incur debt to supply water/electric and prepayment for electrical capacity and energy	1306b	Y	
		Change municipal elections to November or each odd numbered year	100, 1602	Y	
13294	1977	Limits general fund transfers from utility revenues to 11.5%	1304(f)	Y	This same election saw an initiative ordinance brought by citizens to control sprawl and preserve open spaces defeated at the ballot
14813	1995	Approval of proposed amendments from R18750		Y	
		Deletion of Sections 1406 and 1407 regarding RUSD	1406, 1407	Y	
20239	2002	Elected officials take office between 2nd and 5th Tuesday following election results	400	Y	
		Increase formal competitive bidding to \$50,000	1109	Y	
		Increase formal competitive bidding to \$50,000 for Board of Public Utilities	1202	Y	
21456	2007	Prohibition on blocking train traffic at grade crossings	1406	N	
22539	2013	Annual transfer from City water to Gen Fund for Local Services and Clean Water	1204.1	Y	
22967	2016	Creation of Office of City Prosecutor		N	
22979	2016	City Council salary to be 80% of Mayoral salary	403	N	

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Year	Role of Mayor	Vote	Veto	SOTC Mention	Election of Mayor	Election of Council
1907	Mayor as chief executive	Tie-Break only	Yes - line item	Yes	At large	Ward
1928	Mayor as chief executive	Tie-Break only	Yes - line item	Yes	At large	Ward
1929	Mayor as chief executive	Tie-Break only	Yes - line item	Yes	At large	Ward
1934	Mayor as chief executive	Tie-Break only	Yes - line item	Yes	At large	Ward
1953	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	No	No	No	At large	At large
1964	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	No	Yes - no mention of line item	No	At large	Ward
1966	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	No	Yes - no mention of line item	No	At large	Ward
1969	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Tie-Break only	Yes - no mention of line item	No	At large	Ward
1981	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Tie-Break only	Yes - no mention of line item	Yes	At large	Ward
1995	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Tie-Break only	Yes - no mention of line item	Yes	At large	Ward
Current	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Tie-Break only	Yes - no mention of line item	Yes	At large	Ward

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1907	Mayor as chief executive	Executive administrator of the city, may disapprove ordinances and can only be overturned by vote of 5, including contracts
1928	Mayor as chief executive	Changed to four year term from original two year term, may disapprove ordinances and can only be overturned by vote of 6, including contracts
1929	Mayor as chief executive	No significant changes to mayoral power
1934	Mayor as chief executive	No significant changes to mayoral power
1953	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	This charter language on the mayor has changed little to date; also, as part of Article IV, section 406 expressly forbids interference with the execution by the city manager of his duties or his appointees; this was also when the personnel merit system was established in Riverside
1964	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Restores veto with "reconsideration" language
1966	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Adds mayor back to the boards and commission appointment process; increases veto override to 5 votes from 4
1969	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Gives mayor Tie-Break vote
1981	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	State of the City language added
1995	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Moved tie-break vote into section 405
Current	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	No changes since 1995 to mayoral powers or duties

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Year	Role of Mayor	Appointments	Voting	Hire/Fire	Budget
1907	Mayor as chief executive	Mayor/Council confirmation	Council (except tie break)	Mayor/Council confirmation	Mayor
1928	Mayor as chief executive	Mayor/Council confirmation	Council (except tie break)	Mayor/Council confirmation	Mayor
1929	Mayor as chief executive	Mayor/Council confirmation	Council (except tie break)	Mayor/Council confirmation	Mayor
1934	Mayor as chief executive	Mayor/Council confirmation	Council (except tie break)	Mayor/Council confirmation	Mayor
1953	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Council	Council exclusively (no tie break/veto)	City Manager	City Manager/Council approval
1964	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Council	Council with Mayoral veto power	City Manager	City Manager/Council approval
1966	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Council/Mayor	Council with Mayoral veto power	City Manager	City Manager/Council approval
1969	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Council/Mayor	Council with Mayoral tie break/veto	City Manager	City Manager/Council approval
1981	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Council/Mayor	Council with Mayoral tie break/veto	City Manager	City Manager/Council approval
1995	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Council/Mayor	Council with Mayoral tie break/veto	City Manager	City Manager/Council approval
Current	Mayor as presiding officer, ceremonial head, public policy liaison and policy advisor to council	Council/Mayor	Council with Mayoral tie break/veto	City Manager	City Manager/Council approval

**City of Riverside Charter
 Mayoral Verbiage Comparison 1953 vs. Current**

1953 Charter Verbiage	2019 Charter Verbiage
<p>The mayor shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the city council and shall have a voice in all its proceedings but shall not vote.</p>	<p>The mayor shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the City Council and shall have a voice in all its proceedings but shall not vote except to break a City Council tie-vote which exists for any cause.</p>
<p>He shall be the official head of the city for all ceremonial purposes.</p>	<p>The Mayor shall be the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes.</p>
<p>He shall have the primary but not exclusive responsibility for interpreting the policies, programs and needs of the city government to the people, and of informing the people of any major change in policy or program.</p>	<p>The Mayor shall have the primary but not exclusive responsibility for interpreting the policies, programs and needs of the City government to the people, and of informing the people of any major change in policy or program.</p>
<p>He shall advise the city council on all matters of policy and public relations and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter.</p>	<p>The Mayor shall advise the City Council on all matters of policy and public relations and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter.</p>
	<p>During the months of January or February, the Mayor shall deliver a State of the City message at any location within the City that the Mayor deems appropriate at which the Mayor will present the Mayor's programs, objectives and priorities.</p>
	<p>Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Charter, when a tie-vote exists for any cause, in order to break that tie, the Mayor shall have the same voting right as a member of the City Council for or against the item before the City Council.</p>
	<p>The Mayor's vote shall be deemed a City Council member's vote for all purposes, including the introduction or adoption of both ordinances and resolutions.</p>