

## County Charter Provision Comparisons

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LEGISLATIVE BODY										
County	Size	How Elected	Partisan Election -- Y/N	Length of Term	Term Limitation	Adjustments to Salary	Separates Legislative & Executive Functions	Specifies Non-Interference Clause	Administrative Code Required	Recall
<b>Alachua</b>	5	District (§2.2)	Silent	4 Staggered	N	Statute	Y (§2.1)	N	Y (§2.2)	Y (§2.2)
<b>Brevard</b>	5	District (§2.1;2.3)	Silent	4 (§2.4)	2 (§2.4)	Ordinance (even-numbered years)(§2.6)	Y (§1.5)	Y (§3.4)	Y (§2.10.2)	Y (§5.2)
<b>Broward</b>	9	District (§2.01(A)1)	Y (§2.01(B))	4	3 (§2.02)	Statute (§2.01(D))	Y (§1.02(c))	Y (§2.07)	Y (§2.13)	Y (§1.04(M))
<b>Charlotte</b>	5	District/At Large (§2.2)	Silent	4	Silent	Statute	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Clay</b>	5	District	Silent	4	2	Charter (majority vote in general election)	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Columbia</b>	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
<b>Duval</b>	19	14 District/5 At Large (§5.02)	Silent	4 (§5.03)	2 (§5.041)	Charter (§5.04, 9.12)	Y (§4.01)	N	Y	Y (§15.01)
<b>Hillsborough</b>	7	4 District/3 At Large (§4.03)	Y	12		Ordinance (§4.04)	Y (§3.01)	N	Y (§7.01)	Y (§9.08)
<b>Lee</b>	5	District/At Large (§2.2(A))	Y (§ 2.2A)	4	3	Statute (§2.2(C))	Y (§2.1)	Y (§2.2(I))	Y (§2.2(E))	Y (§2.2(G))
<b>Leon</b>	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)
<b>Miami-Dade</b>	13	13 District (§1.04)	N (§3.3)	4 (§3.01)	2 (§3.01(E))	Charter (§1.06)	Y (§1.01, §2.02)	Y (§4.04)	Y (§1.02(H))	Y (§8.02)

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<b>Orange</b>	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)
<b>Osceola</b>	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))
<b>Palm Beach</b>	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)
<b>Pinellas</b>	7	4 District/3 At Large (§3.01)	Silent	4	Silent	Statute (§3.01)	Y (§3.01, §4.01(c))	N	Silent	Silent
<b>Polk</b>	5	District/At Large (§2.1)	Y (§5.2.1)	4 (§2.4)	12 (§2.3)	Charter (§2.5)	Y (§1.6)	Y (§3.4)	Y (§2.10)	Y (§6.2)
<b>Sarasota</b>	5	District/At Large (§2.1A)	Silent	4 (§2.1A)	2 (§2.1A)	Charter (§2.1B)	Silent	Y	Y	Y
<b>Seminole</b>	5	District/At Large (§2.2A)	Silent	4 (§2.2A)	Silent	Ordinance	Y (§2.1)	Y (§2.2(I))	Y (§2.2E)	Y (§2.2G)
<b>Volusia</b>	7	5 District/1 At Large/1 Chair At Large (elected) (§301)	N (§904)	4 (§303.1)	2 (§303.5)	Charter (§304)	Y (§203)	Y (§404)	Y (§308.1)	Silent
<b>Wakulla</b>	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
<b>Alachua</b>	Appointed	Majority (§2.3(A)(2))	Majority vote, after hearing if requested by CM (§2.3(A)(2))	Silent	Ordinance	Charter/ Ordinance	Cty Mgr/BoCC majority vote confirmation (§2.3(B)(1))	Cty Manager (§2.3(B)(2))	Either
<b>Brevard</b>	Appointed	Silent	Silent	Silent	Contract	Charter (§3.3)	Mgr/BoCC Approval (§4.5.1)	Manager (§4.5.1)	Either (§4.5.1)
<b>Broward</b>	Appointed	6/9	Majority	Silent	Silent	Charter	Adm/BoCC Majority Approval	Administrator	Silent
<b>Charlotte</b>	Appointed (§2.3(A)(1))	4/5 (§2.3(A)(2))	4/5 or 3/5 @ at 2 meetings 2 weeks apart (§2.3(A)(4))	Either (§2.3(A)(4))	Charter (§2.3(A)(2))	Charter (§2.3(A)(1))	Adm/BoCC Advice & Consent (§2.3(B)(1))	Administrator (§2.3(B)(2))	Either (§2.3(B)(2))
<b>Clay</b>	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))

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<b>Columbia</b>	Appointed	Majority (§2.8(1))	Majority/at 2 meetings or super-majority at one meeting (§2.8(1))	Either	Contract (§3.2) subject to annual review by BoCC	Charter (§3.3)	Manager (§3.3(10))	Manager (§3.3(10);§4.2)	Either/BoCC approval; Dept Head can appeal to BoCC (§4.2)
<b>Duval</b>	Mayor Elected (§6.01)	4 years	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Mayor/Council Confirmation	Silent	Silent
<b>Hillsborough</b>	Appointed (§5.01)	5/7 (§5.03(1))	5 or 4 @ 2 meetings (§5.03(1))	Either (§5.03(1))	Ordinance (§5.03(2))	Silent	Adm w/BoCC Consent (§5.01)	Administrator (§5.01)	Either (§5.01)
<b>Lee</b>	Appointed (§2.3(A)(1))		Majority (§2.3(A)(1))	Either (§2.3(A)(1))	Contract	Charter (§2.3(A)(1))	Manager (§2.3(B))	Manager (§2.3(B))	Either (§2.3(B))
<b>Leon</b>	Appointed (§2.3(1))	Majority + 1	Majority +1	Silent	Contract	Charter (§2.3(1)(A))	Administrator does not include county attorney and TDC staff (§2.3(2))	Administrator (§2.3(2))	Either (§2.3(2))

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Miami-Dade	Mayor (§2.02)	Elected	NA	NA	NA	Charter	Mayor	Mayor	Silent
Orange	Appointed	Mayor/BoCC Confirms	Silent	Silent		Charter	Mayor	Mayor	Silent
Osceola	Appointed (§2.3(A)(1))	Majority	Silent	Silent	Silent	Charter (§2.2(A)(1))	Adm w/BoCC Advice & Consent	Administrator(§ 2.2(B)(2))	Either (§2.2(B)(2))
Palm Beach	Appointed (§2.4)	Majority (§2.4)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Charter	Adm/w BoCC Advice & Consent (§4.2)	Silent	Silent
Pinellas	Appointed	5/7(§4.01(a))	4/5 at 2 meetings (§4.01(a))	Silent	Silent	Charter (§4.01(C))	Adm/BoCC Approval for unclassified positions (§4.01(C)(2))	Adm/BoCC Approval for unclassified positions (§4.01(C)(3))	With

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<b>Polk</b>	Appointed	Majority of entire commission (§2.8(1))	Majority at 2 meetings (§2.8(1))	Silent	Contract (§3.2)	Charter	Adm/BoCC Approval (§4.2)	Administrator(\$4.2)	Either(\$4.2)
<b>Sarasota</b>	Appointed (§2.6A)	4/5 (§2.6B)	4/5 or 3/5 @ 2 meetings 3 weeks apart (§2.6B)	Silent	Silent	BCC and Charter (§2.6F)	Adm/BoCC Confirmation (§2.6F)	Adm/BoCC Confirmation (§2.6F)	Either (§2.6F)
<b>Seminole</b>	Appointed (§2.3(A)(1))	Majority	Majority	Either (§2.3(A)(1))	Silent	Charter (§2.3(A))	Adm/BoCC Confirmation (§2.3(B))	Administrator	Either
<b>Volusia</b>	Appointed (§401)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Charter (§403)	Adm/Council Approval (§602)	Silent	Silent
<b>Wakulla</b>	Appointed (§3.1)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Contract (§3.2)	Charter (§3.3)	Silent	Silent	Silent

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

<b>County</b>	<b>Method of Appointment</b>	<b>Method of Termination</b>	<b>With or Without Cause</b>	<b>Appointment of Assistant County Attorneys</b>	<b>Termination of Assistant County Attorneys</b>
<b>Alachua</b>	BoCC (§2.3C)	BoCC (§2.3C)	Silent	Silent	Silent
<b>Brevard</b>	BoCC	BoCC Majority	Silent	Silent	Silent
<b>Broward</b>	BoCC (§2.10)	BoCC (§2.10)	Silent (§2.10)	County Atty (§2.10(C))	Silent
<b>Charlotte</b>	BoCC 4 affirmative (§2.3(D))	BoCC 4/5 or 3/5 @ at 2 meetings 2 weeks apart	Either	Silent	Silent
<b>Clay</b>	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))
<b>Columbia</b>	Elected Non-Partisan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Silent	Silent
<b>Duval</b>	Mayor/Council Confirm (§7.03)	Mayor or Council (§7.06)	With/Council Confirm (§7.206)	General Counsel (§7.207)	Silent
<b>Hillsborough</b>	5 (§6.03(1))	5 or 4 @ 2 meetings (§6.03(1))	Either (§6.03(1))	County Attorney (§6.01)	County Attorney (§6.01)
<b>Lee</b>	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))

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<b>Leon</b>	BoCC (§2.4)	BoCC (§2.4)	Either (§2.4.1)	Silent	Silent
<b>Miami-Dade</b>	BoCC subject to Mayor veto/override (§5.06)	BoCC (§5.06)	Silent	County Attorney (§5.06)	Silent
<b>Orange</b>	Appointed by Mayor (§402) confirmed by BoCC annually (§302.D.6)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent
<b>Osceola</b>	BoCC Majority (§2.3(C))	BoCC (§2.3C)	Silent	Co Atty subject to budget approval (§2.3(C))	Silent
<b>Palm Beach</b>	BoCC (§4.3)	BoCC (§4.3)	Silent	County Attorney subject to budget approval (§4.3)	Silent
<b>Pinellas</b>	County Attorney Oversight Committee (§4.2(a))	Silent	Silent	Co Atty/BoCC App (§4.02(6))	Silent
<b>Polk</b>	BoCC (§4.3)	Majority (§4.3)	Silent	Silent	Silent
<b>Sarasota</b>	BoCC (§2.7)	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent



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<b>Seminole</b>	Majority (§2.4)	Majority (§2.4)	Either (§2.4)	County Attorney (§2.4)	County Attorney (§2.4)
<b>Volusia</b>	Council (§III.A.1)	Council (§III.A.1)	Silent	Silent	Silent
<b>Wakulla</b>	BoCC (§4.1)	BoCC (§4.1)	Silent	Silent	Silent

<b>ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS</b>				
<b>County</b>	<b>Affects Status of Elected Constitutional Officers</b>	<b>Describe Change</b>	<b>Does Charter Provide for Recall of Elected Officials</b>	<b>School Board</b>
<b>Alachua</b>	N (§3)		Silent	
<b>Brevard</b>	Y (§4.1;4.2)	Makes them county officers (§7.23)	Y (§5.2)	Elections procedures (§8.1)
<b>Broward</b>	Y (§3.06)	Abolished Tax Coll/Clerk Audit Functions Now Dept. of Financial Svcs & Adm	Silent	
<b>Charlotte</b>	N (§3.1)		Silent - residency requirements (§3.1)	
<b>Clay</b>	Y (§3.1)	Manager is Board Clerk and performs Clerk finance functions (§2.3 (4)(1)f); creates a Commission Auditor; constitutional officers term limits (§2.3 (D))	Y (§3.2)	
<b>Columbia</b>	N (§5.1)		Silent	
<b>Duval</b>	Y	Mayor Elected; Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections - elected charter offices (2 term limits)	Y (§15.01)	Y (Article 13)
<b>Hillsborough</b>	N (§1.02)		Silent	
<b>Lee</b>	Y (§3.1)	SOE: Non-Partisan §§3.1;3.2 (A)	Silent	
<b>Leon</b>	Y (§3.1)	SOE: Non-Partisan §3.2 (A)	Silent	
<b>Miami-Dade</b>	Y (§9.01)	Sheriff abolished; Tax Collector and Clerk finance functions now Dept. of Financial Administration; transferred functions to Mayor; elected Property Appraiser	Y (§8.02)	

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<b>Orange</b>	Y (§703)	Clerk of Court/Comptroller; removes charter status of Property App; Tax Collector; SOE; Sheriff and reinstates constitutional status (§703); Sheriff, Property Appraiser, SOE and Clerk of Court into nonpartisan, elected charter officers subject to term limits of 4 consecutive year terms, abolishing status as constitutional officers	Silent	
<b>Osceola</b>	Y (§3.1)	Clerk functions transferred to Manager	Silent	
<b>Palm Beach</b>	Y (§4.1.a)	Property Appraiser; Sheriff; Supervisor of Elections - nonpartisan	Silent	
<b>Pinellas</b>	N (§4.03)		Silent	
<b>Polk</b>	Y (§5.1; 5.2)	Non-partisan for Clerk, Property Appraiser, Supervisor or Elections, Sheriff, Tax Collector	Silent	
<b>Sarasota</b>	Y (§2.4)	4 Yr Term Limits for Constitutional Officers	Y	
<b>Seminole</b>	N (§3.1)		Silent	
<b>Volusia</b>	Y (§601.1)	Tax Coll/Clerk now Dept. of Finance & Adm; Sheriff, SOE, Property Appraiser Appointed as Department Directors	Silent	
<b>Wakulla</b>	N (§5.1)		Silent	



**INITIATIVE TO ENACT, AMEND OR REPEAL COUNTY ORDINANCES**

<b>County</b>	<b>% of Registered Electors Required on Petition</b>	<b>Time Limitation to Gather Signatures</b>	<b>Time Limit for County Commission to Take Action</b>	<b>If Referendum is Required it will be scheduled at:</b>	<b>Limitation on Subject Matter for Initiative Petitions</b>	<b>Approval as to Form</b>
<b>Hillsborough</b>	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent
<b>Lee</b>	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))
<b>Leon</b>	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))	Y
<b>Miami-Dade</b>	4% (§8.01)	120 days	60 days after legal review report	Next Countywide Election or if 8% signatures, special election	Specified in charter	Y
<b>Orange</b>	7% (§601(B))		30 days (§602(B))	Next election, 45 days after Res by BoCC (§602(B))	Specified in charter (§603)	Y (§602)
<b>Osceola</b>	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))
<b>Palm Beach</b>	7% (§5.1)	Silent	45 days subject to verification by SOE (§5.1)	General Election (§5.1)	Specified in charter (§5.1)	Silent

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<b>Pinellas</b>	Silent	Silent	Silent			
<b>Polk</b>	6% (§6.1)	1 year (§6.1.1)	60 days (§6.1.2)	General Election (§6.1.2)	Specified in charter (§6.1.3)	Silent
<b>Sarasota</b>	Silent					Silent
<b>Seminole</b>	5% (§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))
<b>Volusia</b>	Silent				Silent	Silent
<b>Wakulla</b>	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	Other
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 (§5.1.1)	Special Election (§7.3.3)	Majority (§7.3.3)	
Broward		7%	180 days	See charter (§7.01(G)(1)&(2))	Majority (§7.01(I))	
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))	180 days	Next Countywide General Election (§18.05(h))	Majority (§18.05)	
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	General Election	Majority (§9.07(D))	
Orange	N	10% (§601(A))	180 days (§601(A))	Next General Election (§602(A))	Majority (§602(A))	Providing for single subject, legal review, comptroller prepared financial impact statement and public hearing requirements; ensuring equal percentage of signatures from all commission districts
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)	

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Pinellas	N	8% (§6.02(1))	240 days (§6.02(2))	General Election or special call referendum (§6.02(1))	Majority (§6.02(1))	Brief financial impact statement prepared by county auditor placed on ballot with proposed charter amendment
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)	Majority (§8.3.3)	Special law enacted by legislature; ordinance; recommendation by CRC
Sarasota	N	10% (§7.1)	Silent	General 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)	



<b>AMENDMENT BY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION</b>						
<b>County</b>	<b>Appointment of Charter Review Commission Specified in Charter?</b>	<b>When Appointed</b>	<b>Size of Commission</b>	<b>Election Scheduled</b>	<b>Voting Requirements of Commission</b>	<b>Financial Impact Statements</b>
<b>Alachua</b>	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
<b>Brevard</b>	Y (§7.4)	Every 6 years (§7.4)	15 (§7.4)	Specia Election (§7.4.1)	Majority (§7.4.1) after 3 panel county review	Y (§7.4.2)
<b>Broward</b>	Y	Every 12 years	19	General Election	2/3 vote (§6.02)	Y (§11.07)
<b>Charlotte</b>	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
<b>Clay</b>	Y (§4.2(B)(1))	Every 4 years (§4.2(B)(1))	15/5 alternates (§4.2(B)(1))	General Election (§4.2(B)(5))	Majority (§4.2(B)(5))	
<b>Columbia</b>	Y (§8.4)	Every 8 years (§8.4)	Silent	General Election (§8.4(3))	Silent	Silent
<b>Duval</b>	N					

<b>AMENDMENT BY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION</b>						
<b>County</b>	<b>Appointment of Charter Review Commission Specified in Charter?</b>	<b>When Appointed</b>	<b>Size of Commission</b>	<b>Election Scheduled</b>	<b>Voting Requirements of Commission</b>	<b>Financial Impact Statements</b>
<b>Hillsborough</b>	Y	Every 5 years (§8.02)	14 (§8.02)	General Election (§8.04)	2/3 vote (§8.04)	Y
<b>Lee</b>	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
<b>Leon</b>	Y	Every 8 years (§5.2(2)(A))	BoCC decides	General Election (§5.2(2)(A))	Silent	Silent
<b>Miami-Dade</b>	N					
<b>Orange</b>	Y (§7.02)	Every 4 years (§7.02(B))	11-15 (§7.02(A))	General Election (§7.02(B))	Silent	
<b>Osceola</b>	Y (§4.2(C)(1))	Every 4 years (§4.2(C)(1))	11 (§4.2(C)(2))	Silent	2/3 vote (§4.2(C)(8))	Silent

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<b>Palm Beach</b>	N					
<b>Pinellas</b>	Y	Every 8 years (§6.03(a))	13 (§6.03(a))	General Election (§6.03(c))	Silent	Y (§6.06)
<b>Polk</b>	Y	Every 12 years (§8.04)	13 (§8.4)	General Election (§8.4)	Silent	Silent
<b>Sarasota</b>	Elected (§2.8A)	4 year terms (§2.8A)	10 (§2.8A)	Next Countywide Election (§7.1)	2/3 (§2.8B)	Silent
<b>Seminole</b>	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
<b>Volusia</b>	Y (§1303)	Every 10 years (§1303)	According to general law (§1303)	General Election (§1303)	Silent	Silent
<b>Wakulla</b>	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 election	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))	General Election	Majority
Orange	Majority (§7.01)	Primary, General or Special Election (§7.01)	Silent

**CHARTER AMENDMENT BY COUNTY COMMISSION**

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	
County	"
<b>Alachua</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail to the extent of any conflict.
<b>Brevard</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail except as otherwise provided by state or federal law. County ordinance applicable in unincorporated area and municipal ordinance cover same subject w/o conflict then both ordinances shall be effective being deemed supplemental to other (§1.7)
<b>Broward</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail except when the county ordinance relates to (1) setting minimum standards protecting the <b>environment</b> through the prohibition or regulation of air/water pollution, or the destruction of resources in the county belonging to the general public; (2) <b>land use planning</b> ; (3) <b>regulates the conduct of elected officials, appointed officials, and public employees through an enacted Code of Ethics</b> ; (4) <b>handgun management</b> (§2.12) Consolidate Central Examining Boards (2022)
<b>Charlotte</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail except for countywide ordinances relating to (1) <b>impact fees</b> to pay the cost of county facilities or (2) <b>countywide comp plan or countywide comp plan elements and countywide LDRs as defined by Ch. 163</b> , Part II, Fla. Stat., as amended by the Legislature.
<b>Clay</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail.
<b>Columbia</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail except the county may, by ordinance, adopt minimum countywide standards for (1) regulating <b>adult entertainment</b> ; (2) protecting the <b>environment</b> by regulating air or water pollution; (3) <b>outdoor burning</b> ; (4) hours of sales of <b>alcoholic beverages</b> ; (5) <b>animal control</b> ; (6) <b>firearms</b> and weapons and; (7) protection of <b>level of service standards for county maintained roads</b> . Municipal ordinances in these areas can be stricter than the county minimum and apply. (§1.8)
<b>Duval</b>	Consolidated government.
<b>Hillsborough</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail. (§4.09) <b>Planning</b> - 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) <b>Environmental protection</b> - Charter establishes a single local environmental protection commission to be created by special act without a referendum.(§9.10)
<b>Lee</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail (§1.4); <b>minimum environmental regulations</b> (§1.6)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	
County	"
<b>Leon</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail. (§1.6)
<b>Miami-Dade</b>	Charter has power to preempt all municipal powers. (§§6.01, 6.02)
<b>Orange</b>	Municipal ordinances generally prevail. Exceptions: County ordinances prevail when the county sets minimum standards for (1) regulating <b>adult entertainment</b> ; (2) protecting the <b>environment</b> 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) <b>Voluntary annexation</b> -Charter preempts ability to annex certain "preservation districts" to the county. (§505)
<b>Osceola</b>	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)
<b>Palm Beach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Municipal ordinances prevail to extent of conflict, except that <b>county ordinances shall prevail</b> over (1) matters relating to protection of <b>wells and well fields</b>; (2) matters relating to <b>schools, county-owned beaches, district parks and regional parks, solid waste disposal, county law enforcement, and impact fees for county roads and public buildings</b>; in matters related to <b>county fire-rescue impact fees</b> and <b>county library impact fees</b> in those municipalities whose properties are taxed by the county for library and/or fire-rescue services, respectively; (3) for adoption and amendment of <b>countywide land use element</b>; (4) matters related to <b>establishment of levels of service for collector and arterial roads</b> which are not the responsibility of any municipality; (5) <b>voluntary annexation</b> and (6) <b>ethics regulation</b>.</li> </ul>
	<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) <b>Protection of Health, Safety and Welfare</b> of all residents of county. County may adopt appropriate ordinances to accomplish these purposes. (§3.3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Both county and municipal approval of charter amendments when they affect municipal power or function.(§6.3)</li> </ul>

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	
County	"
<b>Pinellas</b>	<p>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; (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>
<b>Polk</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail. (§1.8)
<b>Sarasota</b>	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)
<b>Seminole</b>	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)



**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

County	"
<b>Volusia</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail, except as otherwise provided by the charter. (§1305) <b>Growth Management Commission</b> - countywide power. (§202.3) <b>Environmental</b> 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) <b>Unified Beach Code</b> - 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)
<b>Wakulla</b>	Municipal ordinances prevail; if county ordinance in conflict in municipality ordinance not effective. (§1.8)

ETHICS, ELECTIONS AND OPEN GOVERNMENT					
County	Campaign Finance Regulation	County Ethics Commission	Local Code of Ethics	Local Elections Criteria/Procedures	Redistricting Board
Alachua	Y (§1.6)	N	Silent		
Brevard	N	N	N		
Broward	N	Y (§10.01)	Y		
Charlotte	N	N	N		
Clay	N	N	Y (§2.2(E))		
Columbia	N	N	Y		
Duval	N	Y (§1.202)	Y (§1.202)		
Hillsborough	N	N	Y (§9.03)		
Lee	N	N	N		
Leon	N	N	Y		
Miami-Dade	N	Y-Independent Inspector General	Y		
Orange	N	N	Y (§707)		
Osceola	N	N	N		
Palm Beach		Y	Y (§2-441 through 2-447)		
Pinellas	N	N	N		Y
Polk	N	N	N		
Sarasota	Y (§6.5A)	N	N		
Seminole	N	N	N		
Volusia	N	N	Y (§1201)		
Wakulla	N	N			

**RECALL ELECTION HELD**

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