

less relieved of office, or until such office or duties are abolished or changed.

Sec. 3. Continuance of present offices, departments and agencies.

Continuity of certain powers and duties. Any department, office or agency provided for in this Charter amendment with powers and duties the same or substantially the same as those heretofore existing, shall be deemed a continuation of such department, office, or agency, and shall have powers to continue any business proceedings or other matters within the scope of the powers and duties prescribed by this Charter and the Charter amendment.

Sec. 4. Continuance of appointive boards and commissions.

All appointive boards and commissions, heretofore existing, shall continue with such powers and duties as were granted them until such boards and commissions shall be changed or abolished by the Council as heretofore provided in this Charter amendment.

Sec. 5. Transfer of records and property.

All records, property and equipment whatsoever of any department, office or agency or part thereof, existing when this Charter amendment is adopted shall be transferred to the department, office or agency assuming its powers and duties.

Sec. 6. Pending matters.

(a) *Continuance of contracts.* All contracts entered into by the City, or for its benefit, prior to the time this Charter amendment takes effect, shall continue in full force and effect.

(b) *Pending actions and proceedings.* The adoption of this Charter amendment shall not abate or otherwise affect any action or proceedings, civil or criminal, pending when it takes full effect, brought by or against the City or any department, office or agency thereof.

Sec. 7. Conformity of charter with state law.

The enumeration of the powers made in this Charter as amended shall never be construed to

preclude, by implication or otherwise, the City from doing any and all things not inhibited by the Constitution and Laws of Arizona.

Sec. 8. Inauguration of government under this charter.

If a majority of the qualified electors of the City, voting on a question, vote to ratify this Charter, the provisions of this Charter shall go into effect for all purposes immediately upon approval of the Governor as provided by the Constitution of the State.

**ARTICLE XVI
AMENDMENTS**

Sec. 1. Amendments.

This Charter, or any part or subdivision thereof may be amended, in the manner provided in the Constitution of the State of Arizona.

**ARTICLE XVII
GENDER**

Sec. 1. Gender.

Whenever the context of this instrument so requires, words used in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural; and the plural is singular; the word person includes a corporation, company, partnership or association, or society as well as a natural person.