

CHARTER

PREAMBLE

We, the citizens of the City of Jefferson, with a desire for self-determination in selecting our elected officials and to initiate the process to govern our City by charter government, do hereby adopt this charter.

ARTICLE I. - CITY COUNCIL

101. - Governing Body.

The governing body of the City is a Council of five (5) members elected as specified in this Charter.

102. - Terms of Office.

The term of the office of Council Member is four (4) years.

103. - Method of election.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Council shall be elected using cumulative voting, with two members elected in June of 2014 and every four years thereafter, and three members elected in June of 2016 and every four years thereafter. If the County is unable to conduct these elections for the City, the City, under its plenary authority as granted to it by Article 11, Section 5(b)(4) of the Constitution of the State of California, may contract with a vendor of its choice capable of conducting a cumulative voting election, or may conduct the election itself.

ARTICLE II. - GENERAL

201. - Initiative and Referenda.

This charter does not abridge or modify the rights of citizens to propose initiatives and referenda (including amendments to this charter) as provided for in the general laws of the State of California.

202. - General Law Governs.

Except as expressly set forth in this charter, the general law set forth in the Constitution of the State of California and the laws of the State of California shall govern the operations of the City of Woodland.

203. - City Ordinances Enacted by the Voters Remain in Effect.

Ordinances of the City of Woodland adopted by the voters prior to the enactment of this charter shall remain in full force and effect and may only be modified or repealed by a vote of the people.