

VILLAGE OF ESTERO CHARTER SUMMARY

The following provides the main features of the proposed Charter:

- **Corporate Name** – Village of Estero, Florida.
- **Form of Government** – Council-Manager form of government; the Council shall appoint a Village Manager to be the chief administrative officer of the Village.
- **Village Council** – The Council will consist of seven Village Council members elected by the Village at-large from each of seven districts. Each candidate for Village Council shall have been a resident of the Village for a minimum period of one year prior to qualifying for office.
- **Mayor/Vice-Mayor** – The Council shall elect a Mayor and Vice-Mayor from its membership who shall serve a term of two years. The Mayor shall serve as the chairperson during the meetings of the Council and shall serve as head of the municipal government for the purpose of execution of legal documents. The Mayor shall also serve as the ceremonial head of the Village.
- **Terms of Council Members** – Four year terms, two-term limit.
- **Compensation of Council Members/Mayor** – The salary of each Council Member, except for the Mayor, shall be \$6,000 per year. The salary of the Mayor shall be \$9,000 per year. An ordinance increasing or decreasing compensation of the Council may be adopted; however, if the Council takes action to change the level of compensation, the salary of Council Members shall not be adjusted until after the first day following the next regular municipal election.
- **Council Meetings** – The Council shall schedule a minimum of twelve regular meetings each year.
- **Village Administration** – Council shall appoint a **Village Manager** and **Village Attorney**. A **Village Clerk** shall be appointed by the Village Manager with the consent of Council.
- **Budget** – The Village Manager shall submit to the Council a budget in accordance with state law. The Council shall adopt the budget by resolution on or before the 30th day of September.

- **Capital Program** – In conjunction with the submission of the budget, the Village Manager shall submit to the Council a 5-year capital program.
- **Nonpartisan Elections** – All elections shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis without any designation of political party affiliation.
- **Elections** – The regular election of Council Members beginning 2017 will be on the first Tuesday in March of each odd numbered year.
- **Council Districts** – There will be seven Village Council districts. The districts shall be as roughly equal in permanent population as practicable according to the population figures available from the most recent Lee County population estimate determined by the decennial United States census.
- **Referendum Election** – November 4, 2014
- **Initial Election of Council** – March 3, 2015
- **First Council Meeting** – March 17, 2015
- **Transitional Ordinances/Resolutions/Comprehensive Plan/Land Development Regulations** – Until the Village adopts appropriate ordinances, the services currently provided by Lee County will remain in place.