

## Chapter C. The Charter

### Article 6. FINANCE AND FISCAL PROCEDURES

#### SECTION 6-4. ACTION ON THE OPERATING BUDGET.

- (a) Public Hearing - The city council shall publish in at least 1 local newspaper and post on the city website a notice of the proposed operating budget as submitted by the mayor. The notice shall state: (i) the times and places where copies of the entire proposed operating budget are available for inspection by the public; and (ii) the date, time and place when a public hearing on the proposed operating budget will be held by the city council, not less than 14 days after publication of the notice.
- (b) Adoption of the Budget - The city council shall adopt the proposed operating budget, which may have amendments, within 45 days following the date the proposed budget is filed with the city clerk. In amending the proposed operating budget, the city council may delete or decrease amounts except expenditures required by law; provided, however, that except on the recommendation of the mayor, the city council shall not increase any item in, or the total of, the proposed operating budget unless otherwise authorized by the General Laws. If the city council fails to take action on an item in the proposed operating budget within 45 days after its receipt, that amount shall, without any action by the city council, become a part of the appropriations for the year and be available for the purposes specified.
- (c) Availability of the Operating Budget - In addition to any other posting requirements under law, immediately after the submission of the proposed budget to the city council, the mayor shall cause the entire budget document to be posted on the city's website. Said proposed budget document shall remain posted during the city council's review process contained in this article. The budget as enacted shall be posted on the city's website and shall remain there throughout the fiscal year for which it is in effect. Said budget document shall reflect any amendments made by the city council and approved by the mayor and shall indicate that it is the budget in effect for the city.