

Draft Timeline for Charter Commission

December

- Benchmarking completed
- Action on early decision points – such as term limits, partisan elections, etc.
- Legal briefing completed
- Adoption of framework for charter
- Adoption of timetable
- Appoint committees for key topic areas and identify resource people
- Decision on \$50,000 budget
- Meeting with General Counsel from Jacksonville
- Commission briefing by nonprofit advocacy group

January

- Committees begin meetings
- Committees set action items/decision points for next six months
- Committees identify resources, data, white papers, etc., that are needed
- Commission decides on frequency and types of updates to the public
- Potential visit from Louisville leaders about merger

February

- Commission meets for monthly update on committees' work
- Committees meet with key stakeholders such as sheriff and police director regarding law enforcement

March

- Commission meets for monthly update on committees' work
- Commission meets with former Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith

April

- Commission meets for monthly update on committees' work
- Attorneys begin to develop draft legal language capturing committees' decision
- Committees hold public hearings on their specific drafts

May

- Commission meets for monthly update on committees' work
- Committees complete work and votes on legal draft

June

- Each committee's work merged into single document
- Commission holds public hearings on draft

July

- Commissioner approves final new charter
- Charter presented to City Council and County Commission
- Final charter posted to appropriate websites

August

- Charter filed with Election Commission
- Charter Commission members begin presentations on final proposal

September

- Charter Commission member presentations

October

- Charter Commission member presentations

November

- Referenda on new charter