

ARTICLE IX

ORANGE COUNTY/CITY OF ORLANDO CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES STUDY COMMISSION

Section 901. Orange County/City of Orlando Consolidation of Services Study Commission.

A. The Board of County Commissioners ("County") shall appoint five members and the Orlando City Council ("City") shall appoint four members to serve on the Orange County/City of Orlando Consolidation of Services Study Commission. An additional two members may be appointed by majority vote of the Orange County legislative delegation. All members of the Orange County/City of Orlando Consolidation of Services Study Commission shall be electors of the County and shall include a broad base of representation from throughout the community. No elected official shall be appointed as a member of the Orange County/City of Orlando Consolidation of Services Study Commission.

B. The Orange County/City of Orlando Consolidation of Services Study Commission shall be empowered to conduct a comprehensive study of the consolidation of City/County government services and shall be specifically charged with providing a report to the City and County with specific findings and recommendations regarding efficiencies in service delivery, economies of scale, opportunities for enhanced intergovernmental cooperation between the two local governments, and other related issues. The Orange County/City of Orlando Consolidation of Services Study Commission shall be appointed no later than February 1 of the year after approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question at referendum and shall sine die no later than 18 months following that election.

C. The Orange County/City of Orlando Consolidation of Services Study Commission shall hold no less than four public hearings prior to presenting its report to the County and City, which report shall be presented no later than September 1 following its adjournment.

D. The Orange County/City of Orlando Consolidation of Services Study Commission shall create and elect appropriate officers, as it deems necessary and proper for the orderly conduct of its specific duties.

E. The County shall pay the reasonable expenses of the Orange County/City of Orlando Consolidation of Services Study Commission. The City shall have the option to provide staff assistance to the Consolidation of Services Study Commission and assist with such expenses.

F. The County may enact an ordinance to adopt the provisions of this section, which shall prevail over any municipal ordinance to the extent of any conflict.
(Amended November 2004)