
Summary of All Propositions

Prop #	Section	Topic
1	2.01	Change Council terms from 2 to 3 years to take effect in the May 2021 election.
2	2.02	Require mayor and at-large councilmembers to also maintain residence.
3	2.02	Require Texas DL or ID and voter registration card to confirm residence.
4	2.06	Vacancies of less than 12 months may be filled, instead of requiring it.
5	2.08	Require a vote of "aye" or "nay", unless conflicted.
6	2.08	Update language to "death, incapacitation, disqualification, resignation or recall".
7	2.10	Communication through City Manager
8	new	Forfeiture of office for convictions of felonies and crimes of moral turpitude and unexcused absences.
9	new	Council to be judge of qualifications
10	new	Resign to run for outside office *note that this becomes required if three-year terms passes.
11	3.04	Initiative and referendum – 15% of registered voters
12	3.04	Recall – 15% of registered voters – mayor & at large positions
13	3.04	Recall – 15% of registered voters – district positions

Administrative Updates

There were additional recommendations that were discussed at the June 25th meeting that are not required to be placed on the ballot and will be considered administrative updates. They are listed below:

2.08	Supermajority votes as required by the state.
3	Obtaining forms from the City Secretary for initiative, referendum, & recall.

Proposition Language:

Proposition 1

Shall Sections 2.01 and 2.03 of the City Charter be amended to increase the current two-year terms for the council members and mayor to three-year terms; change the term limitations from four consecutive terms in a nine-year period to three consecutive terms in a nine-year period; provide that provide that single-member district and at-large positions are aggregated for the purpose of determining term limits; and be effective for the single-member district positions as of the May 2021 election and for the mayor and at-large positions as of the May 2022 elections?

Sec. 2.01. – Election and Term.

(a) The council shall consist of a mayor and six (6) council members elected by the voters for a term of ~~two (2)~~ three (3) years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

(b) The mayor and two (2) council members shall be elected at-large. ~~in even-numbered years.~~ The two (2) at-large council member positions shall be respectively designated as Position 1 and Position 2. The remaining four (4) council members shall be elected by districts, designated as Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, ~~in odd-numbered years.~~ The council shall modify the size, configuration, and geographic definition of the council districts as necessary to provide equal representation to all citizens of the city and to comply with state and federal law.

(c) The council shall serve staggered three-year terms. Council elections shall be held in May ~~of each year~~ on the date specified by state law. A candidate must be elected to office by majority vote. If no candidate for office receives a majority vote, a run-off election shall be held as required by state law. The council shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its own members.

(d) The city secretary shall promptly notify all persons elected to office. The persons elected shall take their oaths of office and begin their duties at the meeting at which the city council declares the results of the election.

Sec. 2.03. – Term Limitations.

A person may not be elected in a city election to any council position more than ~~four~~ three times in any consecutive nine-year period. For purposes of this provision, single-member district and at-large council member positions are aggregated, while the position of the mayor is considered a separate office from other council positions.

Proposition 2

Shall Section 2.02 of the City Charter be amended to require the mayor and at-large council members maintain a residence in the city during their term of office?

Revised language:

~~Council members~~ Members of council shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or older and city residents for at least a one (1) year preceding their election. A district council member shall during the term of office maintain a residence in the district to which elected. The Mayor and at-large council members shall during the term of office maintain a residence within the city limits. No ~~council~~ member of council shall hold any other city office or city employment while serving as a ~~council~~ member of council or hold any paid city employment within two (2) years thereafter.

Proposition 3

Shall Section 2.02 of the City Charter be amended to require the city secretary to verify city council residency by viewing a Texas Driver's License or Texas Identification Card and a Voter Registration Card?

Revised language:

~~Council members~~ Members of council shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or older and city residents for at least a one (1) year preceding their election. A district council member shall during the term of office maintain a residence in the district to which elected. The city secretary shall verify such residency by viewing a valid Texas Driver's License or Texas Identification Card and a current Voter Registration Card. No ~~council~~ member of council shall hold any other city office or city employment while serving as a ~~council~~ member of council or hold any paid city employment within two (2) years thereafter.

Proposition 4

Shall Section 2.06(b) of the City Charter be amended to provide city council with discretion as to whether an office vacancy of less than twelve months should be filled?

Revised language:

(b) If, at the time of the vacancy, less than twelve (12) months remain on the term, the council shall ~~may within thirty days of the vacancy~~ appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

Proposition 5

Shall Section 2.08(b) of the City Charter be amended to mandate council members vote aye or nay on all ordinances and resolutions unless prohibited to do so by law?

Revised language:

(b) The council shall determine its own procedures for council meetings and may compel the attendance of its members. Four (4) ~~council~~ members of council shall constitute a quorum and an affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of council shall be necessary for the council to take any action related to public business. Each member of council must vote on every matter that comes before the city council, unless required to abstain from voting on a matter under the provisions of state law or the Rules of Ethical Conduct. The vote on all ordinances and resolutions shall be taken by the "ayes" and "nays" and entered upon the minutes, and every ordinance or resolution, upon its final passage, shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

Proposition 6

Shall Section 2.08(c) of the City Charter be amended by revising "death or disability" to "death, incapacitation, disqualification, resignation, or recall"?

Revised language:

If, because of the death, incapacitation, disqualification, resignation or recall ~~or disability~~ of a member of council ~~members~~, there are an insufficient number of city council ~~members~~ for a quorum for two or more consecutive council meetings that are required to be held under the Charter, the remaining member or members are sufficient in number to act as a quorum until the next required council meeting is held at which four or more members of council ~~members~~ are in attendance.

Proposition 7

Shall Section 2.10 of the City Charter be amended to add a prohibition preventing a member of council or anyone on their behest from interfering with the daily operations of the city?

Revised language:

Neither the council nor any of its individual members nor anyone at the behest of a member of council may interfere with the daily operations of the city nor may they direct or give orders to any officer or employee who is subject to the direction and supervision of the city manager except through the city manager.

~~The city council and its members shall deal with city officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the city manager solely through the city manager, and neither the council nor its members shall give orders to any such officer or employee, either publicly or privately.~~

Proposition 8

Shall the City Charter be amended to add a new section titled "Forfeiture of Office" to provide that a member of council automatically resigns from office upon (1) the conviction of a felony or

crime of moral turpitude; (2) the unexcused absences of more than 25% of regular meetings held in any twelve-month period; or (3) unexcused absences at four consecutive meetings?

Revised language:

Section 2. ____ Forfeiture of Office.

If the mayor or any council member:

(1) is convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude;

(2) fails to attend 25% of the regular meetings held in any twelve-month period without being excused by city council; or

(3) fails to attend four consecutive meetings without being excused by city council,

The city council will, at its next regular meeting, declare the office to be vacant and fill such vacancy in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

Proposition 9

Shall the City Charter be amended to add a new section titled "Judge of Qualifications" to provide that the city council is the judge of the election and the qualifications of its members?

Revised language:

Section 2. ____ Judge of Qualifications.

The city council is the judge of the election and whether the qualifications set herein and by law have been met by its members and of the grounds for the forfeiture of their offices. For these purposes, the council has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and require the production of evidence. Decisions by the city council as to election and qualifications will be considered final.

Proposition 10

Shall the City Charter be amended to add a new section titled "Resign to Run" to provide that a member of council automatically resigns from office upon the filing for the position of an external public office?

Revised language:

Section 2. ____ Resign to Run

If a member of the city council becomes a candidate for election to any public office, other than that of city council, such candidacy shall constitute an automatic resignation of the city office then held and the vacancy thereby created will be filled in accordance with the provisions of this Charter and State law.

Proposition 11

Shall Section 3.04(a)(1) of the City Charter be amended to require initiative and referendum petitions be signed by a number equal or greater than 15% of the qualified voters in the city as of the petition date?

Revised language:

(a)(1) An initiative or referendum petition must be signed by at least 15% of the city's registered voters as of the Initial Petition Date. ~~persons who were registered voters on the initial Petition Date, in a number equal to or greater than. 30% of those voting in the last city election.~~

Proposition 12

Shall Section 3.04(a)(2) of the City Charter be amended to reduce the number of required signatures on a mayoral or at-large recall petition to 15% of the city's registered voters as of the petition date?

Revised language:

(a)(2) A petition for the recall of the mayor or an at-large council member must be signed by at least 15% ~~25%~~ of the city's registered voters as of the Initial Petition Date; and

Proposition 13

Shall Section 3.04(a)(3) of the City Charter be amended to reduce the number of required signatures on a district member recall petition to 15% of the city's registered voters residing in that district as of the petition date?

Revised language:

(a)(3) A petition for the recall of a council member elected from a single-member district must be signed by at least 15% ~~20%~~ of the city's registered voters residing in that district as of the Initial Petition Date.