

Future City Charter Election

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Recap of Potential Charter Election Topics

Possible City Council Related Revisions

- Salary increase

- Length of terms

- Staggered terms

Technical Amendments/Clean Up

- 2016 Task Force recommended additional technical amendments

If/When to hold a Charter election

POTENTIAL ELECTION DATE

May 2022*

November 2022

May 2023

November 2023*

May 2024*

CONSIDERATIONS

Two other City elections - Bond and District 4

On the ballot behind ~30 races

City Council Election

Possible Constitutional Amendments

No planned CFW election

What to include?

Any or all of the identified City Council **issues**?

Some or all of the remaining 2016 **technical amendments**?

City Council Related Amendments

CITY	2021 POPULATION	TERMS	MAYOR'S ANNUAL SALARY	COUNCIL MEMBER'S ANNUAL SALARY
ARLINGTON	400,316	2 Year Term; 3 Term Limit	\$3,000 1980 Charter Election	\$2,400 1980 Charter Election
AUSTIN	973,720	4 Year Term; 2 Term Limit	\$97,656 Fixed by the City Council	\$83,258 Fixed by the City Council
DALLAS	1,304,379	Mayor 4 Year Term; 2 Term Limit Council Member 2 Year Term; 4 Term Limit	\$80,000 2014 Charter Election	\$60,000 2014 Charter Election
FORT WORTH	938,055	Concurrent 2 Year Term; No Term Limit	\$29,000 2006 Charter Election	\$25,000 2006 Charter Election
<i>2016 Task Force Recommended</i>		<i>Concurrent 3 Year Terms; No recommendation of limit</i>	<i>\$60,000</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>
SAN ANTONIO	1,434,625	2 Year Term; 4 Term Limit	\$61,725 2015 Charter Election	\$45,722 2015 Charter Election

Council Salary Options

1. Council Salary is a set amount with escalator

- (a) City employee average raise: 2020 = 2.94%; 2021 = 3.88%
- (b) CPI
- (c) Lesser of CPI and average pay increase for employees

2. Council Salary = average of CFW employee base salary

Avg of all civilian employees for 2021 = \$57,161 OR 25% above = \$71,451.25

Avg of all employees (inc civ service) for 2021 = \$69,103.50 OR 25% above = \$86,379.38

3. Council Salary removed from charter and Council approves their salaries with annual budget

- Could be unfettered discretion (eg Austin)
- Could set a cap/upper limit tied to average of employee salaries

Technical Amendments 2016 Task Force Recommendations

- Remove 'metes and bounds' requirement for Council districts.
- Eliminate department director/appointed official right to public hearing.
- Clarify duties of external auditor.
- Increase time for reviewing initiative/recall petitions from 10 to 25 days
- Reduce newspaper notice on sale of property in favor of online notice.
- Clarify that City can pay for sidewalk construction.
- Allow City's contract for official advertising to have term longer than one year.
- Eliminate reference to Finance collecting taxes, which County does.
- Delete requirement for Public Health Department, as County provides.
- Change date of taxable property report to refer to deadline under state law.
- Eliminate public service corporation annual report requirement.
- Replace archaic language regarding marking of ballots.

Questions



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