

Charter Amendment Election Propositions

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Special Election Ballot

- 6 Bond Propositions (A – F)
- 9 Charter Amendment Propositions (G –O)
 - Proposition G – Mayor and Council Pay
 - Proposition H – Change to Quorum
 - Proposition I – Remove Public Hearing Requirement for Department Directors
 - Proposition J – Remove Public Hearing Requirement for Council Appointees
 - Proposition K – Allow for Budget Adoption at Budget Hearing Meeting
 - Proposition L – Remove Public Utility Annual Report Requirement
 - Proposition M – Remove Ordinance Requirement for Streets Privilege
 - Proposition N – Remove Ordinance Requirement for Creation/Abolition of Departments
 - Proposition O – Conforming Changes to Align with State Law.

Proposition G

Mayor and Council Pay

- Current salaries are:
 - Mayor – \$29,000
 - Council – \$25,000
- Recommendation is:
 - Mayor – \$60,000
 - Council – \$50,000

Proposition G

Mayor and Council Pay

- Go into effect immediately or at the **start of the next fiscal year?**

Shall Section 3 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide that, **at the start of the next fiscal year, the mayor's annual pay shall be sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) and that the other city council members' annual pay shall be fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)?**

Proposition H

Change to Quorum

- Current quorum is 2/3 of all members (8 of 11 council members)
- Proposed change is to a simple majority (6 of 11 council members)

Shall Section 5 of Chapter III, of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to reduce the quorum required for a council meeting from 2/3 to a simple majority of the council members?

Proposition I

Remove Hearing Requirement for Department Directors

Current charter provision (Ch. V, Sec. 3) provides department directors who are removed after at least 6 months in the position the ability to demand a written statement and a hearing before removal is final.

Proposal is to remove this provisions.

Proposition I

Remove Hearing Requirement for Council Appointees and Department Directors

Shall Section 3 of Chapter V of the Fort Worth City Charter be revised to remove the public hearing and written charge requirement related to the dismissal of department directors?

Proposition J

Remove Hearing Requirement for Council Appointees

Current charter provisions (Ch. V, Sec. 1, Ch. VI, Sec. 4, Ch. XXVII, Sec. 3) provide council appointees who are removed after at least 6 months in the position the ability to demand a hearing before removal is final.

Proposal is to remove these provisions.

Proposition J

Remove Hearing Requirement for Council Appointees

Shall Section 1 of Chapter V, Section 4 of Chapter VI, and Section 3 of Chapter XXVIII of the Fort Worth City Charter be revised to remove the public hearing and written charge provisions related to the removal of certain council appointees?

Proposition K

Allow Budget Adoption at Budget Hearing Meeting

Current charter provision (Ch. X, Sec 2) prohibits the budget from being adopted at the same meeting as a budget hearing.

Not required by law.

Shall Section 2 of Chapter X of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to allow for the budget to be adopted at the same meeting as a budget hearing?

Proposition L

Remove Annual Report Requirement for Public Utilities

Current charter provision (Ch. XXVI, Sec. 6) requires public utilities to submit an annual report to council.

Recommend removal of this requirement.

Shall Section 6 of Chapter XXVI of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to remove the requirement of public service corporations to submit an annual report to city council?

Proposition M

Remove Separate Ordinance Requirement for Grants of Privilege

Current charter provision (Ch. XXVI, Sec. 4) requires separate ordinance, passed by 2/3 vote, for each franchise/grant of privilege.

Recommend revision to remove ordinance requirement.

Shall Section 4 of Chapter XXVI of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to remove the requirement that council adopt an ordinance for each franchise or grant of privilege?

Proposition N

Remove Ordinance Requirement for Creation/Elimination of Departments

Current charter provision (Ch. VIII, Sec. 1) requires certain departments and requires council adopt an ordinance to create, abolish, consolidate city departments.

Recommend revision to eliminate ordinance requirement.

Shall Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to remove the requirement for council to adopt an ordinance for the city manager to create, abolish, or reorganize city departments?

Proposition O

Conforming Changes to Align with State Law

Current charter provision (Ch. III, Sec. 4) sets some timeframes for calling special elections to fill vacancies which are not possible under current state law.

Recommend revision to have charter special election timelines align with Election Code.

Shall Section 4 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended so that timelines to hold special elections to fill vacancies align with state law election timelines.

Next Steps

- February 10 – Ordinance calling special election
- May 2, 2026 – Election Day

Questions?

