



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM/DCM/ACM: Sara Hensley

DATE: August 8, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the need for additional Council seats based on population size and projected growth.

BACKGROUND

The Denton City Charter was originally adopted in February 1959. Section 14-13 of the Charter states that amendments to the charter may be framed and submitted to the voters subject to requirements of the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 9, and all other applicable laws. Since its original adoption, the charter was further amended in 1976, 1980, 1999, 2006, 2009, and 2017.

On June 4, 2024, the City Council approved Resolution 24-1158 to create the Charter Review Committee and issue the charges put forward by the Council. Charge F put forward by Council directs the Committee to, "consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter as to the addition of new council seats based on population size and projected growth."

The City Charter currently states that the Council should be made up of seven members, six Councilpersons and a Mayor. This provision has been in place since the 1980 Charter Election.

Staff will present relevant information, industry best practice recommendations, and other considerations related to adding new council seats based on population size and projected growth.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Resolution 24-1158

Respectfully submitted:
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