



# Charter Amendment Election

# Purpose

- Staff will present the Charter Amendment Propositions as approved by Council on December 3, 2024.
- Council will consider adoption of an ordinance calling a special election to amend the Denton City Charter.

# Background

- August 2023: Two-Minute Pitch
- December 2023: Council provided approval to move forward with a Charter Review Committee and Charter Amendment Election.
- January 2024: Council provided direction on the timeline and makeup of the Charter Review Committee.
- February – May 2024: Council provided direction on the content of the Charter Review Committee charges through five work sessions.
- June 2024: Council approves creation of the Charter Review Committee and issued charges for the committee to review.
- July – November 2024: Charter Review Committee considered the committee charges and provided recommendations on each item through eight meetings.
- December 2024: Council considered the Committee's recommendations and provided direction regarding the Charter Election Ordinance

# Charter Review Charges Summary

Letter	Charge	CRC Recommendation	Council Direction
A	Resolve conflicts with state law, where applicable	Recommend	Concurred
B	Resolve vague/unclear language, where applicable	Recommend	Concurred
C	Replace all instances of gendered language with non-gendered language	Recommend	Concurred
D	Modify the mix of single member and at-large districts	Recommend	Did not concur
E	Increase two-year term to three or four years	Did not recommend	Concurred
F	New council seats based on pop. size and growth	Recommend	Did not concur
G	Modify the Mayor and Council stipend	Recommend	Did not concur
H	Statement less than 200 words on grounds of removal for recall petitions	Did not recommend	Concurred
I	Increase Municipal Judge from two-year term to four years	Recommend	Concurred
J	Modify Ethics Ordinance requirements	Did not recommend	Concurred
K	Review sections not listed in the above charges	Proposed revision	Did not concur

# Charter Amendment Propositions

## Proposition A

- Shall the City Charter be amended to replace all instances of gendered language with non-gendered language?

## Proposition B

- Shall the City Charter be amended to resolve conflicts with state law and modify vague or unclear language?

## Proposition C

- Shall the term of the Municipal Judge be increased from 2 years to 4 years?

# Charter Amendment Election

- **Ordinance:** Council must consider and approve an ordinance calling a Special Election for the proposed Charter Amendments.
- **Informational Campaign:** Staff will publish informational materials in print and on the City's website.
- **Legal Notices:** Staff will publish legal notice in the Denton Record Chronicle as required by state law.
- **Election:**
  - **Early Voting:** April 22 – April 29, 2025
  - **Election Day:** Saturday, May 3, 2025
  - Polling locations will be the same as the General Election.



# Council Action