



# 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 modifying the mix of single and at-large districts.

### **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 D 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 modify the mix of single and at-large districts."

The City of Denton Charter currently states that the City Council should be made up of seven members, six Councilpersons and a Mayor. Four members of the Council (Places 1-4) should be residents of and elected by the voters of a single-member geographical district. Two members of the Council should be elected by the voters of the entire City, commonly known as at-large. One at-large member, Place 5, should be a resident of district one or two, and one at-large member, Place 6, should be a resident of district three or four. The Mayor (Place 7) should be elected at-large.

Staff will present relevant information, industry best practice recommendations, and other considerations related to modifying the mix of single district and at-large districts.

### **EXHIBITS**

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Resolution 24-1158
3. Presentation
4. National Civic League Model Charter

Respectfully submitted:  
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