



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**CM/DCM/ACM:** Sara Hensley

**DATE:** November 14, 2024

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on resolving conflicts with state law and vague/unclear language in the Charter, and replacing all instances of gendered language with non-gendered language, where applicable.

### **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 A 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 provisions as to resolve conflicts with state law." Charge B directs the Committee to, "consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions as to resolve vague/unclear language, where applicable." Charge C directs the Committee to, "consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions as to replace all gendered language with non-gendered language."

Legal will present recommended modifications to the Charter related to Charges A, B, and C.

### **EXHIBITS**

1. Agenda Information Sheet

Respectfully submitted:  
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