



PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION

DS-18-007

January 16, 2018

Charter Amendment Requirements

- State law allows a home rule city to hold a charter amendment election no more often than every two years.
- Killeen's last charter amendment election was in 2013 and consisted of a complete review and substantial revision.

Proposed Amendments

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- The City Manager has identified two changes that would enable him to better administer the City's finances:
 - ▣ Transfers of Appropriations
 - City Council authorized to make transfers from one fund to another;
 - City Manager authorized to make interdepartmental transfers within a fund;
 - Executive Director of Finance authorized to make intradepartmental transfers within a fund.

Proposed Amendments, con't.

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- Lapse of Appropriations:
 - An appropriation approved as part of a CIP does not lapse at the end of a fiscal year, and shall continue until the purpose for which it was made has been accomplished or abandoned.

Proposed Amendments, con't.

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- The third proposed amendment clarifies that public utilities require a franchise for use of city streets, highways, alleys, parks, public places and all other City of Killeen property.

Recommendation

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- City Staff recommends that the City Council order a Charter Amendment Election for *May 5, 2018*.
- Statutory deadline for ordering election is February 16, 2018.