



CHARTER REVIEW

DS-26-005

January 20, 2026

Background

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- The Charter is the fundamental governing document of a home-rule city in Texas.
- The Charter may not be changed more often than every 2 years. The City's Charter was last amended in May 2022.
- The Charter is amended by popular vote at an election.
- The Council may establish a process to formulate the ballot issues, including establishing a review committee.

Procedure for Charter Amendments

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- Review Charter and Prepare Amendments
- Draft Proposition language
 - An amendment may not contain more than one subject
- Call Special Election by ordinance
- Publish Legal Notices
- Hold Election
- Council Order declaring that the amendment is adopted
- Certification of Amendment(s) to Secretary of State

Timeline for a November 2026 Election

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- August 17, 2026
 - Last day to call a November 2026 election via ordinance (include ballot language for each measure)
- November 3, 2026
 - Uniform Election Date

Direction

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- Scope of Review
 - Review of all 152 sections of the Charter; OR
 - Limit review by topic or certain sections/articles
- Who will review?
 - City Council; OR
 - Charter Review Committee of citizens
 - Number of members, process for making appointments