



# 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