

# 2025 Charter Amendment Election Summary

In June 2024, the Frisco City Council appointed a Charter Review Commission, consisting of 12 citizens, to complete a comprehensive review of the City's Home Rule Charter. The Charter Review Commission presented the final recommendations to City Council at the December 3, 2024, City Council Meeting. Based on the recommendations from the Charter Review Commission at the February 4, 2025, City Council Meeting, the City Council called for a Charter Amendment Election to be held on May 3, 2025.

The Frisco Home Rule Charter is the governing document which established the City of Frisco as a home-rule city and defines the structure, powers, duties and authority of Frisco as a local government. Below are Propositions C through N, which if approved, would amend the Frisco Home Rule Charter.

# **PROPOSITION C**

Shall Section 3.02 (Limitations on Terms) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to state that no person shall serve as a Councilmember and Mayor (combined) for more than six consecutive elected terms rather than 18 consecutive years?

# **PROPOSITION D**

Shall Section 3.04 (Compensation) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to increase the amount of compensation for the Mayor and each Councilmember and to provide for annual adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)?

# **PROPOSITION E**

Shall Section 3.06 (Vacancies, Forfeiture and Filling of Vacancies) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to grant authority to the City Council to fill a vacated office on the City Council by appointment if the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacated office is 12 months or less, as permitted under Article XI. Section 11 of the Texas Constitution?

# **PROPOSITION F**

Shall Section 3.09 (Meetings of the City Council) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to grant authority for the City Council to hold one regular monthly meeting in no more than four months, rather than two months, out of the calendar year?

# **PROPOSITION G**

Shall Section 5.01 (City Elections) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to conform to state law the process for ordering a special election?

## **SUMMARY**

This proposition would change City Council term limits from no more than 18 consecutive years to no more than six consecutive elected terms. This change clarifies the application of term limits in situations where a member of the City Council was elected or appointed to fill a vacated office and serves the remaining portion of the unexpired term of the vacated office.

## **SUMMARY**

This proposition would increase the compensation for the Mayor from \$850 per month to \$1,500 per month and for Councilmembers from \$700 per month to \$1,200 per month. On October 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the amount of compensation would be adjusted based on changes in the Consumer Price Index, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

## **SUMMARY**

This proposition, authorized under the Texas Constitution, would grant the City Council authority to fill a vacated City Council office by appointment, rather than a special election of the voters, if the remaining term of the vacated office is 12 months or less. This option would require a three-fourths (3/4ths) vote of the entire City Council and must occur within 30 days after the date the office was vacated. This could save taxpayers approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000 or more due to the City avoiding the cost of a special election. A person appointed to the City Council under this option would serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacated office.

### **SUMMARY**

This proposition would give City Council more flexibility to cancel regular meetings if not required, which could result in one regular meeting per month instead of the required two regular meetings per month in no more than four months out of the year.

## **SUMMARY**

This proposition would align the process for ordering a special election with state law by removing the words "by resolution."

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# **PROPOSITION H**

Shall Section 6.05 (Presentation of Petition to the City Council) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to clarify the scope of the City Secretary's review of petitions?

# PROPOSITION I

Shall Section 6.12 (General Power of Initiative and Referendum) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to remove from the scope of the powers of initiative and referendum ordinances or resolutions relating to the Comprehensive Plan, amendments of the Zoning Ordinance, use of the power of eminent domain or other ordinances or resolutions not subject to initiative or referendum as provided by state law, and reorganizing existing language relating thereto?

# **PROPOSITION J**

Shall Section 6.13 (Initiative) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to clarify the scope of the City Secretary's review of initiative petitions, clarify initiative petition requirements and remove the requirement for review by the City Attorney?

# PROPOSITION K

Shall Section 6.14 (Referendum) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to clarify the scope of the City Secretary's review of referendum petitions?

# **PROPOSITION L**

Shall Section 7.18 (Independent Audit) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to remove the requirement for publication of a summary of each independent audit in the City's official newspaper and instead require publication of the summary on the City website, or by such other means as may be allowed by state law?

# PROPOSITION M

Shall Section 14.08 (Conflict of Interest) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to clarify the standard for determining when a City officer or employee has a conflict of interest by referencing state law?

# PROPOSITION N

Shall Section 14.09 (No Officer to Accept Gifts, Etc.) of the Frisco Home Rule Charter be amended to conform to state law the prohibitions and requirements applicable to a City official's acceptance, agreement to accept or solicitation of gifts and other benefits and the disclosure thereof?

## **SUMMARY**

This proposition would clarify the role of the City Secretary in reviewing recall petitions in a manner consistent with state law.

## SUMMARY

This proposition would narrow the scope of the powers of initiative and referendum and reorganize existing language relating to such powers.

### SUMMARY

This proposition would clarify the role of the City Secretary in reviewing initiative petitions in a manner consistent with state law and remove the requirement that the City Attorney review initiative petitions.

#### **SUMMARY**

This proposition would clarify the role of the City Secretary in reviewing referendum petitions in a manner consistent with state law.

## **SUMMARY**

This proposition would allow the City to publish the required independent audit report on the City's website, or by other means allowed by state law, instead of publishing the report in the official newspaper of the City.

## **SUMMARY**

This proposition would clarify the standard for determining when a City officer or employee has a conflict of interest in a manner consistent with state law.

## **SUMMARY**

This proposition would clarify regulations regarding a City official's acceptance, agreement to accept or solicitation of gifts in a manner consistent with state law.