



**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
SPECIAL ELECTION - MAY 3, 2025**

**PROPOSITION B:**

Shall Article IV, Section 11, Mayor pro tem, be amended to add deputy mayor pro tem, who shall be selected from among the members of the council and shall perform all duties of the mayor in the mayor pro tem's absence or disability?

**Sec. 11. – Mayor pro tem; deputy mayor pro tem.**

- (a) The mayor pro tem shall be selected from among the members of the council and shall perform all duties of the mayor in the mayor's absence or disability.
- (b) The deputy mayor pro tem shall be selected from among the members of the council and shall perform all duties of the mayor in the mayor pro tem's absence or disability.

**PROPOSITION C:**

Shall the Grand Prairie City Charter be amended to remove any redundancies or inconsistencies, correct any typographical errors, make any necessary language gender neutral, and remove or modify any language that conflicts with or is preempted by other state or federal law?

Article III, Corporate Powers, Section 8(c)

- (c) The City of Grand Prairie shall never be liable for any personal injury, whether resulting in death or not, unless the person injured, or someone ~~in~~ on his or her behalf, or in the event the injury results in death, the person or persons who may have a cause of action under the law by reason of such death injury, shall file a notice in writing with the city secretary within ninety (90) days after the same has been received, stating specifically in such notice, when, where and how the exact injury occurred and the full extent thereof, together with the amount of damages claimed or asserted. (Amended April 4, 1972; Ord. No. 3428, § 1, 1-15-83)

Article IV, Officers and Elections, Secs. 4(d), 4(e) and 4(f)

- (d) No person shall be eligible as a candidate for a member of the city council, Place Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, unless he or she is at the time a bona fide resident of District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, respectively. (Added November 3, 1987)
- (e) All candidates for Place Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 must reside in the district from which they seek election at least six (6) months prior to the candidate filing date of the election. Once elected, a



member of the city council must continuously reside during his or her term of office in the district or districts designated for the place to which he was elected. (Added November 3, 1987)

- (f) A candidate for Place Number 7 or Place Number 8 may be a resident of any portion of the city and, if elected, must continuously reside within the city during his or her term of office.

Article IV, Officers and Elections, Sec. 35(b)(4)

- (b) The city attorney in person or by assistant shall:

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- (4) Approve as to form in writing all proposed ordinances before they shall be adopted, or file with the city council, in writing, his or her objection thereto; however, nothing in this provision shall serve to invalidate any ordinance approved by the city council;

Article VI, Recall and Referendum, Secs. 1(f) and 1(g)

- (f) If the city secretary finds the recall petition to be in order, it shall be submitted to the city council. The city council shall hold a public hearing within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the petition during which the councilmember whose recall is sought may be heard to respond to allegations against him or her and explore any facts deemed necessary to vindicate his or her position as councilmember. The councilmember sought to be recalled shall, at the end of said hearing, announce his or her intention to resign or have his or her name submitted to recall election. If the challenged councilmember remains silent or chooses to have his or her name submitted to recall election, the election shall be called for the next regular election date established by state law or this charter. If the challenged councilmember shall resign, the vacancy shall be filled by the city council as in the case of other vacancies; provided, however, the city council shall not reappoint the challenged councilmember. If a special election is required to fill the vacancy, the resigned councilmember shall not be disqualified by his resignation.
- (g) Any number of councilmembers shall be subject to recall at any time; however, separate petition papers shall be filed for each councilmember sought to be recalled. No councilmember shall be subject to recall within three (3) months of his or her election, and no councilmember shall be subject to recall within twelve (12) months of his or her own recall election.

Article III, Corporate Powers, Sec. 8. Liability for negligence

State law reference(s)—Tort Claims Act, ~~V.A.C.S. art. 6252—19~~ Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Chapter 101.



Article IV, Officers and Elections, Sec. 7. Date of election

State law reference(s)—Authorized election days, ~~V.T.C.A. El. Code, art. 2.01b~~ Texas Election Code, Chapter 41.

Article IV, Officers and Elections, Sec. 26. Municipal court; creation and jurisdiction; fines

State law reference(s)—Municipal court, ~~V.A.C.S. art. 1194 et seq~~ Texas Government Code, Chapter 29.

ARTICLE I. CORPORATE NAME, Sec. 1. Corporate name.

All the inhabitants of the City of Grand Prairie, in Dallas, County, Tarrant County, Ellis County, and Johnson County, Texas, as the boundaries and limits of said city are herein established, shall be a body politic, incorporated under and to be known by the name and style of the "City of Grand Prairie," with such powers, rights and duties herein provided.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS, Section 3. - City councilmembers; how nominated and elected; official ballot.

Candidates for places on the city council and for mayor shall be placed on the official ballot upon the sworn application of the candidate filed with the mayor, or his or her designee, at least thirty (30) days before an election, in accordance with the general laws of the State of Texas, stating the office for which such person is a candidate and, if for councilmember, the place for which such candidate is running, and stating that the candidate is a qualified voter in the city under state law and is in all respects qualified to hold the office sought, and pay any filing fee that may be imposed by ordinance. (Amended April 4, 1972)

*Reference: Texas Election Code Sections 143.006 and 143.007.*

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS, Sec. 4. – Candidates; to run for places; places designated; districts.

- (b) The city shall be divided into six (6) districts, known as Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; and each district shall contain the following election precincts in their entirety as those precincts are contained within the boundaries of the City of Grand Prairie:

**DISTRICT I**

**Precinct Nos. 4408, 4406, 2315, 2158, 4472, and 2316**

**DISTRICT II**

**Precinct Nos. 2275, 4421, 4508, 2031, and 2033**

**DISTRICT III**

**Precinct Nos. 4484, 4442 and 4441**



DISTRICT IV

Precinct Nos. 2180, 4479 and 4407

DISTRICT V

Precinct Nos. 4423, 4424, 4409 and 4410

DISTRICT VI

Precinct Nos. 4480 and 4492, 4461 and 4498

(Added November 3, 1987)

DISTRICT 1:

Dallas County Precinct Nos. 4503, 4507, 4508, 4511, 4513, 4517, 4518, 4527, 4665  
Tarrant County Precinct Nos. 138201, 140401, 140404, 140406, 215801, 218001,  
241101, 244205, 244206, 244208, 244209, 254601, 261601, 268001, 268101, 283903,  
283908

DISTRICT 2:

Dallas County Precinct Nos. 4503, 4504, 4505, 4506, 4507, 4519, 4521, 4528, 4530,  
4531, 4532, 4541  
Tarrant County Precinct Nos. 238101, 241302, 248401, 284001

DISTRICT 3:

Dallas County Precinct Nos. 4501, 4053, 4059, 4505, 4506, 4508, 4509, 4510, 4520,  
4521, 4525, 4531, 4532, 4533, 4534, 4535, 4536, 4538

DISTRICT 4:

Dallas County Precinct Nos. 4501, 4522  
Tarrant County Precinct Nos. 227501, 234901, 237901, 237902, 243801, 245301,  
246601, 248801, 248802, 261201, 261802, 269901

DISTRICT 5:

Dallas County Precinct Nos. 4059, 4511, 4512, 4513, 4514, 4515, 4516, 4527, 4554,  
4555

DISTRICT 6:

Dallas County Precinct Nos. 3109, 3113, 4500, 4502, 4522, 4523, 4529, 4537, 4539,  
4542  
Tarrant County Precinct Nos. 229901, 229902, 264401, 269902  
Ellis County Precinct Nos. 1035, 1057, 1058

Any changes or amendments to the election precincts shall be determined by the elections administrator for Dallas, Tarrant, Ellis and Johnson counties respectively for each of the counties. The city secretary shall maintain the official precinct listing upon receipt from the elections administrator.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS, Sec. 6. - Judge of election.

- (a) Should any candidate running for mayor or for councilmember fail to receive a majority vote of all the votes cast in said election, then in that event it shall be the duty of the mayor and city council to order a second election for the candidate or candidates failing to receive a majority vote, said election to be held ~~the first appropriate~~



~~day two (2) weeks from the date that the city council has canvassed the returns and declared the result for the first election, on the date designated by the Secretary of State in accordance with the general laws of the State of Texas.~~

*Reference: Texas Election Code Sections 2.024 and 2.025(e).*

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS, Sec. 26. - Municipal court; creation and jurisdiction; fines.

- (c) The judge of said court shall be licensed to practice law in the ~~Sate State~~ of Texas, ~~a qualified voter in the city~~ and shall be appointed by the city manager with the advice and consent of the city council. The judge shall hold office for a two-year term, or such other term as may be required by state law and fixed by ordinance and may be reappointed at the will and pleasure of the manager and the city council. The judge may be removed from office during a term for good cause by the city manager with the advice and consent of the city council. (Amended November 3, 1987; Ord. No. 6582, § 6(00-02), adopted 5-7-02)

*Reference: Texas Local Government Code Section 150.021.*

- (d) The ~~city secretary or deputy city secretary~~ municipal court director shall be ~~ex-officio~~ clerk of said court and shall receive such salary as may be fixed by ordinance.

*Reference: Texas Government Code Section 30.00009.*

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS, Sec. 35. – City attorney.

- (a) The city manager shall appoint a city attorney with the advice and consent of the city council. The city attorney shall be a competent practicing lawyer licensed to practice law in the State of Texas. ~~Within ninety (90) days from the beginning of his or her tenure in office, the city attorney shall establish and maintain throughout such tenure a primary residence in Grand Prairie, Texas.~~ The city attorney shall hold office at the will and pleasure of the city manager and city council and may be removed from office by the city manager with the advice and consent of the city council.

*Reference: Texas Local Government Code Section 150.021.*