

## Major Issues as Identified by City Council

### Proposition No. 1. City Council Terms.

Proposition No. 1 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 1 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to increase the current two-year terms for the city council to \_\_\_\_ ( ) year terms?

### Proposition No. 2. Staggered terms for City Council Members.

Proposition No. 2 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 1 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide for staggered terms for the council members by \_\_\_\_\_?

### Proposition No. 3. Increase the number of Council Members.

Proposition No. 3 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 1 of Chapter III and other references to the number of council members in the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to increase the number of council members from nine (9) to \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) council members beginning the first election following the 2020 census and adoption of the new redistricting map by the City Council?

### Proposition No. 4. Compensation of the Mayor and City Council.

Proposition No. 4 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 3 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to increase the compensation of council members from the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per year to \_\_\_\_\_ (\$\_\_\_\_\_) and the compensation of the mayor from twenty-nine thousand (\$29,000) per year to \_\_\_\_\_ (\$\_\_\_\_\_) per year starting October 1, 2016?

## Technical Issues as Identified by City Staff

### Proposition No. 5. Vacancies in the City Council.

Proposition No. 5 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 4 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to allow a majority of the City Council to appoint a qualified person from the district whose place

has been vacated to serve the unexpired term if the vacancy occurs twelve (12) months or less prior to an unexpired term?

**Proposition No. 6. Swearing in of City Council Members.**

Proposition No. 6 ballot language shall read:

Shall the first paragraph of Section 5 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide that the newly elected city council members can be sworn in at the same meeting at which the election results are canvassed?

**Proposition No. 7. Employees Allowed to Run for Office.**

Proposition No. 7 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 8 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to delete the provision that appointed officers and employees of the city forfeit their position with the city if they become a candidate for nomination or election to any public office in order to comply with state law that allows employees to remain employed while running for office?

**Proposition No. 8. Deletion of Metes and Bounds Requirement.**

Proposition No. 8 shall read as follows:

Shall Section 3, “Councilpersons to be elected from districts” of Chapter IV, “Method of nominating and electing member of the city council” of the Fort Worth City Charter be revised to clarify that a metes and bounds description is not necessary when the city council district boundaries are revised due to population changes based on recent census data?

**Proposition No. 9. Residence Requirements for Persons Seeking Election to the City Council.**

Proposition No. 9 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 1 of Chapter IV of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to clarify that a person seeking election to the city council must have resides in the district for which he or she seeks election for 180 days prior to the first allowed filing date for the election?

**Proposition No. 10. Deletion of Right of Public Hearing by Department Directors**

Proposition No. 19 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 3 of Chapter V of the Fort Worth City Charter be revised to delete the right of department directors to request a public hearing by the City Council before his/her removal by the city manager is final?

**Proposition No. 11. Deletion of Right of Public Hearing by Certain Appointed Officials.**

Proposition No. 11 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 1 of Chapter V, Section 4, of Chapter VI and Section 3 of Chapter XXVII of the Fort Worth City Charter be revised to delete the right of the city manager, the city attorney and the internal auditor to request a public hearing by the City Council if removed after serving six (6) months?

**Proposition No. 12. Appointment and Removal of Municipal Judges.**

Proposition No. 12 ballot language shall read:

Shall Chapter VII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to add a new section to provide that municipal judges will be appointed and removed for cause by a majority vote of the City Council?

**Proposition No. 13. Assessment and Collection of Taxes.**

Proposition No. 13 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 1 of Chapter IX of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to remove the assessment and collection as a duty of the department of finance to reflect the current practice of assessing and collecting all taxes, including special assessments, is performed by the county?

**Proposition No. 14. Adoption of Budget in Accordance with State Law.**

Proposition No. 14 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 2 of Chapter X of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide for budget hearings, adoption and publication of the budget, appropriation ordinance and tax levy ordinance in accordance with state law?

**Proposition No. 15. Independent Audit..**

Proposition No. 15 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 11 of Chapter X of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to state the duties of the outside auditor as it relates to the city's budget?

**Proposition No. 16. Deletion of Public Health Department.**

Proposition No. 16 ballot language shall read:

Shall Chapter XV of the Fort Worth City Charter be deleted in its entirety since the functions of a city health department are performed by Tarrant County?

**Proposition No. 17. Recall of Councilperson, Procedure; election of successors.**

Proposition No. 17 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 1 of Chapter XIX of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to increase the time from ten (10) days to twenty-five (25) days for the city secretary to review a petition submitted by the voters to recall any councilmember?

**Proposition No. 18. The Initiative.**

Proposition No. 18 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 3 of Chapter XX of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to increase the time from ten (10) days to twenty-five (25) days for the city secretary to review a petition submitted by the voters to propose ordinances?

**Proposition No. 19. The Initiative.**

Proposition No. 19 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 5 of Chapter XXI of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to reduce the number of newspaper publications for the sale of property valued at more than \$125,000 from once-a-week for four weeks to one time with a requirement that notice also be placed on the city’s webpage for four consecutive weeks?

**Proposition No. 20. Clarify who can pay for the cost of construction of sidewalks.**

Proposition No. 20 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 4 of Chapter XXII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to state that the city may pay, in whole or in part, for the cost of construction of sidewalks and curbs?

**Proposition No. 21. Correct title to reflect that improvement contracts are signed by the City Manager.**

Proposition No. 21 ballot language shall read as follows:

Shall the title of Section 6 of Chapter XXII of the Fort Worth City Charter be corrected to specify that the city manager signs improvement contracts?

**Proposition No. 22. Reporting by the Tax Assessor.**

Proposition No. 22 ballot language shall read as follows:

Shall Section 1 of Chapter XXIV of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to allow the tax assessor-collector to provide a list of assessments of real and personal property owned in the City to the City Council by a deadline as established under state law?

**Proposition No. 23. Annual Reporting by Public Service Corporations.**

Proposition No. 23 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 6 of Chapter XXVI of the Fort Worth City Charter which requires all public service corporations operating within the city to file an annual report of the receipts of their business operation be deleted in its entirety?

**Proposition No. 24. Contracts for Official Advertising.**

Proposition No. 24 ballot language shall read as follows:

Shall Section 17 of Chapter XXVII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to allow the city's contract with a newspaper for official advertising of the city to have a term of more than one year?

**Proposition No. 25. Annexation, Method and Procedure.**

Proposition No. 25 ballot language shall read:

Shall Section 3 of Chapter 1 of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to clarify that the city may contract with the appropriate county to hold an election for annexation and change the words "strike out" to "marking" the ballot to conform to current practice?

**Proposition No. 26. Compliance with State Law.**

Proposition No. 26 ballot language shall read:

Shall the Fort Worth City Charter be amended where preempted by state law?

**Proposition No. 27. Alternative means to Publication Requirements.**

Proposition No. 27 ballot language shall read:

Shall the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide for electronic and other web based publications and notices instead of newspaper publications where allowed by state law?