

REPORT OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

The propositions to make proposed amendments to the City Charter of the City of Robinson, Texas attached hereto were approved by the Charter Review Commission at its January 26, 2021 meeting.

The Charter Review Commission finds that the propositions for amendment of the Robinson City Charter should be submitted to the voters of the City of Robinson.

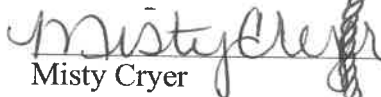
The Charter Review Commission hereby requests the City Council of the City of Robinson, Texas to call an election for the purpose of submitting to the electorate the propositions for amendment to the Robinson City Charter attached hereto.



Jeff Strain, Chairperson

Date: January 26, 2021

Attest:



Misty Cryer
City Secretary



PROPOSED CITY OF ROBINSON CHARTER PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1

Shall the Charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to remove language included in the original charter for the purpose of transitioning from a General Law City to a Home Rule City, which language is no longer relevant and is outdated, and to remove provisions only related to the act of passing the last version of the charter [Example Secs.2.03 (interim government), 2.11 (ordinances now in effect), 13.14 (effect of charter on existing law), and 13.17 (submission of charter to electors—relating to last adoption of charter)]?

Proposition 2

Shall the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to change provisions of the charter which conflict with state law so that they comply with state law, or if a provision is incapable of being changed so that it is compliant with state law, to remove the provision [Example Secs 1.05 (Annexation), 2.15 (City Council meeting may be called by majority of the Council), 5.02 (term of office of municipal judge)]?

Proposition 3

Shall the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to make other sections of the charter consistent with a change made to a section of the charter by this election so as to be uniform in the effect or meaning of the change, to re-number provisions as necessary, correct grammatical errors, and to substitute gender-neutral or gender-inclusive language for gender-specific language [Example Sec 2.05 (currently references seven council members instead of six council members and a Mayor)]?

Proposition 4

Shall Article II “The Council”, Section 2.01 “Composition and Terms of Office” of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to provide for a Mayor and Six (6) council members, all to be elected at large by the qualified voters of the city, with council members being elected by place?

Proposition 5

Shall Article II “The Council”, Section 2.02 “Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem” of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to be consistent with the position of the Mayor being a separate, elected office rather than selected by the City Council?

Proposition 6

Shall Article II "The Council" of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to add a new Section 2.03 entitled "Council Member Places and Mayor Position, Election Years" providing for six (6) numbered council member places and a mayor place, all to be elected at large but by place, with the mayor position and even-numbered council member places to be elected in even years, and the odd-numbered council member places to be elected in odd-numbered years; with the city council to provide for the identification of the places based on the terms of the current council members and any additional matters to carry out this change by ordinance?

Proposition 7

Shall Article II "The Council" of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to change the first sentence of Section 2.16 "City Secretary" to provide that the City Secretary is appointed by the City Manager and serves at the will of the City Manager?

Proposition 8

Shall Article II "The Council" of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to change the first sentence of Section 2.18 "Administrative Departments" to delete the words "City Secretary" from the list of officers appointed by the city council?

Proposition 9

Shall Article III, "Elections", Section 3.01 "Order and Regulation of Elections" of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to provide for the current municipal election date of the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November, or other date required by law, and to clarify that elections are called by ordinance?

Proposition 10

Shall Article III, "Elections", Section 3.01 "Order and Regulation of Elections" of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to provide for the City Council to contract with the McLennan County Elections Administrator to conduct elections in accordance with state law and actual practice instead of administering its own elections?

Proposition 11

Shall Article III, "Elections", Section 3.02 "Filing as Candidate" of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to require that persons file for only one place on the City Council that is up for election at any one election, consistent with the creation of City Council places: Mayor, Place 1, Place 2, Place 3, Place 4, Place 5, and Place 6?

Proposition 12

Shall Article III, "Elections", Section 3.02 "Filing as Candidate" of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to require that a council member having one year or more left on his or her term of office resign in order to run for Mayor?

Proposition 13

Shall Article III, "Elections", Section 3.04 "Election by Plurality" of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended by repeal and replacement of Section 3.04 by a new Section 3.04 entitled "Election by Majority Vote" which requires that at any regular or special election, a candidate for a specific council member place or the Mayor place must receive a majority of the votes cast for that place to be declared the winner of that place?

Proposition 14

Shall Article IX "Tax Administration", Section 9.01 "Taxes: When Due and Payable" of the charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be repealed and replaced by a new Section 9.01 entitled "Assessment and Collection of Property Taxes" providing that the assessment and collection of property taxes shall be in accordance with the Texas Tax Code?

Proposition 15

Shall Article XI "Franchises and Public Utilities" of the charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to contain a single section, being section 11.01 entitled "General Authority of the City", which reads, "Based on its control of its streets and rights-of-way the city has the power to confer franchises to public utilities on terms set by ordinance except as otherwise provided by state law," thereby reducing Article XI from 12 sections to 1 section?

Proposition 16

Shall Article XII "Municipal Planning and Zoning", Section 12.03 of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas entitled "Planning and Zoning Commission" be repealed and replaced with a new Section 12.03 having the same title requiring the City Council by ordinance to appoint a planning and zoning commission and to provide by ordinance for the number of members of the

commission not to be less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) members and two (2) alternates to serve for two (2) year terms with vacancies to be filled by the City Council?

Proposition 17

Shall Article XII "Municipal Planning and Zoning" of the city charter of the City of Robinson, Texas be amended to repeal Sections 12.04 (planning and zoning commission vacancies), 12.05 (planning and zoning commission organization), and 12.06 (planning and zoning commission powers and duties) and replace them with a new section 12.04 entitled "Organization, Meetings and Powers" requiring the City Council to provide by ordinance or ordinances for the organization of the commission, the frequency and conduct of commission meetings, and any powers and duties of the commission beyond those expressly provided for by state law, and to renumber Section 12.07 regarding the Board of Adjustment as Section 12.05?