



2024 CHARTER AMENDMENT SUMMARY

On May 4, 2024, voters will be asked to vote on Propositions A-L which, if approved, would amend the City of Daingerfield’s City Charter. Here is a summary of each proposition:

<p>PROPOSITION A:</p> <p>Shall Article XIV, Section 2 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to require an official copy of the Charter, as approved by the voters in accordance with state law, be filed with the records of the City, and the Mayor shall, as soon as practicable, certify to the Secretary of State an authenticated copy of the Charter with the approved amendments under the seal of the City, showing the approval by the qualified voters of such amendments to the Charter. Amendments to the Charter shall become effective when approved by the voters as provided by Texas law.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Currently, the Charter does not require the City to certify to the Secretary of State an authenticated copy of the Charter as is required by law. This change would require the City to be in compliance with State Law.</p>
<p>PROPOSITION B:</p> <p>Shall Article XIV, Section 1 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be Amended to require a Charter Review Commission composed of seven (7) qualified voters of the City of Daingerfield as members to be appointed by the City Council every four (4) years in the fourth quarter of the year to allow for review and updating of the City Charter.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Currently the City has no requirement to review the City Charter. The current Charter has not been reviewed and amended since it was written in 1980. This amendment would require the City to have the Charter reviewed every four (4) years.</p>
<p>PROPOSITION C:</p> <p>Shall Article XI, Section 5 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to require the City Manager to maintain a visible and accessible presence for the citizens of Daingerfield.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>This would entail the City Manager being readily available and easily approachable by the residents of Daingerfield, thereby enhancing transparency and facilitating citizen engagement with municipal affairs</p>
<p>PROPOSITION D:</p> <p>Shall Article XI, Section 2 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to allow the City Manager to reside within 13 miles of the city limits instead of within the city limits of the City of Daingerfield after their appointment.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>This amendment would expand the potential area for the City Manager's residence while still ensuring their proximity to the city, widening the pool of eligible and qualified candidates for the position.</p>





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<p>PROPOSITION E:</p> <p>Shall Article IX, Section 2 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to state that if the City Council creates a municipal court of record as authorized by Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code, the judge shall have the qualifications as required under Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code, and that the municipal court judge serves at the pleasure of the City Council. The City Council may remove the judge of the Municipal Court or the judge of any municipal court of record authorized to be created by the City Council upon written notice and after a hearing before the City Council.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>This amendment aims to ensure compliance with state regulations regarding judicial qualifications and delineates the procedure for the removal of municipal court judges, enhancing transparency and accountability within the judicial system of Daingerfield.</p>
<p>Proposition F:</p> <p>Shall Article IX, Section 1 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to require the Municipal Court to have jurisdiction defined under Texas Government Code § 29.003, and Chapter 4 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and to authorize the City Council to create a municipal court of record by ordinance under the authority of Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>This amendment aims to ensure consistency with state statutes regarding jurisdictional matters while empowering the City Council to create a municipal court of record as permitted by relevant state law.</p>
<p>Proposition G:</p> <p>Shall Article VII, Section 3(e). of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to require all meetings of the City Council to be conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>If approved, this amendment would mandate that all meetings of the City Council adhere to the provisions outlined in the Texas Open Meetings Act, as specified in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. This alteration aims to ensure that the City Council conducts its meetings in compliance with state law, thereby enhancing transparency and accountability in the governance processes of Daingerfield.</p>
<p>Proposition H:</p> <p>Shall Article VI, Section 15 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to require the Council to elect a Mayor Pro Tem from the Council who shall act as Mayor</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>This amendment aims to establish a structured procedure for ensuring continuity in municipal leadership during the Mayor's temporary unavailability or incapacity to fulfill their responsibilities.</p>





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<p>during the absence, disability, or if the Mayor refuses or fails to perform the duties of the Mayor.</p>	
<p>Proposition I:</p> <p>Shall Article VI, Section 11 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to require returns of the elections, general and special, be made by the election officers to the City Council no earlier than the third day or later than the eleventh (11th) day following said election; at which time, the Council shall canvass and declare the results of such election.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Currently the City Charter requires returns to be canvassed on the first Thursday following the election. State Election Law has changed to require elections to be canvassed no earlier than the third day or later than the eleventh day. This amendment would ensure that the City is in compliance with State Law.</p>
<p>Proposition J:</p> <p>Shall Article VI, Section 5 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to require the regular election for the choice of members of the Council and Mayor to be held each year on the uniform election date in May.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Currently the City Charter the regular election to be held in April. State Election Law requires this to be held in May. This amendment would ensure that the City is in compliance with State Law.</p>
<p>Proposition K:</p> <p>Shall Article VI, Section 4 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to require any member of the Council who has three (3) consecutive absences from Council meetings to forfeit the office, the forfeiture of office shall be automatic and shall not require any action of Council. Upon such forfeiture of office, the City Council may fill the vacancy thereby created in the manner authorized by this Charter or as otherwise allowed by Texas law. The forfeiture of such officer's office shall be automatic and shall not require any action of the City Council in order to be effective, however, the City Council may take appropriate action to recognize such forfeiture.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>If approved, this amendment would establish a provision requiring any member of the Council who accumulates three consecutive absences from Council meetings to automatically forfeit their office. This forfeiture would occur without requiring any action from the Council. This amendment aims to ensure attendance and active participation of Council members in municipal affairs, while also providing a mechanism to address prolonged absences from official duties.</p>
<p>Proposition L:</p> <p>Shall Article V, Section 6 of the City Charter of the City of Daingerfield be amended to adopt a budget by a record vote and adopted in accordance and as required under Texas law.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>This amendment aims to enhance transparency and accountability in the budgeting process by ensuring that the decisions regarding the city's financial allocations are formally recorded and comply with legal regulations governing municipal budgeting practices.</p>





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