



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 27, 2026
SUBJECT: Receive update on board and commission term limit research
PRESENTER: Alicia Richardson, City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

On May 11, 1998, City Council adopted Ordinance 2304 to establish a process for the appointment, review and removal and training of appointed boards and commission members. A two-year term was established to coincide City Council members' terms with their appointees. Historically, most boards have followed this process unless indicated otherwise by State law, City Charter, or ordinance.

On November 4, 2025, the city held a special charter election, and voters of North Richland Hills approved six propositions. Propositions A and B pertained to the length of term for elected officials and established term limits of elected officials, respectively.

Proposition A – extended the mayor and council member terms from two (2) to three (3) years and provided for a phased election schedule to transition to the three-year terms.

- May 2026 – mayor and places 2, 4, and 6 elected to three-year terms
- May 2027 – places 1, 3, 5, and 7 elected to three-year terms

Proposition B – established terms limits, allowing elected officials to serve up to three terms as a council member and three additional terms as mayor, or vice versa.

At its February 9, 2026, work session, City Council discussed term lengths and term limits of board and commission members and whether they should align with the City Council. Staff was directed to prepare an ordinance aligning the term length of board and commission members with the City Council. Subsequently, the City Council reconsidered term limits for board and commission members at its February 23, 2026, work session and staff was directed to research benchmark cities and municipalities with similar populations as North Richland Hills.

City Council will receive a presentation from staff during work session.