



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** May 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3957, amending Sections 2-121, 2-202, 46-32, 58-81, 62-33, and 98-42 of the City's Code of Ordinances, aligning the term length of board, commission and committee members with the City Council.

PRESENTER: Alicia Richardson, City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

SUMMARY:

To consider an ordinance amending the City's Code of Ordinances to align the term lengths of certain board, commission and committee members with the City Council.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

On May 11, 1998, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2304, establishing a process for the appointment, review and removal, and training of appointed board and commission members. A two-year term was established to coincide Council members' terms with their appointees. Historically, most boards have followed this process unless there are other requirements required by law, City Charter, Bylaws, or Article of Incorporation.

At a Charter Amendment Election held on November 4, 2025, North Richland Hills voters approved six propositions (A-F). Propositions A and B extended the Mayor and Council member terms from two to three years and established term limits, respectively.

The City Council, at its February 9, 2026, work session meeting, received a presentation from staff regarding a proposed ordinance to change the length of term and term limits of appointed board, commission, and committee members to coincide with elected officials. The consensus of the City Council was to align board, commission, and committee members length of term with the City Council.

At subsequent work session meetings (February 23, March 9, and April 27), City Council discussed term limits for board, commission, and committee members. At the direction of City Council, staff will present a comprehensive ordinance for consideration later in the year regarding the appointment process.

Ordinance No. 3957 amends language in various sections of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances to align the length of term of appointed board members with elected officials. The ordinance does not include the Animal Adoption and Rescue Center Advisory Committee, Civil Service Commission, Crime Control and Prevention District Board, Park and Recreation Facilities Development Corporation, Substandard Building



Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment as their requirements are either governed by the City Charter or state law.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3957.