

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 23, 2025
SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3914, calling a Special Election for the consideration of amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas
PRESENTER: Bradley A. Anderle, City Attorney

SUMMARY:

This item calls for the City Council to consider Ordinance No. 3914, calling a special election for the consideration of amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

At the Charter Review Commission meeting on June 9, 2025, the Commission voted to approve certain ballot provisions for recommendation to City Council. In addition to the provisions recommended by the Commission, City staff has prepared and proposed one additional charter amendment to address recent changes to the law related to competitive bidding requirements. The proposed ballot language is included with this memo, as well as the final proposed Charter language that this ballot language is intended to adopt.

The City Council has authority, pursuant to Section 9.004, Texas Local Government Code, to submit on its own motion proposed charter amendments to the City's qualified voters for their approval at an election, which may be ordered by ordinance.

The ordinance ordering the election shall provide for the election to be held on the first authorized uniform election date prescribed by the Election Code or on the earlier of the date of the next municipal general election or presidential general election. Tex. L. Gov't Code § 9.004(b). The election date must allow sufficient time to comply with other requirements of law and must occur on or after the 30th day after the date the ordinance is adopted. Tex. L. Gov't Code § 9.004(b).

Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the municipality. Tex. L. Gov't Code § 9.004(c). The notice must:

- (1) include a substantial copy of the proposed amendment;
- (2) include an estimate of the anticipated fiscal impact to the municipality if the proposed amendment is approved at the election; and
- (3) be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks, with the first publication occurring before the 14th day before the date of the election.

Tex. L. Gov't Code § 9.004(c).



An amendment may not contain more than one subject. Tex. L. Gov't Code § 9.004(d). The ballot shall be prepared so that a voter may approve or disapprove any one or more amendments without having to approve or disapprove all of the amendments. Tex. L. Gov't Code § 9.004(e).

A proposed amendment to a municipality's charter is adopted if it is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the municipality who vote at an election held for that purpose. Tex. L. Gov't Code § 9.005(a).

An amendment does not take effect until the governing body of the municipality enters an order in the records of the municipality declaring that the charter or amendment is adopted. Tex. L. Gov't Code § 9.005(b).

This Ordinance, if approved, will call a special election for November 4, 2025 for the citizens of the City to vote on the proposed Charter amendments.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3914.