



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** 7/28/2025  
**SUBJECT:** Consider Ordinance No. 3915, calling a Special Election for the Consideration of Amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas, and repealing Ordinance No. 3914.  
**PRESENTER:** Bradley A. Anderle, City Attorney

### **SUMMARY:**

This item calls for the City Council to consider Ordinance No. 3915, calling a special election for the consideration of amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas, and repealing Ordinance No. 3914.

### **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 prepared and proposed one additional charter amendment to address recent changes to the law related to competitive bidding requirements.

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3914 on June 23, 2025, to call a special election for November 4, 2025, to propose amendments to the Charter. Ordinance No. 3914 established the details for the election and set forth the ballot propositions for same.

During the preparation of materials to advise the public of the upcoming election, City staff identified certain revisions that we believe improve on the clarity of some of the propositions. This Ordinance is recommended to adopt those recommended revisions to the ballot propositions. There are no proposed changes to the details of the election.

The proposed revisions to the ballot propositions are shown in redline below:

### **Proposition A**

Shall Article V, Section 3 of the North Richland Hills Home Rule Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor and Council members shall be elected for three-year terms; to provide that the Mayor and Council members must be elected by a majority vote; to provide for the transition to three-year terms by establishing an election schedule; and Section 3A (3,4,5) be added to define the positions of Mayor and Council members; to provide that 730 days served constitutes a three-year term; to provide that a person who vacates their office after serving 360 days has served a term; and Section 7 be amended to provide that in the event there is one vacancy in any office with a three-year term with



an unexpired term of 364 days or less the vacancy may be filled by appointment of the Mayor with approval of council; to provide that vacancies in any office with a three-year term with an unexpired term of greater than 364 days must be filled by special election within 120 days of the vacancy?

**Proposition B**

Shall Section 3A (1,2) be added to Article V of the North Richland Hills Home Rule Charter to provide that a Council member shall be limited to three (3) terms as a Council member, but may serve three (3) additional terms as Mayor; to provide that the Mayor shall be limited to three (3) terms as Mayor, but may serve three additional terms as Council member?

**Propositions C, D, E, and F remain unchanged.**

Ordinance No. 3915, if approved, will repeal Ordinance No. 3914 previously adopted by City Council and call a special election for November 4, 2025, for the citizens of the City to vote on the proposed Charter amendments, as amended.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Ordinance No. 3915.