

ORDINANCE NO. 3957

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTIONS 2-121(L), 2-202, 46-32(B), 58-81, 62-33, 98-42(A) OF THE NORTH RICHLAND HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR ALIGNMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TERM LENGTH TO COINCIDE WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of North Richland Hills, Texas (“the City”) is a home rule city acting under its power adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article III, of the City’s Code of Ordinances provides for the nomination, appointment, review, and training for boards, commissions, and committees; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Appeals Board, Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful Commission, Library Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and Teen Court Advisory Board consist of members who serve in numbered places that coincide with the numbered place of the council member who nominated them for appointment and serve a two-year term to coincide with the council member, unless appointed to an unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, at an election held on November 4, 2025 to consider six (6) propositions amending the North Richland Hills City Charter, the voters approved Proposition A to extend the mayor and council terms from two to three years, require candidates to win by a majority vote, and establish a phased election schedule to transition to three-year terms. Proposition A also defined how partial terms count toward term limits and clarifies that vacancies with one year or less remaining may be filled by appointment, while those with more than one year must be filled by special election; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to extend the term length of Construction Code Appeals Board, Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful Commission, Library Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and Teen Court Advisory Board members to coincide with the terms of elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby finds the recitals above to be true and correct, and such recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if written herein.

SECTION 2: Chapter 2, "Administration," Article III, "Boards, Commissions, and Committees," Division I, "Generally," Section 2-121, "Appointment, review, removal, and training for boards and commissions," is hereby amended by amending subsection (l) to read as follows:

"(l) Terms of office. The terms of office for each board member shall coincide with the term of the mayor and council members, unless appointed to fulfill a vacancy. The elected official who nominated the appointee may remove his appointee at any time."

SECTION 3: Chapter 2, "Administration," Article III, "Boards, Commissions and Committees," Division 4, "Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful Commission," Section 2-202, "Composition," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2-202. Composition.

The Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful Commission shall consist of seven members that are residents of the city. Members serve in numbered places that coincide with the numbered place of the council member who nominated them for appointment. The term of office for board members shall coincide with the term of the mayor and council members, unless appointed to fulfill a vacancy. The members shall be appointed as provided in section 2-121 et seq."

SECTION 4: Chapter 46, "Library," Article II, "Library Board and Director of the Library," Section 46-32, "Composition and terms," is hereby amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) Terms. The terms of office of the members shall coincide with the mayor and council members, unless appointed to fulfill a vacancy. The elected official who nominated the appointee may remove his appointee at any time."

SECTION 5: Chapter 58, "Municipal Court," Article III, "Teen Court," Division 2, "Teen Court Advisory Board," Section 58-81, "Terms; qualifications," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 58-81 Terms; qualifications

A Teen Court Advisory Board is hereby established and shall be comprised of seven members that serve terms equal to the term length of

the mayor and council members. The elected official who nominated the appointee may remove his appointee at any time. The members shall be as follows:

Place 1	High school student
Place 2	North Richland Hills resident
Place 3	North Richland Hills resident
Place 4	North Richland Hills resident
Place 5	North Richland Hills resident
Place 6	North Richland Hills resident
Place 7	North Richland Hills resident

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SECTION 6: Chapter 62, “Parks and Recreation,” Article II, “Parks and Recreation Board,” Section 62-33, “Terms of office,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“62-33. Terms of office.

The terms of office of the members of the Parks and Recreation Board shall be equal to the term length of the mayor and council members. Terms for members of the Parks and Recreation Board shall be as provided in section 2-121. All members shall serve without compensation. Vacancies in the membership of the Parks and Recreation Board shall be filled in the same manner as set out in section 2-121.”

SECTION 7: Chapter 98, “Buildings and Building Regulations,” Article II, “Administration,” Division 1, “Generally,” Section 98-42(a), “Construction code appeals board,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(a) There is hereby created a Construction Code Appeals Board. There shall be seven members of such board recommended by city staff and appointed by the City Council. No member shall be a city employee. Members may be removed by the City Council. At least one member shall be a registered master electrician; one shall be a state-licensed master plumber; one shall be a master mechanical contractor; one person shall be a registered design professional with architectural or civil/structural engineering experience and be duly licensed by the State of Texas; and all others shall be knowledgeable of construction methods and materials with at least ten years of building construction experience. Each appointee shall serve a term equal to the term length of the mayor and council members, unless appointed to fulfill a vacancy. Members may be reappointed. Four members shall constitute a quorum. The board shall select a chair from its members to preside at meetings and may adopt rules of conduct of meetings. The building official and fire marshal shall be ex officio members without vote.”

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Richland Hills, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9: All rights and remedies of the City of North Richland Hills are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances in the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Richland Hills that have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 10: It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 11: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 26th of May, 2026.

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

Jack McCarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Bradley A. Anderle, City Attorney