



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Charter Election Update
PRESENTER: Bradley A. Anderle, City Attorney

SUMMARY:

City Council asked for an update on the status of the terms for the Mayor and Council members after the Charter Election and the transition to the 3-year terms approved by the voters.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City Council called a Charter Election for November 4, 2025, for the voters to consider 6 propositions for amendments to the City Charter. All 6 propositions were approved by the voters on November 4, 2025.

The proposed Charter amendments include the following changes:

- Change to a 3-year term for the City Council and a transition to same;
- Define a “Term” for purposes of establishing Term Limits;
- Establish Term Limits for City Council;
- Memorialize Resign-to-Run requirements;
- Allow the Municipal Court Judge’s term to be different from the Mayor’s term;
- Amend the term of the Planning and Zoning Commission members to coincide with the City Council’s terms; and
- Update the competitive bidding language.

This update will focus on the change to a 3-year term for the City Council, along with the transition to same, and the Term Limits for the City Council.

Proposition A amended Article V, Section 3 of the City Charter. This proposition changed the term for the Mayor and all Council members to 3 years. As required by state law when there is a term of 3 or more years, the Mayor and all Council members must be elected by a majority vote.

The transition to 3-year terms will be completed in May 2027, so it will take two election cycles for the Mayor and all of the Council members to be serving a 3-year term.



The following is the schedule for the transition:

- May 2026 – Mayor & Council members Place 2, 4, and 6 will be elected to a 3-year term.
- May 2027 – Council members Place 1, 3, 5, and 7 will be elected to a 3-year term.
- May 2028 – No election.

Proposition B created a new Section 3A to the Charter to create term limits for the Mayor and Council members. The term limits apply prospectively, so the limits begin with terms that start in May 2026 and May 2027. Section 3A, as approved in this proposition, now limits a person to serving at most:

- 3 terms as Mayor (9 years); and
- 3 terms as a Council member (9 years).

Therefore, a person may not serve on the City Council for more than a total of 18 years.