

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** May 17, 2023
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2023-044, initiating the amendment process to Chapter 110 of the Code of Ordinances (Subdivision Regulations).
PRESENTER: Clayton Comstock, Director of Planning

SUMMARY:

City Council is being asked to approve a resolution initiating the amendment process to the Subdivision Ordinance after voters approved Proposition "I" in the May 6, 2023, Special Election.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

In the May 6, 2023, Special Election, Proposition "I" asked voters the following question:

Shall Section 3 of Article VI, Duties of City Council and Section 2 of Article XIV, Planning and Zoning Commission Powers and Duties, of the North Richland Hills Charter be amended to authorize the City Council to approve, or delegate the approval of, plats in accordance with state law and the City's Subdivision Ordinance?

Proposition "I" passed with 78.81% voter approval. This allows the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council to begin discussions regarding the possible delegation of plat approval authority in North Richland Hills, an option provided by Chapter 212 of the Texas Local Government Code, that would streamline plat approvals. Currently, all plats, regardless of type, size, or complexity, require City Council approval.

Section 110-44 of the Subdivision Regulations also state that the amendment process to Chapter 110 must be initiated by (1) a majority vote of the City Council, (2) a majority vote of the Planning & Zoning Commission, or (3) upon written request by a citizen. If approved, staff would schedule work sessions with the staff Development Review Committee, the Planning & Zoning Commission, and the City Council on recommended amendments to Chapter 110. One or more focus group workshops with representatives from private sector engineers, surveyors, and developers would also be scheduled to seek input regarding the plat and development approval process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution 2023-044.