

ADDISON CHARTER COMMISSION
Draft Ballot Propositions
January 5, 2020

Proposition No. 1

Shall the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to change the references to “municipal court” to the “municipal court of record?” (Sec. 1.03, 2.08, 4.07)

Proposition No. 2

Shall the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to change “qualified voter” to “registered voter” in accordance with the definition of “qualified voter” contained in the Texas Election Code? (Sec. 1.05, 2.02, 2.08, 8.03, 9.01, 9.02, 9.04, 9.05, 9.09, 10.01, 10.02, 11.22, 11.32)

Proposition No. 3

Shall the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended in various sections to clarify that actions of the City Council shall be in accordance with the provisions of state law? (Numerous sections)

Proposition No. 4

Shall Section 1.03 “Form of government” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to include the City Council’s authority to appoint the City Secretary and City Attorney as currently provided in Sections 4.06 and 4.08?

Proposition No. 5 (NEED COMMISSION DIRECTION ON AGE – no ballot proposition if age is 18)

Shall Section 2.02 “Qualifications” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to increase the age requirement to run for the office of Mayor or City Council to 21 years of age?

Proposition No. 6

Shall Section 2.04 “Compensation” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to remove the requirement for City Council approval of reimbursements to councilmembers for actual expenses incurred in the performance of official duties?

Proposition No. 7

Shall Section 2.08(f) “Powers of the City Council” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to require members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment to be registered voters of the Town?

Proposition No. 8

Shall Section 2.08(f) “Powers of the City Council” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to state that no resident may serve concurrently on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Adjustment?

Proposition No. 9

Shall Section 2.08(y) “Powers of the City Council” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to include the City Council’s authority to appoint and remove the City Secretary and City Attorney as currently provided in Sections 4.06 and 4.08?

Proposition No. 10

Shall Section 2.10 “Meetings of the City Council” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to allow the Mayor or three (3) councilmembers or the City Manager to call a special meeting?

Proposition No. 11

Shall Section 2.17 “Induction of Council into office” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to clarify that the first meeting of the City Council following an election of councilmembers shall be the meeting to canvass the election as provided by state law and the first order of business shall be to canvass the election, declare the results and seat the new councilmembers?

Proposition No. 12

Shall Section 5.11(1) “Bonds, warrants and other evidences of indebtedness” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be renamed to “Bonds, warrants and other debt matters” and be amended to clarify that the Town is authorized to issue debt for public purposes except as limited by the Texas Constitution?

Proposition No. 13

Shall Section 5.11(2) of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to clarify that bonds and warrants of the Town shall be issued as required by law?

Proposition No. 14

Shall Section 5.19 “Power to correct errors” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be renamed to “Power to cancel taxes” to clarify what that section actually addresses?

Proposition No. 15

Shall Section 5.31 “General powers” be renamed to “Assessment of taxes” to avoid confusion regarding the Town’s ability to levy taxes as authorized by state law and make clear it is not intended as a general grant of powers to the City Council?

Proposition No. 16

Shall Section 7.03 “Master plan” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to change the reference to “official master plan” to the “Comprehensive Plan” and to clarify that the City Council may amend the Comprehensive Plan by majority vote?

Proposition No. 17

Shall Section 7.04 “Planning and Zoning Commission” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to remove references to “City Zoning Commission” and to update the reference to state law?

Proposition No. 18

Shall the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to remove specific forms of petitions related to candidacy for office and ballot measures and instead require that all petitions conform with the requirements of state law?

Proposition No. 19

Shall the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to require that persons who sign a petition for candidacy for office or a ballot measure be required to include **either** their date of birth or voter registration number to aid the City Secretary in verifying signatures as required by the Texas Election Code?

Proposition No. 20

Shall the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to remove references to “indelible pencil?”

Proposition No. 21 (NEED COMMISSION DIRECTION ON SECTION 8.03)

Shall Section 8.03 “Nominations” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to provide that an individual may become a candidate for Mayor or City Council by petition only and remove the option for self-nomination?

Proposition No. 22

Shall Section 8.04(h) “Number selection and term of Council” be amended to change the phrase regarding term limits from “successive terms” to “consecutive terms” so that it reads as presented to approved by the voters in Amendment No. 5 in the January 16, 1993 charter election?

Proposition No. 23

Shall Section 8.06 “Conducting and canvassing elections” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to clarify that the first meeting of the City Council following an election of councilmembers shall be the meeting to canvas the election as provided by state law and the first substantive order of business shall be to canvass the election, declare the results and seat the new councilmembers?

Proposition No. 24

Shall Section 9.05 “Referendum” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to conform to state law that prohibits the use of referendum to address an action of the Council to provide zoning for individual property owners?

Proposition No. 25

Shall Section 11.11 “Fire limits” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be removed because it is an antiquated term and authorizes the City Council to establish fire limits which are no longer used by the Town of Addison?

Proposition No. 26

Shall Section 11.15 “Publicity of records” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be deleted because it address the availability of records to the public which is governed by the Texas Public Information Act.

Proposition No. 27

Shall Section 11.18 “Gender clause” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be removed because **Proposition No. 28**, if passed, will allow the City Council to actually change terms of gender to gender-neutral terms?

Proposition No. 28

Shall Section 11.23 “Rearrangement and numbering” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be renamed to “Non-substantive changes” and amended to provide ongoing authority for the City Council, by ordinance, to make non-substantive changes for clarity and change terms of gender to gender-neutral terms?

Proposition 29

Shall Section 11.24 “Town depository” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be deleted because the selection and designation of a depository for the Town is exclusively governed by state law?

Proposition 30

Shall Section 11.26 “Disaster clause” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be amended to remove the references to the “local Chamber of Commerce” and “Board of Trustees of the local school district” and instead direct that the Dallas County Judge appoint a commission, which shall include any surviving members of the City Council, in the event of a disaster when a quorum of the City Council cannot be assembled because of death or injury.

Proposition 31

Shall Section 11.27 “When provisions take effect” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be deleted because it only applies to the initial Home Rule Charter election in 1979?

Proposition 32

Shall Section 11.30 “Ordinance, rules and regulations validated” of the Charter of the Town of Addison, Texas be deleted because it only applies to the initial Home Rule Charter election in 1979?

