

City of Amarillo 2024 Special Election

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Early Voting: October 21, 2024 - November 1, 2024

Election Day: November 5, 2024

Proposition

A

A citizen initiative petition that proposes amending the City of Amarillo's Code of Ordinances to declare the city a "Sanctuary City for the Unborn."

Visit amarillo.gov/2024election for more information about the upcoming special election.

Proposition

D

Mayor and City Council Recall Process

Proposes to adjust the number of signatures required for a recall petition and modify signature and timeline requirements.

Proposition

B

Enlarge the Number of City Council Members

Proposes to increase the total number of City Council members from four to six, plus the Mayor.

Proposition

E

Adoption of a Method to Fill a City Council Vacancy

Proposes to establish new procedures for filling City Council vacancies, including a "resign to run" provision.

Proposition

C

Extend the City Council Member Terms of Office

Proposed to extend City Council terms from 2-years to 4-year staggered terms. Would take effect starting May 2025 if passed.

Want more info?

Please visit:

amarillo.gov/2024election for details and frequently asked questions about the upcoming special election.

2024 City of Amarillo Charter Amendment FAQs



What is the City Charter?

A City Charter is like a constitution for our city. It's authorized by the Texas Constitution for 'home rule' cities and defines how Amarillo governs itself within the limits set by state law.

How often can the City Charter be amended?

The Texas Constitution limits charter amendments to no more than every two years. Failed ballot measures don't count towards this limit.

When was Amarillo's Charter first adopted and last amended?

Amarillo's Charter was first adopted in 1913 and has been updated nine times. The last amendment occurred in 2020, changing the number of times the City Council meets.

How were these proposed amendments developed?

A Charter Review Citizens Committee, consisting of 10 members nominated by City Council members, met for five weeks from May 30 to June 27, 2024. They reviewed various aspects of city governance and made recommendations.

What did the committee consider in their review?

The committee reviewed Texas codes, the Voting Rights Act, term lengths, election methods, City Council composition, recall provisions, geographic representation, redistricting, council appointees, term limits, and more.

Did the committee have access to comparative data?

Yes, the committee had access to research comparing Amarillo to 10 other cities and considered advantages and disadvantages of various options for city governance.

When is the election for these charter amendments?

The election will be held on November 5, 2024. Stay tuned for information on early voting.

How will voting on these amendments work?

Each proposition will be voted on separately. Voters can choose 'For' or 'Against' on each individual measure.

Where can I find more detailed information about the propositions?

For exact language of the propositions or more detailed information, please review the official ballot or review proposed changes on the following page.