

City of Amarillo Special Election Ballot Language  
November 5, 2024

PROPOSITION A

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Amarillo, Texas shall be amended to adopt an initiated ordinance, submitted by the Amarillo Sanctuary City for the Unborn Citizen Initiative Petition Initiating Committee, declaring the City of Amarillo a sanctuary city for the unborn; declaring that abortion at all times and at all stages of pregnancy is unlawful unless an abortion is performed to save the life of a pregnant woman in a medical emergency; finding that abortion-inducing drugs are declared contraband and it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, possess, or distribute abortion-inducing drugs in the City of Amarillo; prohibiting abortions within the City of Amarillo; prohibiting abortions on City of Amarillo residents; prohibiting abortion trafficking of an unborn child; prohibiting abortion-inducing drugs in the City of Amarillo; prohibiting any organization that violates 18 U.S.C. Sections 1461 or 1462 by facilitating abortions from operating or doing business in the City of Amarillo; prohibiting the transportation or disposal in the City of Amarillo of the remains of an unborn child killed by an abortion; providing a private right of action; providing for affirmative defenses; providing for severability and providing an effective date.

PROPOSITION B

To Amend Article V, Section 1 and Article V, Section 5 (a) of the Amarillo City Charter to specify that the elective officers of the City shall consist of a Mayor plus six (6) Councilmembers (the Councilmembers shall be designated as Councilmember Place One, Councilmember Place Two, Councilmember Place Three, Councilmember Place Four, Councilmember Place Five, and Councilmember Place Six), and the Mayor and each Councilmember shall be elected by a majority of the registered voters within the city.

PROPOSITION C

To Amend Article V, Section 2 of the Amarillo City Charter to change the length of the term of office of the Mayor and each Councilmember from two (2) year terms to four (4) year terms effective with the next regularly scheduled municipal election to be held in May 2025, with the terms staggered as established by ordinance.

PROPOSITION D

To Amend Article II, Section 24 of the Amarillo City Charter to change the recall procedures to reduce the minimum number of signatures required to qualify the recall election of an elective officer from an amount equal to at least thirty (30) percent of the registered voters within the city with at least one-fifth (1/5) of same

certifying that each signor voted for the officer in the last election to an amount equal to at least thirty (30) percent of the number of votes cast in the last election at which the officer was elected; to increase the time limit to submit recall petitions to the City Secretary from thirty (30) days to sixty (60) days from the filing of the required affidavit and to provide for a validation period and notice to the elected officer and City Council with corresponding recall limitations.

PROPOSITION E

To amend Article V, Section 3 – Vacancies, of the Amarillo City Charter repealing the existing section, and substitute provisions applying new law allowing for a fewer than 12 months remaining in office vacancy to be appointed by the City Council for all City Councilmembers and the City Council would appoint a Councilmember to the office of Mayor in the event of a vacancy in the Mayor’s office. Finally, the amendment adopts a “resign to run” provision creating vacancies in office should an elected city official elects to announce an intent to run for another office, while serving as an elected city official.