

WHEREAS, the Dallas City Charter Chapter II, Section 3 requires that the Charter be reviewed by a Charter Review Commission at intervals of not more than 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed a Charter Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission convened and held community meetings to develop a list of recommended Charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2014, the Commission voted on its list of recommended amendments; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2014, the Commission presented its recommended Charter amendments to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2014, the City Council offered several Charter amendments for consideration; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2014, the City Council voted on Commission-recommended Charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2014, the City Council discussed City Council-recommended Charter amendments and ~~two~~ three Commission-recommended Charter amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

Section 1. That the City Council does hereby recommend the proposed Charter amendments described in the attached Exhibit A (~~which will be presented on the June 25, 2014 addendum~~).

Section 2. That the City Attorney is directed to prepare ballot language and an ordinance calling for a special election on November 4, 2014 for City Council consideration on August 6, 2014.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED BY
CITY COUNCIL

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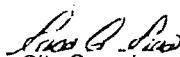

City Secretary

EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER IV. ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS

SEC. 5. DISTRICTS ~~LIMITS~~ AND REDISTRICTING.

(a) The city shall be divided into 14 districts, known as Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

(b) Redistricting commission.

(1) Not later than 30 days after the city council is briefed on the federal decennial census taken in the prior year [the date of receipt of any federal census], each member of the city council shall appoint one member of the redistricting commission. The mayor shall designate the chair of the redistricting commission, subject to confirmation by a majority of the city council. In making such appointments, the city council and the mayor shall, as nearly as may be practicable, provide fair and balanced representation of all geographical areas of the city in the redistricting process and provide a total membership that reflects the racial and ethnic makeup of the city's population. Members of the redistricting commission shall be appointed to serve a term that will end upon completion of the redistricting commission's work.

(2) Persons appointed to the redistricting commission must be registered to vote and meet the qualifications for service on a city commission. A member of the city council is not eligible for appointment to the redistricting commission. A member of the redistricting commission is not eligible to be a candidate for a place on the city council in the next succeeding general election of the city, and may not be appointed or elected to the city council or to any other official board or commission of the city for a period of one year after service on the redistricting commission.

(3) The redistricting commission shall draw the districts in compliance with the following guidelines:

(A) The districts shall be substantially equal in population according to the total population count as presented in the census data, except where deviation is required to comply with federal law or is allowable by law.

(B) In addition to the requirements of federal law, there shall be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, or membership in a language minority group, and the voting strength of racial, ethnic and language minorities in the districts shall not be diluted to deprive minority voters of an equal opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice.

(C) The districts shall be geographically compact, to the extent possible, and composed of contiguous territory.

(D) The reconfiguration of districts shall be neutral as to incumbents or potential candidates.

(E) Communities of interest shall be placed in a single district and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods, where possible without violating the other requirements.

(F) The redistricting commission may adopt any other requirements of federal or state law.

(4) The redistricting commission shall promptly convene in such sessions as are necessary, including public hearings, to develop, prepare, and recommend a districting plan that proposes the respective boundaries of the various districts comprising the city council under this Charter.

(5) City council members may not have contact, directly or indirectly, with a redistricting commission member, or with redistricting commission staff, with respect to redistricting, except by testimony in an open meeting. Redistricting commission members may not engage in any discussions, directly or indirectly, regarding redistricting or the work of the redistricting commission with city council members, except during an open meeting or by written communication given to the entire redistricting commission. If a redistricting commission member engages in a prohibited discussion or violates the Texas Open Meetings Act, the redistricting commission may, by majority vote, remove the commissioner from the redistricting commission.

(6) Upon completion of its work, the redistricting commission shall file its recommended districting plan with the mayor. The mayor shall present the recommended plan to the city council at its next meeting. The city council shall adopt the plan as submitted or shall modify and adopt the plan, in either case within 45 days of receipt by the mayor. Any modification or change to the plan must be made in open session at a city council meeting, with a written explanation of the need for the modification or change and a copy of the proposed map with the modification or change made available to the public 72 hours before a vote, and the proposed plan must be approved by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the city council. If final ~~[neither of such]~~ action[s] is not taken by the city council within 45 days after the plan was presented to the mayor, then the recommended plan of the redistricting commission will become the final districting plan for the city.

(7[4]) The districting plan developed in accordance with this section must be implemented at the next general election of the city council conducted at least 90 days following the date the final districting plan becomes effective for the city.

**CHAPTER XI. THE BUDGET AND FINANCIAL
PROCEDURE RELATING THERETO**

**SEC. 2. BUDGET ESTIMATES TO BE FURNISHED TO CITY MANAGER BY
[~~ALL~~] DEPARTMENTS NOT UNDER CITY MANAGER'S IMMEDIATE
DIRECTION.**

Every department of the city government not under the direct control of the city manager, except the city auditor, shall furnish to the city manager, for use in the preparation of recommendations to the council regarding the annual budget, a detailed budget estimate of the needs and requirements of such department for the coming year. The city auditor shall furnish a detailed budget estimate of the needs and requirements of the city auditor's office for the coming year directly to the city council, to be approved by city council, and then consolidated with the city manager's annual budget estimate.

CHAPTER XV. PLANNING AND ZONING**SEC. 8. THOROUGHFARE PLAN.**

(a) The city council shall by ordinance adopt a thoroughfare plan. A thoroughfare plan now in existence or hereafter adopted by the city council shall not be changed except by an ordinance duly adopted after a public hearing as herein provided.

(b) Prior to any change in a thoroughfare plan, the city council shall hold a public hearing. Except as provided in Subsection (c), w[~~W~~]ritten notice of all public hearings before the city council on proposed changes in the thoroughfare plan shall be sent to owners of real property lying within 200 feet of the area of the proposed change, such notice to be given, not less than 10 days before the date set for hearing, to all such owners who have rendered their said property for city taxes as the ownership appears on the last approved city tax roll. Such notice may be served by depositing the same, properly addressed and postage paid, in the United States mail.

(c) City council may authorize the director to send an alternate notice for any specific amendment to the thoroughfare plan that affects an area larger than one square mile and that does not increase the dimensional classification of a thoroughfare.

CHAPTER XVI. CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL**SEC. 16. NO DISCRIMINATION [~~BASED ON RACE, SEX, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL OPINIONS~~]; PROHIBITING CERTAIN POLITICAL ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF EMPLOYEES.**

(a) No person shall be appointed, reduced, removed, or in any way favored or discriminated against because of race, color, age, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, genetic characteristics, national origin, disability, military or veteran status, sex, political [~~or religious~~] opinions or affiliations. No officer or employee of the city shall directly or indirectly, in any way be required to contribute to any political campaign, political party, organization which supports candidates for public office, or for any partisan political purpose whatsoever.

CHAPTER XXI. BORROWING MONEY**SEC. 2. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (TAX SUPPORTED BONDS).**

The city shall have the power to borrow money on the credit of the city and to issue general obligation bonds for making public improvements or for other public purposes not prohibited by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and to issue refunding bonds to refund outstanding bonds of the city previously issued. All such bonds shall be issued in accordance with state law. For bonds requiring voter approval, the city shall indicate on the ballot proposition the amount of bond issuance authorization, estimated amount of repayment including principal and interest based on current market conditions, and the purpose of the bonds.

CHAPTER XXII. PUBLIC CONTRACTS**SEC. 1. SIGNATURES AND APPROPRIATIONS.**

No contract, other than purchase orders for supplies and equipment and change orders authorized in accordance with Section 6, Chapter XXII of this Charter, shall be deemed executed on behalf of the city nor shall it be binding upon the city unless it has first been signed by the city manager and approved as to form by the city attorney. The expense thereof shall be charged to the proper appropriation. Whenever the contract charged to any appropriation equals the amount of said appropriation, no further contracts shall be signed. The publication of an ordinance or resolution to make it effective as an ordinance or resolution in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter XVIII of this Charter does not execute the ordinance or resolution as a contract unless the ordinance or resolution expressly so provides.