

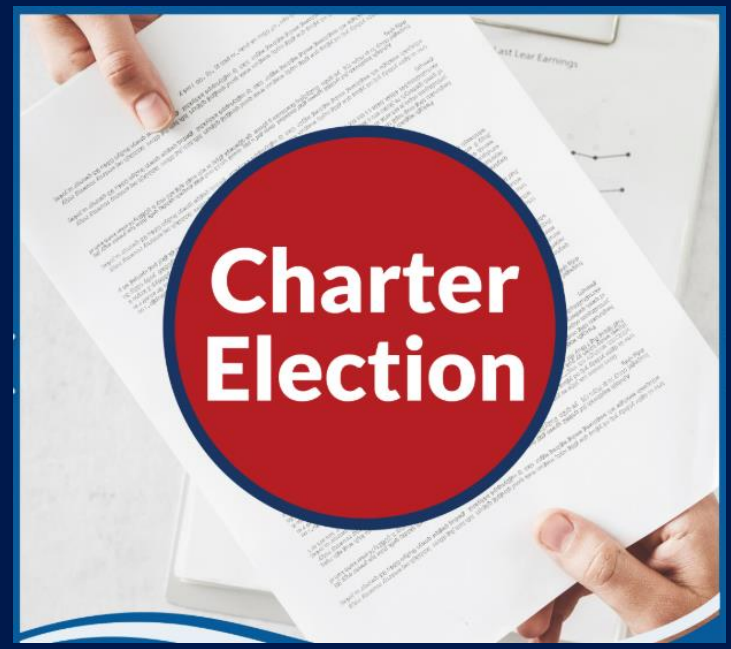


CITY OF ROSENBERG



Special Charter Amendment Election

City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-05 on February 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters, for adoption or rejection, five (5) proposed amendments to the existing home-rule charter.





What is a City Charter?

City charters serve as the foundational legal documents—local constitutions—that define how municipalities are governed. They outline the structure of city government, delineate the powers of elected officials, and set the boundaries of local authority. In Texas, while all cities operate under state law, their autonomy varies based on whether they are classified as general-law or home-rule municipalities.

Under the Texas Constitution, cities with more than 5,000 residents may adopt a home-rule charter, giving them broad powers of self-governance unless restricted by state law.

The City of Rosenberg is a home-rule city and therefore operates under a City Charter.



City Charter Article XII – General Provisions

Sec. 12.11 – Amending the Charter.

Amendments to this Charter may be framed, proposed, and adopted in the manner provided herein by the laws of the State of Texas.



Proposed Amendment 1

Should Section 3.04. Compensation., of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg be amended in order to increase the maximum compensation for city council members and for the mayor?

Sec. 3.04. Compensation.

The city council shall fix the compensation to be received by its members; provided, however, that no council member shall receive more than ~~four~~ six hundred dollars (~~\$400~~600.00) per month and the mayor shall not receive more than ~~five~~ seven hundred dollars (~~\$500~~700.00) per month.



Proposed Amendment 2

Should Section 3.14. Comprehensive Plan., of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg be amended in order to remove the requirement that the City Council adopt, implement, and review a comprehensive plan?

~~Sec. 14. Comprehensive Plan.~~

- ~~a) The City Council shall adopt and implement a comprehensive plan to guide, regulate, and manage the future development within the corporate limits and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City, and to assure the most appropriate and beneficial use of land, water, and other natural resources, consistent with the public interest.~~
- ~~b) The comprehensive plan shall be reviewed and adopted no less than every five years.~~

[Deleted in its entirety]



Proposed Amendment 3

Should a new Section 3.15. Benefits., of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg be added in order to permit City Council members to participate in the City's health insurance plan on the same terms as full-time City employees?

Sec. 3.15. Benefits.

Each Councilmember shall be eligible to participate in any group health insurance available to full-time City employees.



Proposed Amendment 4

Should Section 6.02. Form of recall, initiative and referendum petition, generally., of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg be amended in order to eliminate the requirement to file a notice of intent to circulate a petition with the City Secretary prior to circulating a petition for recall, initiative or referendum to read as follows?

Sec. 6.02. Form of recall, initiative and referendum petition, generally.

- a) Any registered voter of the City may commence recall, initiative, or referendum proceedings by filing with the City Secretary a petition as required by this Article, ~~provided that the registered voter must file with the City Secretary a Notice of Intent to circulate a petition before circulating the petition.~~
- b) At least one signer of the petition must swear or affirm before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths that each signature on the petition was made by the person whose signature it purports to be, and that oath must be memorialized on the petition.



Proposed Amendment 4 - Continued

- c) A petition is valid if:
- 1) The petition complies with the applicable requirements of this Article and Chapter 277, Texas Election Code, ~~and~~
 - ~~2) —The petition is filed after the notice of intent to circulate a petition is properly filed under subsection (a), if applicable.~~
- d) Not later than the tenth business day after the date a petition is filed, the City Secretary shall review the petition and determine whether the petition is valid. If the City Secretary determines the petition is valid, the City Secretary shall attach a certificate to the petition stating that the petition is valid and submit the petition and certificate to the City Council as soon as practicable. If the City Secretary determines that the petition is not valid:
- (1) The City Secretary shall attach a certificate to the petition stating the facts supporting the determination that the petition is not valid;
 - (2) The City Secretary shall notify the person who filed the petition of the City Secretary's determination;
 - (3) The City Secretary shall return the petition to the person who filed it; and
 - (4) The petition may be amended or supplemented and resubmitted not later than the tenth business day after the date of the certification under Subdivision (1). The City Secretary shall determine the validity of a petition resubmitted under this subdivision in the same manner as the original submission except that, if the City Secretary determines the petition is not valid, then the petition may not be further amended or supplemented.
- e) The petition may consist of one or more copies, or subscription lists, circulated separately, and the signatures thereto may be upon the paper or papers containing the form of petition, or upon other papers attached thereto. Verifications provided for in this article may be made by one or more petitioners, and the several parts or copies of the petition may be filed separately and by different persons; but no signatures to such petition shall remain effective or be counted which were placed thereon more than forty-five days prior to the filing of such petition or petitions with the person performing the duties of city secretary. All papers comprising a recall petition shall be filed with the person performing the duties of city secretary on the same day, and the said secretary shall immediately notify, in writing, the officer so sought to be removed, by mailing such notice to his Rosenberg address. City Council shall adopt a form of a petition for recall, initiative and referendum petitions by ordinance.

[Portions deleted]



Proposed Amendment 5

Should Section 9.01. Power to borrow money., of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Rosenberg be amended in order to require a unanimous vote of the entire City Council to authorize Certificates of Obligation to read as follows?

Sec. 9.01. Power to borrow money.

- a) In keeping with the Constitution of Texas, and not contrary thereto, the City of Rosenberg shall have the right to issue, as provided herein, all tax bonds, revenue bonds, funding and refunding bonds, time warrants and other evidence of indebtedness as now authorized or as may hereafter be authorized to be issued by cities and towns by the General Laws of the State of Texas.
- b) The City of Rosenberg shall not authorize or issue Certificates of Obligation unless authorized by an ordinance with an unanimous vote ~~of two-thirds (2/3) approval~~ of the entire City Council.

[Portions deleted and replaced]



IMPORTANT DATES

- April 2, 2026 – Last day to register to vote in the May 2, 2026 election
- April 20, 2026 – First day of early voting by personal appearance
- April 20, 2026 – Last day to apply for ballot by mail
- April 28, 2026 – Last day of early voting by personal appearance
- May 2, 2026 – Last day FBC can receive ballot by mail
- May 2, 2026 – Election Day



Charter elections are important because they give local voters direct control over the fundamental rules of their city government. Changes adopted through charter elections can affect how power is distributed, how officials are elected, and how the city delivers services.

