

# A Resolution

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## **CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 7, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, FOR ADOPTION OR REJECTION, THIRTEEN (13) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH**

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 25328-02-2022, calling for and ordering a special election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, for the adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the existing charter of the City of Fort Worth; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 7, 2022, a special election was held at which the qualified voters of the City had the opportunity to vote for the adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the existing charter of the City of Fort Worth; and

**WHEREAS**, all circumstances surrounding the calling of election, giving of notice, holding of election, and return of ballots have been legally had and done; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Texas Election Code, the City Council of the City of Fort Worth is required to canvass the returns and declare the results of the election;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The declarations and findings contained in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct and shall be made a part hereof.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby finds and declares that a special election regarding the adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the existing charter of the City of Fort Worth was held on May 7, 2022, at which election qualified voters were given the opportunity to vote for adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the existing charter of the City of Fort Worth.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council further finds and declares that the returns for such election are as follows:

Tarrant  
County

Denton  
County

Parker  
County

Total

**Proposition F**

Shall Section 3 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide that the mayor's annual pay shall be half of the average annual base-rate salary for all City department heads and that the other city council members' annual pay shall be half of the average annual base-rate salary for all City assistant department heads starting October 1, 2022?

**Proposition G**

Shall Section 3 of Chapter IV of the Fort Worth City Charter be revised to add language explicitly stating that metes and bounds descriptions are not necessary when the city council district boundaries are revised due to population changes based on recent census data?

**Proposition H**

Shall Sections 1 and 3 of Chapter V, Section 4 of Chapter VI, and Section 3 of Chapter XXVIII of the Fort Worth City Charter be revised to delete references to certain appointees and employees having the option to request a City Council public hearing regarding their removal?

**Proposition I**

Shall Section 1 of Chapter XIX and Section 3 of Chapter XX of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to increase the city secretary's time for reviewing voter-submitted petitions from ten (10) days to twenty-five (25) days?

Tarrant  
County

Denton  
County

Parker  
County

Total

**Proposition J**

Shall Section 1 of Chapter IX of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to remove the assessment and collection of taxes as a duty of the department of finance to reflect that the current practice of assessing and collecting all taxes, including special assessments, is performed by the county?

**Proposition K**

Shall Chapter XV of the Fort Worth City Charter be deleted in its entirety since the functions of a health department are performed by Tarrant County instead of the city?

**Proposition L**

Shall Section 5 of Chapter XXI of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to reduce the required newspaper publications for the sale of certain property from once-a-week for four weeks to one time with a requirement that notice also be placed and remain on the city's webpage for the four weeks preceding the sale?

**Proposition M**

Shall Section 4 of Chapter XXII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to clarify that the city is not required to assess owners of abutting property for the cost of construction of sidewalks and curbs and that the city may directly pay such costs itself?

Tarrant  
County

Denton  
County

Parker  
County

Total

**Proposition N**

Shall Section 1 of Chapter XXIV of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide that the tax assessor-collector shall provide a list of assessments of real and personal property to the City Council in accordance with deadlines established under state law?

**Proposition O**

Shall Section 6 of Chapter XXVI of the Fort Worth City Charter, which requires public service corporations to file an annual report, be deleted in its entirety?

**Proposition P**

Shall Section 17 of Chapter XXVII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to allow the official advertising contract to have a term longer than one year?

**Proposition Q**

Shall Section 3 of Chapter I of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to delete outdated language and to reflect that an annexation election will be called and conducted in accordance with state law and may be conducted directly by the city or by county election officials contracted by the city with voters to mark ballot to indicate their selection?

**Proposition R**

Shall Section 11 of Chapter X of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to clarify that the independent auditor's duties consist of auditing records and expressing an opinion on the annual comprehensive financial report and single audit and to remove requirement for physically printed copies?

**SECTION 4.** The City Council further finds and declares that such returns are correct, and adopts them as the returns of the election held on May 7, 2022, together with the tabulation of the total number of votes received in each precinct.

**SECTION 5.** The City Council finds that Propositions G, I, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, and R be declared adopted by the City Fort Worth and the Fort Worth City Charter shall be amended to reflect the above adopted Propositions. Since Propositions F, H, and O failed, those changes will not be implemented.

**SECTION 6.** It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting of the Fort Worth City Council at which this Resolution was adopted was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 7.** This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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Mattie Parker, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Leann Guzman, City Attorney

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Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary