

Proposed Ballot Language:

Proposition No. 1 - Shall Article I, Section 4 of the League City Charter be amended to remove the steps that detail the City's procedure for adjusting its boundaries according to state law since the procedure is already detailed in state law and City must comply with state law regardless of the language of the City Charter; which will read as follows:

Article I, Section 4. - Adjustment of Boundaries.

The boundaries of the City of League City may be extended or adjusted by any method allowed under state law. Existing uses on newly annexed land shall be permitted to continue, but new uses may only be commenced in conformance with the City's zoning ordinances.

Proposition No. 2 - Shall Article II, Section 2.B of the League City Charter be amended clarify that members of the City Council may not serve more than two full consecutive terms as a member of the City Council; which will read as follows:

Article II. Section 2. - Qualifications of mayor and council members.

B. No person shall serve more than two full consecutive terms as a member of the City Council, regardless of council position.

Proposition No. 3 - Shall Article II, Section 7 of the League City Charter be amended clarify that a vacancy on the City Council due to three consecutive absences of meetings of the City Council becomes effective thirty days after third missed meeting so that the City Council has an opportunity to excuse the absence if a justifiable reason for the absences(s) exists; which will read as follows:

Section 7. - Failure to attend meetings.

Any member of the City Council remaining absent for three (3) consecutive meetings of the City Council of any kind, including regular meetings, special meetings or workshops, unless absence is excused by a simple majority the City Council for a reason found to be justifiable by the City Council, shall be determined to have vacated his office, which vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the Charter. The vacancy shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of the third consecutively missed meeting of the City Council. Without limiting the grounds for justifiable absence, sickness or leave of absence obtained in advance at a regular meeting, shall be deemed justifiable grounds for failure to attend a meeting.

Proposition No. 4 - Shall Article II, Section 8 of the League City Charter be amended to clarify that the Mayor Pro Tem will serve for a one-year period and he shall be appointed at the second regularly scheduled City Council meeting in November; which will read as follows:

Article II, Section 8. – Mayor pro tem.

The City Council shall, at its second meeting in November of every year or as soon as possible after November if there is not a second Council meeting in November, elect by simply majority one (1) of its members as Mayor Pro Tem, who shall perform the duties of the Mayor in case of his absence or inability to perform the duties of this office, and who shall for such time, be vested with all the powers of the Mayor. If the position of the Mayor pro tem becomes vacant, the City Council shall appoint a replacement to fill the remaining one-year term at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The Mayor pro tem shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

Proposition No. 5 - Shall Article II, Section 12 of the League City Charter be amended to state that all actions of the City Council, not just ordinances and resolutions, requires a majority vote of the members present?

Article II, Section 12. – Voting on Ordinances and Resolutions.

The votes upon all ordinances, resolutions, and other action of the City Council shall be recorded and entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of the City Council; and every ordinance, resolution, and any other action item shall require a final passage the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, except where otherwise specifically provided in this Charter or by other law.

Proposition No. 6 - Shall Article II, Section 17 of the League City Charter be amended to delete the reference of “Treasurer and Assessor and Collector of Taxes” from the office of the City Secretary since the City Secretary has never served in the role of Treasurer Assessor/Collector for the City and the City uses the County tax assessor (in Galveston and Harris Counties) for that function; which will read as follows:

Article II, Section 17. - Appointive officers.

The City Council shall appoint a competent person to be City Secretary to perform such duties as the City Council may prescribe. He shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give a good and sufficient bond of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), the amount thereof to be fixed by the City Council, and said bond to be approved by said City Council and filed and recorded in the minutes thereof. Said City Secretary shall be invested and charged with, and shall exercise all the powers, rights, and duties conferred upon the imposed by the General Laws of Texas, upon the City Secretary, except such powers, rights and duties as the City Council may by ordinance delegate to another and shall exercise such other power and rights and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance of the City Council.

The City Council shall also have the power and authority by ordinance to create such boards, commissions, agencies and offices, in addition to those specially provided for by this Charter, or by the laws of the State of Texas, and to provide for the expense and operation of same and the compensation to be paid such members, officers, and/or employees, as it may deem advisable. Such boards, commissions, agencies, and officers shall have all the powers and privileges and perform the duties that may be prescribed by ordinance, and the City Council may abolish, at any time it may see fit, any board, commission, agency or office which it creates, and may discharge any appointed officer, member, or employee; provided the offices of City Secretary may not be abolished under the terms of this section.

Proposition No. 7 - Shall Article II, Section 22 of the League City Charter be amended to state that all actions of the City Council, not just ordinances and resolutions, requires a majority vote of the members present; which will read as follows:

Article II, Section 22. - Passage of ordinances and resolutions.

Ordinances and resolutions shall be introduced in the Council only in written or printed form. Each ordinance shall be confined to one (1) subject. No ordinance shall be passed until it has been read on two (2) separate days, unless the requirements for reading it on two (2) separate days be dispensed with by the affirmative vote of a four-fifths (4/5) majority of the voting members of City Council present at the meeting. The final reading of each ordinance shall be in full, unless a written or printed copy thereof shall have been furnished to each member of the Council prior to such reading. Ordinances will be adopted on final reading by majority vote. The votes taken upon all action items shall be entered upon the Journal of the Proceedings

of the Council. It shall not be necessary that an ordinance be written in full upon the Journal of the City Council, but it shall be sufficient to refer therein to the number assigned to such ordinances in the Record of Ordinances to be maintained by the City Secretary. The enacting clause of all ordinances shall be "Be it ordained by the City Council of City of League City"; but the same may be omitted when published in book or pamphlet form. Nothing herein is intended to change the mandatory provisions of the Law of Texas with respect to the manner of adopting and publishing particular ordinances or to repeal provisions of this Charter relating to particular ordinances.

Proposition No. 8 - Shall Article VII, Section 5 of the League City Charter be amended to clarify that appropriations may be transferred from one "directorate" to another; which will read as follows:

Article VII, Section 5. – Transfer of appropriations.

The Council may transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof from one directorate, department, division or agency to another, at any time. The City Manager shall have authority, without Council authority, to transfer appropriation balances from one expenditure account to another within a single directorate, department, division or agency.

Proposition No. 9 - Shall Article VIII, Section 2 of the League City Charter be amended to delete the reference to a "City" tax assessor since the city has never employed a person to that position and the City has chosen to designate the Galveston County tax assessor for that function; which will read as follows:

Article VIII, Section 2. - Assessment of property for tax purposes.

All property, real, personal, or mixed, having a situs within the corporate limits of the City of League City on January 1st of each year, not expressly exempted by law, shall be subject to taxation by the City of League City for such year. The City shall designate a county tax assessor and collector to assess and collect the taxes on property within such corporate limits in the manner that the county tax assessor and collector assesses and collects its taxes. The mode and manner of making renditions, tax lists, assessments, and tax rolls shall be determined by state law.

Proposition No. 10 - Shall Article VIII, Section 3 of the League City Charter, which requires that the City Council appoint a 3-person Board of Directors to adjust assessed property values thereby functioning as an appraisal district, be deleted since the city has never created such a board, nor has it appointed any members to such a board and instead uses the County appraisal districts (in Galveston and Harris Counties) for that function; which will read as follows:

Article VIII, Section 3. - Reserved.

Proposition No. 11 - Shall Article VIII, Section 4 of the League City Charter be amended to delete the reference to a "City" Tax Assessor/Collector since the City does not employ such a position and the City has chosen to designate the Galveston County tax assessor for that function; which will read as follows:

Article VIII, Section 4. – Taxes: when due and payable.

All taxes due the City of League City shall be payable at the office of the County Tax Assessor and Collector that has been designated by the City. Due dates, delinquencies, and related matters shall be governed by state law.

Proposition No. 12 - Shall Article VIII, Section 6 of the League City Charter, which discusses how property owners communicate with the appraisal district in situations where there is a joint interest in property, be deleted since this section imposes no rule or limitation on the City or its officers/employees; which will read as follows:

Article VIII, Section 6. –Reserved.

Proposition No. 13 - Shall Article IX, Section 8 of the League City Charter be amended to remove the reference to the City's previous red-light vendor; which will read as follows:

Article IX, Section 8. – Photographic traffic enforcement prohibited

The deployment of photographic traffic enforcement systems, and any contracts or franchises or renewals related thereto on City public rights-of-way shall be prohibited.

Proposition No. 14 - Shall Article X, Section 17 of the League City Charter be amended to remove the requirement that the City Secretary shall pay the premium for his/her bond since the City currently pays the bond premiums for all executive level employees and city officials; which will read as follows:

Article X, Section 17. – Official Bond

The City Secretary and such other officers or employees as the City Council may by general ordinance require to do, shall give bond in such amount and with a solvent surety company as may be approved by the City Council. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the City.

Proposition No. 15 - Shall Article X, Section 21 of the League City Charter, which requires that all warrants or claims for payment be approved by the City Manager and City Council before payment may be issued, be deleted since there are state laws and internal policy controls that dictate how the City issues warrants or pays its claims and the City Council maintains additional oversight when it creates and approves the city budget every year.

Article X, Section 21. – Reserved