

# CHARTER PROPOSITIONS

## **A. Shall the first paragraph of Article II, Section 17 (Appointive Officers) be amended as follows:**

The City Council shall appoint a competent person to be City Secretary to perform such duties as the City Council may prescribe. He/~~she~~ shall, before entering upon the duties of his/~~her~~ office, give a good and sufficient bond ~~of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~, 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.

## **B. Shall Article II, Section 18 (Bond of Officers) be amended as follows:**

The Mayor and each ~~Councilman~~ Councilmember shall enter into a bond ~~of the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) each~~ with the bond amount determined by the City Council and shall be conditional for the faithful performance of the duties of their office, and shall be payable to the City of League City for its use and benefit. The bonds of all other officials and/or employees of the City shall be for such sum as may be fixed by the City Council, and shall be conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their office, and shall be payable to the City of League City. All bonds of officers or employees shall be approved by the City Council.

## **C. Shall Article III, Section 1 (General Election) be amended as follows:**

The regular election of Mayor and Councilpersons whose terms are expiring shall be held biennially on a uniform election date provided by State law. ~~The consecutive uniform election dates of 2013 and 2015 shall be suspended in order to adjust the length of the terms to facilitate the conduct of biennial elections in even-numbered years.~~ All elections shall be by nonpartisan ballot. In every such election each qualified voter shall vote for not more than one (1) candidate for each Council place to be filled and for Mayor if his/~~her~~ term shall expire. Said election shall be ordered by the Council, and in case of its failure to order the same, the Mayor of the City shall make such order. In the case of the inability of the Council and the Mayor to act, the election may be called by the City Secretary, and in case of his/her inability to act, by the County Judge of Galveston County, Texas, and in case of his/her inability to act, by the Governor of the State of Texas. The City Secretary shall give notice of such election by causing said notice to be published at least forty-five (45) days previous to the day of such election in the official newspaper of the City and posted at the City Hall of League City and at two (2) other public places within the corporate limits of the City. This Section shall supersede any conflicting section in the City Charter.

**D. Shall Article X, Section 7 (Streets and Subdivisions) be amended as follows:**

Should any property lying within the City limits or adjacent thereto be hereafter platted into blocks and lots, the owner of said property shall plat and lay the same off to conform to the streets of the City abutting said property, provided that no street right-of-way shall be less than sixty (60) feet in width, and said map and subdivision shall be subject to the approval of the City Council before same can be effective and valid and before same can be filed for record in the Map or Deed Records of Galveston County or Harris County, and after the same has been recorded in the Map or Deed Records of Galveston County or Harris County, a completed copy thereof bearing the certificate of the County Clerk showing the date of filing and place of record thereof shall be filed with the City Secretary and retained as a permanent record of the City.

**E. Shall Article II, Section 6 be amended as follows:**

~~If a seat on the City Council or the Mayor's position becomes vacant, it shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term at a special election called for such purpose, unless the next regular City Election is to be held within one hundred twenty (120) days from the time of such vacancy, and in that event the seat shall remain vacant until filled at such next regular election.~~

~~When any vacancy shall occur on the City Council, and there remains an unexpired term of more than 12 months, a special election shall be called to fill such vacancy in accordance with Art. 11, §11 of the Texas Constitution.~~

~~When any vacancy shall occur on the City Council, and there remains an unexpired term of 12 months or less, the City Council by majority vote may appoint a person who meets all the qualifications of this Charter to fill the vacancy until the next regular City Election date. If the City Council elects not to appoint such a person to fill the vacancy, then the City Council shall call a special election to fill such vacancy in accordance with Art. 11, § 11 of the Texas Constitution.~~

**F. Shall Article X, Section 13 be amended as follows:**

~~All ordinances and official notices required to be published shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, which newspaper shall be selected annually as such official newspaper.~~

~~The City Council shall annually designate an official newspaper for the City for the publication of ordinances as required by state law or this charter.~~

**G. Shall Article X, Section 21 be amended as follows:**

~~Section 21. Reserved.~~

Section 21. Fireworks.

The City Council may, by ordinance, allow for the discharge of fireworks within the city limits during the Independence Day holiday (July 4-5) and the New Year's holiday (December 31 - January 1)

**H. Shall Article IV, Section 9 be added as follows:**

Section 9. Council-initiated Propositions.

The City Council, upon its own motion and by a majority vote of its members, may submit to popular vote for adoption or rejection any proposed ordinance or measure, or may submit for repeal any existing ordinance or resolution, subject to the limitations provided in this article for submission on petition, during any general election. At the time the election is called, the city council shall declare whether the vote is binding or nonbinding. The City Council may only submit up to five propositions per each general election.

**I. Shall Article VII, Section A be amended as follows:**

The City shall not issue general obligation bonds unless first submitted to all of the qualified voters in the City for their approval at an election duly called and held for such purposes, with the exception of the borrowing authorized by Section 9 and 10, Article VII, only. The ballot language for any general obligation bonds must include language that approval of the general obligation bonds may result in a tax increase. The City Council can issue refunding bonds for existing obligations without submitting the issue to the voters.