

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-

AN ORDINANCE ENTERING AN ORDER IN THE RECORDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY DECLARING THAT THE CHARTER AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2024, there was held within and throughout the territory of the City of League City, Texas, (the “City”), an election (the “Election”), to provide for the registered voters of the City to vote on separate propositions for the amendment of the City Charter, a copy of a sample ballot being attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and appearing from the returns, duly and legally made, there were cast at the Election 57,432 ballots. Each voter received one (1) ballot for the propositions from which each of the propositions received the following number of votes:

PROPOSITION A	For	29,730	Against	16,780
PROPOSITION B	For	26,293	Against	20,038
PROPOSITION C	For	31,020	Against	13,248
PROPOSITION D	For	34,004	Against	13,028
PROPOSITION E	For	31,065	Against	16,376
PROPOSITION F	For	24,632	Against	22,453
PROPOSITION G	For	33,477	Against	15,878
PROPOSITION H	For	34,439	Against	11,120
PROPOSITION I	For	34,711	Against	12,759

WHEREAS, under Section 9.005 of the Texas Local Government Code, a charter amendment does not take effect until the governing body of the municipality enters an order in the records of the municipality declaring that the charter amendment is adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. The facts and opinions in the preamble to this Ordinance are true and correct.

Section 2. The Election was duly called, Notice of the Election was given in accordance with law, and the Election was held in accordance with law.

Section 3. The City Council has examined such returns and opened and canvassed the vote of such election on November 19, 2024.

Section 4. The City hereby enters an order into the record declaring the following amendments adopted and the City Charter shall be changed to reflect these approved amendments:

**Proposition A** – ***“SHALL ARTICLE II, SECTION 17 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE***

***AMENDED TO ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL TO DETERMINE THE BOND AMOUNT FOR THE CITY SECRETARY?"; which will read as follows:***

Article II, Section 17. – Appointive officers. (NEW LANGUAGE)

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, 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. The Mayor shall have exclusive power to appoint members for boards, commissions and agencies of the City, subject to confirmation by the City Council. 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 B – "SHALL ARTICLE II, SECTION 18 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL TO DETERMINE THE BOND AMOUNT FOR ITS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS?"; which will read as follows:***

Article II, Section 18. – Bond of officers. (NEW LANGUAGE)

The Mayor and each Councilmember shall enter into a bond 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.

***Proposition C – "SHALL ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO THE 2013 AND 2015 ELECTION DATES, REFLECTING THE TRANSITION TO BIENNIAL ELECTIONS?"; which will read as follows:***

Article III, Section 1. – General election. (NEW LANGUAGE)

The regular election of Mayor and Councilpersons whose terms are expiring shall be held biennially on a uniform election date provided by State law. 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.

**Proposition D** – ***“SHALL ARTICLE X, SECTION 7 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO HARRIS COUNTY IN THE REGULATIONS FOR STREETS AND SUBDIVISIONS, SINCE PARTS OF LEAGUE CITY ARE IN HARRIS COUNTY?”***; which will read as follows:

Article X, Section 7. – Streets and Subdivisions. (NEW LANGUAGE)

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.

In no case shall the City of League City be required to pay for any of the streets, alleys, or easements shown upon such plat or map, but when opened by reason of the platting of said property, at whatever date platted, such streets, alleys, and easements shall become by such act, the property of the City of League City for public use to which same are dedicated by the plat, and shall be cared for as such.

**Proposition E** – ***“SHALL ARTICLE II, SECTION 6 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPOINT A QUALIFIED PERSON TO FILL A CITY COUNCIL VACANCY IF THE REMAINING TERM IS 12 MONTHS OR LESS?”***; which will read as follows:

Article II, Section 6. – Vacancies in the city council; how filled. (NEW LANGUAGE)

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.

**Proposition F** – ***“SHALL ARTICLE X, SECTION 13 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT THAT OFFICIAL NOTICES***

***BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY?"; which will read as follows:***

Article X, Section 13. – Designation of official newspaper. (NEW LANGUAGE)

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.

**Proposition G** – ***"SHALL ARTICLE X, SECTION 21 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE CREATED TO GIVE THE CITY COUNCIL THE OPTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LIMITED DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS VIA ORDINANCE DURING THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY (JULY 4-5) AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAY (DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 1)?"***; which will read as follows:

Article X, Section 21. – Fireworks. (NEW LANGUAGE)

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).

**Proposition H** – ***SHALL ARTICLE IV, SECTION 9 BE ADDED TO THE CITY CHARTER TO ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL TO SUBMIT UP TO FIVE (5) PROPOSITIONS DURING ANY GENERAL ELECTION?"***; which will read as follows:

Article IV, Section 9. – Council-initiated Propositions. (NEW LANGUAGE)

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.

**Proposition I** – ***"SHALL ARTICLE VII, SECTION 12A OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE THAT THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR ANY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS INCLUDE A STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THEIR APPROVAL MAY RESULT IN A TAX INCREASE?"***; which will read as follows:

Article VII, Section 12A. – Limitation on general obligation bonds. (NEW LANGUAGE)

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.

Section 5. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

Section 6. As soon as practicable, the Mayor of the City of League City shall certify to the Texas Secretary of State an authenticated copy of the Charter showing all amendments that were approved by the voters of the City of League City at the Special Election of November 5, 2024.

Section 7. As soon as practicable, the Mayor of the City of League City shall certify to the U. S. Department of Justice an authenticated copy of the Charter showing all amendments that were approved by the voters of the City of League City at the Special Election of November 5, 2024.

Section 8. All ordinances and agreements and parts of ordinances and agreements in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict only. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

APPROVED first reading the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

PASSED and ADOPTED the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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NICK LONG,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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DIANA M. STAPP,  
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MICHELLE L. VILLARREAL,  
City Attorney