

CITY OF TEXAS CITY
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER

ARTICLES I, II and III

(Note: Current charter language proposed to be deleted is [bracketed and underlined.]
All amendatory language is *italicized and in bold face.*)

ARTICLE I. INCORPORATION, POWERS AND TERRITORY

SECTION 1. CORPORATE NAME AND STATUS

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 2. ENUMERATED POWERS NOT EXCLUSIVE

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 3. BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY

The boundaries of the city shall be the same as have been heretofore established and now exist and those boundaries established and changed hereafter in all annexation and disannexation proceedings of the city, -filed in the office of the city secretary.

The city commission may by ordinance annex territory adjacent to the city, [with or without the consent of the owners or inhabitants of the annexed territory, and] subject to the procedural rules prescribed by the laws of the state of Texas.

The city commission, after a public hearing and a majority vote of the commission, may by ordinance pursuant to state law and this Charter disannex any property lying within and adjacent to the boundary limits of the city, and lying adjacent to the city limits.

ARTICLE II. GOVERNING BODY

SECTION 1. THE CITY COMMISSION; TERM OF OFFICE

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR COMMISSION

The mayor and each commissioner shall, in addition to the other qualifications prescribed by law:

- (1) Be at least [21] **18** years of age and a qualified resident voter in the city;
- (2) If a candidate for a district commissioner position, be a resident of the district from which election is sought for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and continue to reside in said district during term of office;
- (3) If a candidate for mayor or an at-large commissioner position, be a resident of the city for

at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and continue to reside in the city during term of office.

A member of the commission ceasing to possess any of the qualifications specified in this section or convicted of a felony while in office, shall immediately forfeit his/her office.

If a member of the commission is absent for three (3) consecutive, regular meetings without an explanation acceptable to a majority of the commission, the office of that commissioner shall be declared vacant at the next regular meeting.

SECTION 3. ELECTION OF COMMISSION.

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES.

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 5. SALARIES OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

The salary of the mayor shall be fixed by the commission not to exceed [five hundred] *eight hundred, fifty* dollars per month. The salary of each commissioner shall be fixed by the commission not to exceed [one hundred] *one hundred, sixty-five* dollars per month.

ARTICLE III. PROCEDURES OF THE COMMISSION; LEGISLATION

SECTION 1. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 2. MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM.

At the first regular meeting after every election, held for the purpose of electing new city commissioners, the members of the city commission shall elect one of their members to serve as mayor pro tem, and he/she shall perform all the duties of the mayor in his/her absence or disability. The mayor shall preside at meetings of the commission and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are or may be conferred and imposed upon him/her by this Charter and the ordinances of the city. *He/she shall serve as the chief executive officer of the city.* He/she shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for serving civil processes, and by the governor for purposes of military law.

In the time of public danger or emergency, the mayor shall take command of the police, maintain order and enforce the law. If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor, or in the case of his absence or disability, the mayor pro tem shall act as mayor until a successor is elected or appointed and has qualified.

SECTION 3. CITY SECRETARY.

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 4. COMMISSION RULES.

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 5. QUORUM.

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 6. INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 7. WHEN ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

No amendatory action proposed.

SECTION 8. AUTHENTICATION AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Upon its final passage, each ordinance or resolution shall be authenticated by the signatures of the mayor and of the city secretary and shall be systematically recorded in a manner approved by the commission. Any ordinance may also be authenticated by the signatures of the city secretary and three members of the commission. [Every] *The caption of every* ordinance imposing any penalty, fine, or forfeiture shall, after passage thereof, be published in one issue of the official paper; and proof of such publication shall be made by the printer or publisher of such paper, making affidavit before some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, and filed with the person performing the duties of city secretary and said affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of such publication and promulgation of such ordinance in courts of the state; and such ordinance so published shall take effect, and be in force, from and after ten days after publication thereof, unless otherwise expressly provided. Ordinances not required to be published shall take effect, and be in force, from and after the passage, unless otherwise provided.

The commission shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of each fiscal or municipal year, enter into a contract with a public newspaper of the city as the official paper thereof, and to continue as such until another is selected, and shall cause to be published therein all ordinances, notices, and other matters required by this Charter or by the ordinances of the city to be published.

