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May 4 Special Charter Amendment Election – Important Dates

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Important Dates & Times:

April 4: Last day to register to vote to be eligible for election

April 22 – 26: Early voting from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

April 29 – 30: Early voting from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

May 4: Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

All voting takes place at in the Council Chambers at Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro St.

What is a City Charter?

The Burleson City Charter is the constitution of the City that sets out legislation regarding the form of government, administration of the City, and other issues such as elections, finances, and powers of the City.

What is a Charter Amendment Election?

The City Charter was adopted by the voters of Burleson and can only be changed by an election. A majority of the qualified voters of Burleson can authorize an amendment to the City Charter. It cannot be changed by legislative action of the City Council.

Voters will have the opportunity to vote on six propositions for proposed changes to the City Charter, they are as follows:

PROPOSITION A

Shall the Burleson Home Rule Charter be amended to require that the mayor pro tem shall be elected each year by August 31st, and to clarify that in the event of a vacancy in the office of the mayor, the mayor pro tem serves until a new mayor is qualified, by revising Section 22(b)?

PROPOSITION B

Shall the Burleson Home Rule Charter be amended to delete the local application requirements for a place on the ballot for city council and thereby allow state application requirements for a place on the ballot to control, by revising Subsection 94(a) and deleting Subsection 94(b)?

PROPOSITION C

Shall the Burleson Home Rule Charter be amended to establish parameters for the prohibition of the city council, city manager, city secretary deputy city manager, department heads or a deputy department head to contract with, or sell materials, supplies or services to the city, by revising Section 132?

PROPOSITION D

Shall the Burleson Home Rule Charter be revised to clarify the prohibition of council persons or employees accepting gifts, by revising Section 133?

PROPOSITION E

Shall the Burleson Home Rule Charter be amended to revise the nepotism provision to include the planning and zoning commission, and the zoning board of adjustments and provide exceptions consistent with state law, by revising Section 134?

PROPOSITION F

Shall the Burleson Home Rule Charter be amended to make non-substantive grammatical corrections and clarifications and to delete redundant or moot provisions by revising or deleting Sections 9, 20, 23(c), 25, 26, 33, 34, 41, 79, 95, 111, 113, 114, 116, and 117?

Additional city election information may be found on the city's website,
www.burlesontx.com/elections

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