

AMENDMENTS TO THE DALLAS CITY CHARTER RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Items in bold are policy issues

Items underlined are changes to city department operations

Items in italics are technical corrections

(Staff comments are in parentheses)

<u>Citation</u>	<u>Yes/Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
III §4	Yes (4-22)	Increase councilmember compensation to reflect the CPI increase from 2001, when the compensation was set, to 2014. (See memo dated April 1, 2014 with the correct numbers reflecting the CPI adjustments from the 2001 base year. Councilmember compensation increased to \$49,530.49 and Mayor's compensation increased to \$79,541.84. Increase to be effective at the next city council election.)
III §17(a)	Yes (4-8)	Clarify that the prohibition on running for other offices applies to municipal judges, all board and commission members, and any officer of the city.
III §17(a)	Yes (4-8)	Make the prohibition on running for other offices apply to DART board members and DFW board members.
III §19	Yes (4-22)	Require the audited financial statements to be posted on the city's website and maintained in the central and branch libraries.
IV §5	Yes (4-21)	Revise the redistricting process.
VIII §4A	Yes (4-8)	Clarify that a municipal judge automatically resigns if the judge announces that he/she is a candidate for an elected office.
VIII §4A	Yes (4-8)	Add a cross-reference to III §17.
VIII §4A	Yes (4-8)	Revise the procedures for removal of municipal judges.
XI §3	Yes (4-22)	Require the annual appropriation ordinance to be posted on the city's website and maintained in the central and branch libraries.
XV §4	Yes (4-22)	Require notice of city plan commission meetings to be posted on the city's website.

XXVIII §7	Yes (4-22)	Require ordinances to be published on the city's website unless otherwise required by law.
XXVIII §15	Yes (4-22)	Require ordinances to be submitted to voters to be posted on the city's website and maintained in the central and branch libraries.
XXII §2	Yes (4-22)	Require notice of contract letting be posted on the city's website.
XXII §11(a)	Yes (4-8)	Provide that members of the DART Board appointed by Dallas will be treated as city officials for purposes of this provision.
XXII §11(a)	Yes (4-8)	Harmonize the prohibition on financial interests in city contracts to apply only to a "substantial interest" in keeping with Dallas City Code Chapter 12A or Texas Local Government Code §171.

V §1(3)	Yes (4-15)	<u>Amend Subsection (3) to give the City Secretary 60 days to review a petition.</u>
XVI §12(a)	Yes (4-21)	<u>Allow to Civil Service Board to designate the secretary of the Trial Board, rather than City Council.</u>
XVIII §12	Yes (4-15)	<u>Allow the City Secretary 60 days to review a petition, to match the time in XVIII §11.</u>
XXII §1	Yes (4-15)	<u>Specify that the exclusive means of executing a contract on behalf of the city is by signature of the city manager with approval by the city attorney. Also add a statement that publication of an ordinance or resolution to make it effective after passage does not constitute execution of the ordinance or resolution as a contract unless the ordinance or resolution expressly states publication acts as execution.</u>

III §6(a)(b)	Yes (3-4)	<i>City Council does not actually meet every week.</i>
III §10	Yes (3-4)	<i>Allow city councilmembers to abstain from voting if required by any law.</i>
III §11	Yes (4-1)	<i>Clarify when the mayor is absent and when the Mayor Pro Tem assumes the duties of the Mayor.</i>
III §17(c)	Yes (4-1)	<i>Amend the charter and code of ethics to conform to state law, which prohibits a city from terminating an employee who runs for public office. (See Texas Local Government Code §150.041.)</i>
III §19	Yes (3-4)	<i>Change reference to “accounts, records, and transactions” to “annual financial statements” because that is what is actually audited. Require the CPA to be licensed by the State of Texas. Certification of budget estimates is the duty of the city’s internal auditor, not the external independent auditor.</i>
III §20	Yes (3-4)	<i>Clarify that the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for management of the city’s financial assets. Move responsibility for deposit of funds from XI §13 to this section. Require that deposits be made promptly rather than within 24 hours.</i>
XI §4	Yes (3-4)	<i>“Unencumbered” is misspelled.</i>
XI §5	Yes (3-4)	<i>The cross-reference to Subdivisions (4) and (5) of Section 1 is not correct.</i>
XI §6	Yes (4-21)	<i>The reference to the City Secretary is probably incorrect; it would be the Chief Financial Officer who would provide any notice.</i>
XI §8	Yes (4-21)	<i>Change “City Controller” to “Chief Financial Officer.”</i>
XI §11	Yes (3-4)	<i>The cross-reference to Section 10 is not correct.</i>
XI §13	Yes (3-4)	<i>Move responsibility for deposit of funds from XI §13 to III §20.</i>
XV §1(2)	Yes (3-4)	<i>The comprehensive plan is amended by ordinance, not resolution.</i>

XV §7	Yes (3-4)	<i>Delete because alternate members of the Board of Adjustment are addressed in Dallas Development Code §51A-3.102(a).</i>
XVI §12(c)	Yes (3-4)	<i>Change the time from 10 days to 10 working days to be consistent with the Personnel Rules.</i>
XVI §16(a)	Yes (3-4)	<i>Include all protected classes (color, age, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, disability). (See Dallas City Code §34-35.)</i>
XVI §16(d)	Yes (3-4)	<i>Amend the section to conform to <u>Wachsman v. Dallas</u>.</i>
XIX §1	Yes (3-4)	<i>Change the reference to the tax assessor and collector to the chief appraiser of the appraisal districts of the counties in which the City of Dallas is located. Change the date from July 1st to July 25th. Delete the phrase “or as soon thereafter as practicable.”</i>
XX §2	Yes (3-4)	<i>Improvements are ordered by ordinance. Delete the second sentence stating that notice of a council resolution is not required.</i>
XX §11	Yes (3-4)	<i>The reference to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 402 is no longer current.</i>
XXII §11(a)	Yes (3-4)	<i>Change the term “officer” to “official” to be consistent with Dallas City Code Chapter 12A.</i>
XXIV §13	Yes (3-4)	<i>Change September to August, and allow City Council to begin the nomination process, rather than make the appointments.</i>