

PROPOSITION A – EXTENSION OF CITY LIMITS

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to replace annexation provisions inconsistent with state law with provisions that provide for annexation in accordance with state law; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

Changes in state law now require consent or an election for most annexations in Texas. The proposed amendment would provide for annexation in accordance with current law upon one of the following: request of all owners, a petition of the majority of voters in an area with less than 200 population, or election in an area with more than 200 population. Affects sections 6 and 7 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Updates Charter language to comply with current state law regarding annexation

A VOTE AGAINST: Retains Charter language that no longer complies with state law

PROPOSITION B – CHANGE OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to repeal the requirement to obtain preclearance approval under the Voting Rights Act that is no longer required under federal law prior to amendments of existing district boundaries becoming effective; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The Federal Voting Rights Act previously required that any changes affecting voting, including changes to district boundaries, must be approved by the Department of Justice (DOJ) before those changes became effective. Since June 2013, preclearance by the DOJ is no longer required. The proposed change would eliminate the preclearance requirement in the Charter that is no longer required by federal law. Affects section 8 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Eliminates the requirement that the City obtain DOJ approval prior to changing district boundaries

A VOTE AGAINST: Retains the Charter language that requires the City to obtain DOJ approval prior to changing district boundaries which is no longer required by federal law.

PROPOSITION C – COUNCIL COMPENSATION

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to change monthly compensation from \$100 to \$250 for each Councilmember and \$200 to \$350 for the Mayor; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The Charter currently provides for compensation for Councilmembers not to exceed \$100 per month and compensation for the mayor not to exceed \$200 per month. The proposed amendment

would provide for compensation for Councilmembers not to exceed \$250 per month and compensation for the mayor not to exceed \$350 per month. Affects section 24 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Changes compensation for Councilmembers to \$250 per month and compensation for the mayor to \$350 per month

A VOTE AGAINST: Retains current compensation for Councilmembers at \$100 per month and compensation for the mayor at \$200 per month

PROPOSITION D – APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF CITY MANAGER

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to remove the provision that allows the City Manager, if removed at any time after six months from appointment, to demand written charges and a public hearing prior to the date on which final removal shall take effect; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The City Charter currently allows the City Manager to demand written charges and a public hearing before the City Council prior to the effective date of final removal if the removal takes place at any time after six months from the City Manager's appointment. The proposed amendment would remove the City Manager's authority under the Charter to demand written charges and a public hearing under these circumstances. Affects section 28 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Removes language from the City Charter that allows the City Manager to demand written charges and a public hearing if removed at any time after six months from appointment

A VOTE AGAINST: Retains language from the City Charter that allows the City Manager to demand written charges and a public hearing if removed at any time after six months from appointment

PROPOSITION E – INDUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to provide for a special meeting following an election for the purpose of qualifying newly elected Councilmembers; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The Charter currently requires that newly elected members qualify and assume the duties of office at the next regular meeting following each regular or special election, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The proposed change requires that City Council hold a special meeting following each regular or special election as soon as practicable after a regular or special election for the purpose of qualifying newly elected members. Affects section 34 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Requires that City Council hold a special meeting to qualify newly elected members

A VOTE AGAINST:Retains language that requires newly elected members to qualify and assume the duties of office at the next regular meeting following each regular or special election

PROPOSITION F – PROCEDURE FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to require a public hearing for any ordinance imposing or increasing a fine or fee; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The City Charter sets out certain procedures for passing ordinances. The proposed amendment would add a requirement to require a public hearing prior to any ordinance imposing or increasing a fine or fee. Affects section 38 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Adds a requirement to hold a public hearing prior to adopting an ordinance imposing or increasing a fine or fee

A VOTE AGAINST:Retains current procedures for passing ordinances

PROPOSITION G – INVESTIGATION BY COUNCIL

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to allow individual councilmembers to inquire into the conduct of any office, department, agency or officer of the city; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The current City Charter gives the City Council as a body the power to inquire into the conduct of any office, department, agency, or officer of the City, and to make investigations as to municipal affairs. The proposed amendment would grant individual Councilmembers the power to make said inquiries, while the City Council as a body would retain full investigative power. Affects section 39 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Grants individual Councilmembers the power to inquire into the conduct of any office, department, agency, or officer of the City

A VOTE AGAINST:Retains current authority of the City Council as a body to conduct inquiries into the conduct of any office, department, agency, or officer of the City and investigations as to municipal affairs

PROPOSITION H – COPIES OF THE BUDGET

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to delete the requirement to send a copy of the budget to the State Comptroller; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The Charter currently requires that a copy of the budget as finally adopted be filed with the City Clerk, the County Clerk, and the State Comptroller. However, there is no statutory requirement

that the Comptroller receive a copy of the City's budget, and the Comptroller's office has informed the City that it will not keep the City's budget on file. The proposed amendment would remove the requirement to send the budget to the State Comptroller. Affects section 60 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Removes the requirement to send a copy of the City's budget to the State Comptroller

A VOTE AGAINST: Retains the requirement to send a copy of the City's budget to the State Comptroller

PROPOSITION I – POWER TO BORROW

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to remove the authority to secure revenue bonds by a mortgage or deed of trust on the physical properties of public utilities; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The Charter currently authorizes the City to issue revenue bonds payable from the revenues of any municipal utility and to secure such revenue bonds by a mortgage or deed of trust on the physical properties of such utility. The proposed amendment would remove the ability to secure the revenue bonds by mortgaging or deeding the physical properties of the utility. Affects section 66 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Removes the City's ability to secure revenue bonds by mortgaging or deeding the physical properties of a municipal utility

A VOTE AGAINST: Retains the City's ability to secure revenue bonds by mortgaging or deeding the physical properties of a municipal utility

PROPOSITION J – NAMES ON COUNCIL BALLOTS

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to remove the requirement for full names to be printed on official ballots; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The current Charter requires that full names of candidates for the City Council be printed on the official ballots. However, the Texas Election Code does not require the full name to be printed, but allows for differences such as certain initials, nicknames, and suffixes. The proposed amendment would delete the Charter requirement to print a candidate's full name. State law requirements for the form of names on the ballot would apply. Affects section 96 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Removes the requirement to print a City Council candidate's full name on the ballot and allows initials, suffixes, etc. to be placed on the ballot in accordance with state law

A VOTE AGAINST: Retains the requirement to print a City Council candidate's full name on the ballot which does not comply with state law

PROPOSITION K – POWER OF INITIATIVE

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to except from the power of initiative an ordinance subject to state or federal law requirements that cannot be met through the initiative ordinance process; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The Charter currently gives electors the power to propose a new ordinance with two exceptions: 1) an ordinance that appropriates money and 2) an ordinance that authorizes the levy of taxes. However, ordinances related to particular subjects are regulated by state and federal law and include prerequisites to adoption or enforcement. This amendment would add an exception so that an ordinance subject to federal or state law requirements that cannot be satisfied using the initiative ordinance process would not be required to be adopted. Affects section 100 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Adds an exception to the power of initiative so that an ordinance subject to federal or state law requirements that cannot be satisfied using the initiative ordinance process would not be required to be adopted

A VOTE AGAINST: Does not add an exception to the power of initiative

PROPOSITION L – DEFINITIONS

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to define the term "Officer"; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The proposed amendment would add a definition of the term "Officer" to the definition section of the Charter. The proposed amendment would clarify that the term "Officer" refers to the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Manager, Assistant City Managers and department heads, except that "officers of the police department" and "peace officers" refer to law enforcement officers. Affects section 151 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Adds a definition of the term "Officer"

A VOTE AGAINST: Does not add a definition of the term "Officer"

PROPOSITION M – RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE

Amend the Charter of the City of Killeen to require a member of the City Council to resign from their present office immediately upon filing for either the office of the Mayor or the office of Councilmember that they do not currently hold; and to make certain other grammatical and technical changes related thereto.

The City Charter currently requires that any member of the City Council running for either the office of the Mayor or the office of Councilmember that they do not currently hold to resign and vacate their present office at least forty (40) days prior to the election. The proposed amendment would require such member of the City Council to resign and vacate the present office immediately upon filing for the different office. Affects section 22 of the City Charter.

A VOTE FOR: Requires a member of the City Council to resign or vacate their present office immediately upon filing for either the office of Mayor or office of Councilmember that they do not currently hold

A VOTE AGAINST: Retains the current timeframe for resignation