

ORDINANCE NO. 7529

AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTION OR REJECTION OF SEVENTEEN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS, SUCH ELECTION HAVING BEEN HELD ON MAY 4th OF 2024, AND DECLARING RESULTS OF THAT ELECTION.

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of May, 2024, at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Garland, Texas, the City Council canvassed the results of a special home-rule election held on the 4th day of May, 2024 for the purpose of submitting to the voters, for adoption or rejection, proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Garland, Texas, such election having been duly ordered by the City Council, acting pursuant to Ordinance No. 7506, duly passed by the City Council on the 6th day of February, 2024 by the authority of the Constitution and laws of this State; and; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the election officials of the several voting districts of the City have, in compliance with the law in such cases made and provided, made returns to the City Council in the time and manner required, and the City Council, having canvassed the vote from each of those districts, does find the total number of votes casts for each proposition is as follows:

Proposition A.

FOR	2,186 (Dallas Co.)
	1 (Collin Co.)
AGAINST	613 (Dallas Co.)
	0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article III, Section 1(D) of the Home Rule Charter be amended to redefine "term" to mean in excess of annual consecutive statutory election dates?"

Proposition B.

FOR	2,134 (Dallas Co.)
	1 (Collin Co.)

AGAINST 677 (Dallas Co.)
0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article III, Section 1(F) of the Home Rule Charter be amended to mirror state redistricting law of ten (10) year intervals?"

Proposition C.

FOR 2,528 (Dallas Co.)
1 (Collin Co.)

AGAINST 307 (Dallas Co.)
0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article III, Section 1(F) of the Home Rule Charter be amended to add protections against gerrymandering?"

Proposition D.

FOR 2,167 (Dallas Co.)
0 (Collin Co.)

AGAINST 624 (Dallas Co.)
0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article III, Section 2 of the Home Rule Charter be amended the qualifications of councilmembers?"

Proposition E.

FOR 1,559 (Dallas Co.)
0 (Collin Co.)

AGAINST 1,281 (Dallas Co.)
0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article III, Section 3 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to increase the compensation for Mayor and Councilmembers?"

Proposition F.

FOR 1,876 (Dallas Co.)
1 (Collin Co.)

AGAINST 967 (Dallas Co.)
0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article III, Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to add gender neutral language consistent with the rest of the charter?"

Proposition G.

FOR 2,266 (Dallas Co.)
1 (Collin Co.)

AGAINST 526 (Dallas Co.)
0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article III, Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to add a reference to the Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore position on council?"

Proposition H.

FOR 2,405 (Dallas Co.)
1 (Collin Co.)

AGAINST 408 (Dallas Co.)
0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article III, Section 5(A) of the Home Rule Charter be amended to add a thirty (30) day deadline for the Governor to respond to an election petition from the City before the City Council can fulfill the vacancy by appointment?"

Proposition I.

FOR 2,446 (Dallas Co.)
1 (Collin Co.)

AGAINST 354 (Dallas Co.)
0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article IV, Section 2 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to clarify the council appointed positions to which the removal procedure applies?"

Proposition J.

FOR	2,418	(Dallas Co.)
	1	(Collin Co.)
AGAINST	392	(Dallas Co.)
	0	(Collin Co.)

"Shall Article IV, Section 3 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to change the enforcement procedure of improper communication with appointments to be pursuant to the City's Code of Ethics?"

Proposition K.

FOR	2,440	(Dallas Co.)
	1	(Collin Co.)
AGAINST	406	(Dallas Co.)
	0	(Collin Co.)

"Shall Article IV, Section 8(A) of the Home Rule Charter be amended to change the allowed contract of the City Auditor to not exceed five (5) years?"

Proposition L.

FOR	2,383	(Dallas Co.)
	1	(Collin Co.)
AGAINST	466	(Dallas Co.)
	0	(Collin Co.)

"Shall Article V, Section 2 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to change the allowed contract of the City Manager to not exceed five (5) years?"

Proposition M.

FOR	2,379	(Dallas Co.)
	1	(Collin Co.)
AGAINST	471	(Dallas Co.)
	0	(Collin Co.)

"Shall Article VI, Section 1 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to change the allowed contract of the City Attorney to not exceed five (5) years?"

Proposition N.

FOR	2,471 (Dallas Co.)
	0 (Collin Co.)
AGAINST	356 (Dallas Co.)
	0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article XI, Section 1(E) of the Home Rule Charter be amended to clarify the circumstances of the Mayor's appointment to a vacancy on the Plan Commission?"

Proposition O.

FOR	2,503 (Dallas Co.)
	1 (Collin Co.)
AGAINST	337 (Dallas Co.)
	0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article XI, Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to simplify and clarify the Zoning powers of the City to be consistent with City Ordinances and state law?"

Proposition P.

FOR	2,196 (Dallas Co.)
	1 (Collin Co.)
AGAINST	583 (Dallas Co.)
	0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article XI, Section 7 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to add the allowance of delegation of certain plat approval pursuant to recent changes in state law?"

Proposition Q.

FOR	2,356 (Dallas Co.)
	1 (Collin Co.)
AGAINST	464 (Dallas Co.)
	0 (Collin Co.)

"Shall Article XII, Section 1 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to remove the specific reference to May and be consistent with any statutorily designated uniform election date?"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS:

Section 1.

That the proposed amendments adopted and approved by a majority of the voters in the special home-rule election of the City of Garland, Texas held on the 4th day of May, 2024, as set forth above, and as more particularly described in Ordinance No. 7506, are hereby made part of the Charter of the City.

Section 2.

That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of May, 2024.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Secretary