

Ennis Charter – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS – November 3, 2026, Election

Proposition	Why it is proposed
A - Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to replace all references to City Council with City Commission and all references to Council with Commission?	Creates consistency of terms throughout the Charter
B - Shall subsections A(1)(a) and (c) of Section 3.01, City Commission, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify that the sixth City Commissioner is the Mayor Pro Tem who is elected by the voters and a conflicting sentence in Subsection A of Section 3.08, Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, be deleted?	Removes conflict and clarifies that the “Mayor Pro Tem” is the “sixth Commissioner”
C - Shall subsection A(1)(b) of Section 3.01, City Commission, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify the quorum of the Commission in the case of the number of Commissioners being reduced to less than five?	Clarifies the number required for a quorum in the event of vacancies (and corrects grammar)
D - Shall the provision regarding redistricting be moved to Section 3.01, City Commission, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis?	“Redistricting” aligns better with the section describing City wards
E - Shall subsections A. and C. of Section 3.02, The Commission, Term of Office, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to remove references to the effective date of the 2017 Charter election provisions regarding terms and term limits?	Removes outdated language on effective date for three-year terms voted on in 2016
F - Shall subsection C. of Section 3.02, The Commission, Term of Office, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify that the term limit for City Commissioners is three consecutive, three-year terms?	Clarifies that City Commission members can serve three consecutive three-year terms
G - Shall subsection D. of Section 3.02, The Commission, Term of Office, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to require that all Commissioners be elected by majority vote in compliance with state law?	Clarifies majority threshold for a winning vote and creates compliance with State law
H - Shall subsection D. of Section 3.04, Contracts, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify the prohibition that Commissioners, officers, and employees of the City may not have an interest in a contract of the City?	Modernizes “conflict of interest” restrictions and clarifies penalty for violation
I - Shall subsection C. of Section 3.05, Commission Duties, Elections, Qualifications, Rules of Procedure; Punishment for Contempt and Attendance, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to change the residency requirement for members of the Commission to twelve months in compliance with state law?	Aligns length of residency for City Commission candidates to comply with State law
J - Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to delete subsections D. and E. in Section 3.05 and to replace them with Section 3.16.A. and B. to clarify the standards for and process for declaration of City Commission vacancies and forfeiture?	Clarifies threshold for vacancy of Commission seat, including death and resignation
K - Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to add Section 3.16.C. to establish the process for filling a vacancy on the City Commission, including by appointment of one Commissioner, except the Mayor, if the unexpired term is twelve months or less?	Clarifies process to fill vacancies and allows appointments for unexpired term of <12 months for all members but the Mayor
L - Shall Section 3.05, Commission Duties, Elections, Qualifications, Rules of Procedure; Punishment for Contempt and Attendance, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to add a new subsection to require the Commission to adopt by ordinance a Code of Ethics that applies to all officers and elective and appointive officials?	Requires Commission to adopt a “Code of Ethics,” binding for all officers and officials

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M - Shall subsection C. of Section 3.08, Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify that the City Commission may delegate to the City Manager the power to sign contracts and bonds?	Allows select delegation of contract and bond signing to City Manager
N - Shall Subsection D of Section 3.08, Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify the ability of the Mayor, City Manager, or the Chief of Police to appoint additional officers in the case of an emergency?	Modernizes appointments of officers during emergencies and expands power to City Manager and Chief of Police
O - Shall Section 3.09, Annual Appropriation, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to require the Commission to appropriate funds for the succeeding year's budget no later than the first regular Commission meeting in September?	Allows for scheduling flexibility, including an earlier adoption of the City's operating budget
P - Shall subsection B. of Section 3.10, Audit Committee, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to make the appointment of an audit committee discretionary?	Shifts to an optional "audit committee" in recognition of City's annual third-party audits
Q - Shall Section 3.14, Recall, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify and delineate a process for the recall of a member of the City Commission?	Provides detailed guidance on Commission recall procedure
R - Shall Section 3.14, Recall, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to prohibit a recall petition being filed until after the member of the City Commission has served at least six months in office?	Affords Commission members 6 months in office before a recall petition can be filed
S - Shall Section 3.14, Recall, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to prohibit a recall petition being filed within six months after a recall election for that member of the City Commission?	Sets 6-month time limit for the filing of a recall petition after a recall election
T - Shall Section 3.14, Recall, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to prohibit a recall petition being filed within six months of such a petition for that member being filed and found insufficient?	Sets 6-month time limit for the filing of a recall petition after an insufficient recall petition
U - Shall Section 3.14, Recall, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to prohibit a recall petition being accepted within ten months of the end of the term of a member of the City Commission?	Stipulates that recall petitions cannot be filed against members with less than 10 months left of their term
V - Shall subsection C. of Section 4.01, The City Manager, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify that a hearing requested by the City Manager after notice of removal must occur within 30 days of the request?	Clarifies timing for optional request for public hearing in case of City Manager removal
W - Shall subsection D. of Section 4.01, The City Manager, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify that role of City Manager as head of the administrative branch and the first sentence of subsection A. of Section 3.08, Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, be deleted as conflicting therewith?	Removes conflict and clarifies role of City Manager
X - Shall Section 5.01, Limited to one subject; publication of caption; codification, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to remove the requirement that captions of all ordinances and resolutions be published prior to passage?	Removes caption (resolution/ ordinance title) publication requirement prior to adoption
Y - Shall Section 5.03, To be referred to City Attorney prior to adoption, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to require attorney review of ordinances prior to approval of the Commission except in cases of emergency?	Clarifies process for attorney review of all ordinances prior to adoption
Z - Shall Section 5.08, Referendum, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify and delineate a process for referendum?	Provides detailed guidance on referendum procedure

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AA - Shall Section 5.08, Referendum, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify that the power of referendum does not extend to salaries of City officers or employees, zoning, or any ordinance not subject to referendum under state law?	Adds clarification on which additional City-initiated actions are not subject to a referendum
BB - Shall Section 5.09, Initiative, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify and delineate a process for initiative?	Provides detailed guidance on initiative procedure
CC - Shall Section 5.09, Initiative, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify that the power of initiative does not extend to the budget or any capital program or to any ordinance relating to appropriation of money, levy of taxes, salaries of City officers or employees, zoning, or any ordinance not subject to initiative under state law?	Adds clarification on which City-initiated actions are not subject to an initiative
DD - Shall Section 6.01, City Secretary, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to add a subsection C. that permits the City Secretary to appoint assistants subject to the City budget?	Give the City Secretary the ability to choose their assistant(s)
EE - Shall Section 6.02, City Attorney, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to permit the City Attorney to appoint assistants subject to the City budget?	Give the City Attorney the ability to choose their assistant(s)
FF - Shall Section 7.10, Service of process; right to trial by jury; execution of writs, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to clarify that a police officer may execute a writ issued by the municipal court?	Includes police officers in the list of positions authorized to serve writs of the municipal court
GG - Shall Section 8.05, Sinking funds for bonds, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to allow the sinking fund for bonds to be invested according to the City's Investment Policy?	Removes conflicting language and integrates City's Investment Policy
HH - Shall Section 10.01, Power of the City, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to modernize the language regarding eminent domain in compliance with state law?	Modernizes Charter language on eminent domain powers compliant with State law
II - Shall Section 11.06, Not to be granted as emergency ordinance; three readings required, in Article XI. Franchises, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to require only two readings of an ordinance granting a franchise?	Changes the requirement for readings of an ordinance approving a franchise agreement from three to two readings
JJ - Shall Section 11.08, Franchise required to use or occupy public ground by a public utility within City; removal of property upon expiration of franchise, in Article XI. Franchises, of the Home to comply with state and federal law?	Removes 1-year transition period for corporations without a current franchise
KK - Shall Section 11.09, Location, in Article XI. Franchises, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to modernize the language regarding electrical wires by removing the reference to telegraphs and including other electric wires?	Removes the word "telegraph" and expands list to other wires
LL - Shall Section 11.10, Inspection, in Article XI. Franchises, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis regarding inspection of electrical wires and reporting to the Commission be deleted so as to revert to state law?	Removes antiquated inspections and regulations language on electric powers and other wires
MM - Shall Section 12.02, Construction of charter; effect on existing ordinances, in Article XII. Miscellaneous, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to remove the phrase regarding the power of the City Commission as conflicting with other sections of the charter?	Removes conflicting City Commission powers, allowing Sections 3 and 4 to prevail
NN - Shall Section 12.04, Notice of Claim, in Article XII. Miscellaneous, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to increase the time to make a claim against the City to ninety days?	Extends the time citizens have in filing a claim with the City for potential damages

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OO - Shall Section 12.07, Annexation of territory, in Article XII. Miscellaneous, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to modernize the language regarding annexation to be in compliance with state law?	Removes antiquated language and aligns annexation guidance in compliance with State law
PP - Shall Section 12.08, Regulation of hours of labor of City employees, in Article XII. Miscellaneous, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be deleted as the hours of employees are regulated by city policy and state and federal law?	Removes antiquated language to allow for compliance with State and Federal law
QQ - Shall Article XII. Miscellaneous, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ennis be amended to add a new section that allows the City Commission to make non-substantive revisions to the Charter by ordinance?	Allows for the correction of minor scrivener's errors without a Charter amendment

Ennis Charter – ADDITIONAL DETAILS – for November 3, 2026, Election

The current Ennis Charter is available here:

<https://www.ennistx.gov/media/2016Charter.pdf>

or here:

<https://library.municode.com/tx/ennis/>



Voting details and the Election Order with the marked-up version showing the proposed amendments - in both English and Spanish - are available here:

https://www.ennistx.gov/media/2026CharterAmendmentElectionOrder_English.pdf and here:

https://www.ennistx.gov/media/2026CharterAmendmentElectionOrder_Spanish.pdf



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