

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18

CREATION OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, APPROVING THE CREATION OF A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION; APPOINTING INITIAL COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Bastrop, Texas (the “City”), desires to review its Home-Rule Charter (“Charter”); and

WHEREAS, the City has the ability to amend its Charter under Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code and the Charter; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.09 of the Charter requires that the Charter be reviewed periodically; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council seek citizen input and City staff guidance regarding what, if any, modifications should be made to the Charter.

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

Section 1. The Charter Review Commission is hereby created as a temporary, *ad hoc* advisory group, with the limited purpose of recommending to the City Council what (if any) modifications should be presented to Bastrop voters as amendments to the Charter.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the City of Bastrop Code of Ordinances, Section 1.04.002: **(a)** the Commission shall have 12 members; **(b)** Commissioners’ terms shall expire upon dismissal by the City Council, or January 15, 2025, whichever shall occur first; and **(c)** Commissioners shall be registered voters of the City.

Section 3. Having been nominated by the Mayor and/or members of the City Council, appointed by the Mayor, and confirmed by the City Council, the initial Commissioners shall be those named in *Attachment “A”*.

Section 3. The City Secretary is designated as the staff liaison to the Commission. The City Manager and the City Attorney shall work with the City Secretary and the Charter Review Commission to prepare a report to the

City Council.

- Section 5.** The Charter Review Commission shall give a report summarizing its recommendations to the City Council no later than November 12, 2024.
- Section 6.** The City Council intends to call a special election to allow voters to approve or disapprove the proposed amendments to the Charter in May 2025.
- Section 7.** Should any portion or part of this Ordinance be held for any reason invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion hereof, but all valid portions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 8.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.
- Section 9.** The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

DULY ORDAINED & ADOPTED on First Reading by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, on this, the 11th day of June, 2024.

DULY ORDAINED & ADOPTED on Second Reading by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, on this, the 25th day of June, 2024.

THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

Lyle Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney

**Initial Commissioners comprising the
2024 – 2025
City of Bastrop Home Rule Charter Commission**

1. David Bragg
2. Jimmy Crouch
3. Judy Enis
4. **Alex** Henley
5. Bernie Jackson
6. Dock Jackson
7. Ken Kesselus
8. Chris Kirby
9. Debbie Moore
10. Robin Peyson
11. Connie Schroeder
12. Joe Grady Tuck