

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS AND DECLARING RESULTS ON THE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY HOME RULE CHARTER AND CONTAINING RELATED PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That this resolution applies to the election held by the City of Iowa Colony, Texas on May 2, 2026, on the adoption of the amendments to the City of Iowa Colony Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 2. That the City Council hereby finds the following facts:

- a. Notice of this election was given as required by law.
- b. This election was called and, in all ways, held as required by law.
- c. Only qualified voters voted in this election.
- d. There were 0 or no write-in votes in this election.
- e. There were 16 absentee ballots cast, 204 early voting ballots cast, and ballots cast on election day, for a total of 338 ballots cast.
- f. The returns of this election have been prepared and presented as provided by law.

SECTION 3. That this resolution applies to the election held by the City of Iowa Colony, Texas on May 2, 2026, on the adoption of the amendments to the City of Iowa Colony Home Rule Charter.

PROPOSITION A

“Shall Section 1.04 be amended to remove the duplicate statutory reference “[V.T.C.A., Local Government Code chs. 42 and 43]” relating to the extension of city boundaries because Texas law is already referenced in the section?”

FOR: 341
AGAINST: 181
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION B

“Shall Article 3, Section 3.01(e) be amended to change the term of office for council members from two years to three years?”

FOR: 212
AGAINST: 331
RESULT: FAILED

PROPOSITION C

“Shall Article 3, Section 3.02(a)(4) be amended to state that a candidate must be a qualified voter of the city?”

FOR: 481
AGAINST: 62
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION D

“Shall Article 3, Section 3.02(a) be amended to add a sentence that the office of a council member or mayor becomes automatically vacant if the officeholder no longer meets the required qualifications or is convicted of a felony or an offense involving moral turpitude, and to authorize the council, in accordance with Section 3.06(a), to judge the qualifications of its members and conduct hearings for that purpose?”

FOR: 439
AGAINST: 101
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION E

“Shall Article 3, Section 3.06(a) be amended to add a sentence that a vacancy also occurs if a member violates any express prohibition of the Charter?”

FOR: 413
AGAINST: 117
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION F

“Shall Article 3, Section 3.06(a) be amended to add a sentence that a vacancy occurs if a member is convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude?”

FOR: 460
AGAINST: 76
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION G

“Shall Article 3, Section 3.07(o) be amended to remove the duplicate statutory reference “[V.T.C.A., Transportation Code ch. 313]” from the provision governing the City Council’s authority over public streets and public grounds, because Texas Transportation Code Chapter 313 is already referenced in the same sentence?”

FOR: 361
AGAINST: 153
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION H

“Shall Article 3, Section 3.10(c) be amended to provide that ordinances take effect upon adoption or on a later date specified in the ordinance?”

FOR: 387
AGAINST: 120
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION I

“Shall Article 3, Section 3.10(d)(1) be amended to remove the word “regular” so that ordinance caption or title may be read at any properly called City Council meeting on separate days?”

FOR: 374
AGAINST: 134
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION J

“Shall Article 4, Section 4.01(a) be amended to read that the council appoints and removes the city manager, city attorney, municipal judge, and members of any board or commission?”

FOR: 355
AGAINST: 167
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION K

“Shall Article 4, Section 4.01(b)(1) be amended to read that the city manager appoints all department heads, except the city attorney and municipal judge?”

FOR: 311
AGAINST: 210
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION L

“Shall Article 4, Section 4.01(b)(2) be amended to delete the provision stating that removal of personnel is “not applicable”?”

FOR: 336
AGAINST: 165
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION M

“Shall Article 4, Section 4.01(c)(2) be amended so it reads that the city manager removes all employees, including department heads, except the city attorney and municipal judge?”

FOR: 248
AGAINST: 267
RESULT: **FAILED**

PROPOSITION N

“Shall Article 4, Sec. 4.03(d) be amended to require the city manager to attend all council meetings unless excused by the council?”

FOR: 460
AGAINST: 67
RESULT: **ADOPTED**

PROPOSITION O

“Shall Article 4, Section 4.06(b)(4) be amended to require that the municipal judge be a licensed attorney in the State of Texas by removing the exception allowing a non-attorney to serve as municipal judge?”

FOR: 414
AGAINST: 116
RESULT: **ADOPTED**

PROPOSITION P

“Shall Articles 6 (Recall of Officers) and 7 (Initiative and Referendum) of the City Charter be repealed and replaced with a new Article 6 combining initiative, referendum, and recall procedures into a single updated article while preserving the voters’ rights of initiative, referendum, and recall?”

FOR: 367
AGAINST: 125
RESULT: **ADOPTED**

PROPOSITION Q

“Shall Article 10, Section 10.10 be amended to remove provisions requiring advance notice before requiring connection to City water or sewer services and provisions regulating utility infrastructure, and to provide general authority for the City to sell and distribute water, sewer services, utilities, and other City services to persons within or outside the city limits and to permit connections by contract under terms and conditions determined to be in the best interests of the City?”

FOR: 222
AGAINST: 281
RESULT: **FAILED**

PROPOSITION R

“Shall Article 10, Section 10.11 be amended to replace the provisions relating to regulation of utility rates and services with regulations authorizing the City to buy, sell, construct, lease, maintain, operate, and regulate public services and utilities within or outside the city limits and to exercise regulatory powers as provided by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas?”

FOR: 291
AGAINST: 209
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION S

“Shall Article 11, Section 11.01 be amended to delete provisions relating to public records, open meetings, and internet or website malfunctions because these matters are governed by the laws of the State of Texas?”

FOR: 242
AGAINST: 258
RESULT: FAILED

PROPOSITION T

“Shall Article 11, Section 11.02 be amended to delete provisions relating to conflicts of interest and nepotism because these matters are governed by the laws of the State of Texas?”

FOR: 235
AGAINST: 271
RESULT: FAILED

PROPOSITION U

“Shall Article 11, Section 11.03 be amended to delete the provision authorizing the City Council to regulate the drilling and use of water wells because these matters are governed by other laws and ordinances?”

FOR: 266
AGAINST: 235
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION V

“Shall Article 11, Section 11.12(b)(1) be amended to provide that a Charter Review Commission may be appointed as needed instead of every five years or more often, consistent with state law limiting how often a city charter may be amended?”

FOR: 367
AGAINST: 124
RESULT: ADOPTED

PROPOSITION W

“Shall Article 11, Section 11.13 be amended to remove the old procedures for submitting the charter to voters and instead allow charter amendments to be submitted to voters as provided by state law?”

FOR: 335
AGAINST: 158
RESULT: ADOPTED

SECTION 4. The City Council hereby officially declares that each proposition received the number of votes set forth above and is:

ADOPTED if a majority voted FOR
FAILED if a majority voted AGAINST

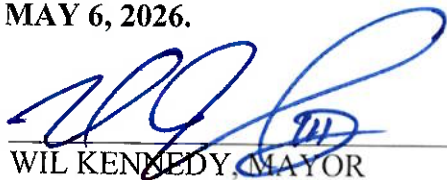
Any adopted amendments shall become part of the Home Rule Charter in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. That all actions taken by the Mayor, City Secretary, or any other city officer in connection with this election are hereby ratified.

SECTION 6. That a true copy of the election returns is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein in full. Those election returns are marked “Unofficial” only because they were printed before this resolution was ADOPTED. The passage of this resolution makes those election returns official.


SECTION 7. That this resolution shall be effective from the date of its passage and adoption.

READ, ADOPTED AND ADOPTED ON MAY 6, 2026.



WIL KENNEDY, MAYOR
CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS

ATTEST:



KAYLEEN ROSSER, CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS

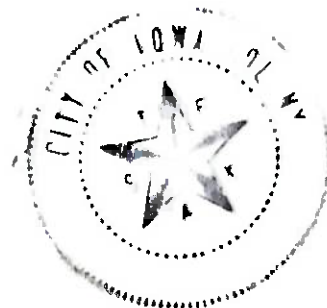


Exhibit "A"
Election Returns