

**CITY OF MANOR
SPECIAL ELECTION
CHARTER AMENDMENT**

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

The proposed amendments shall take effect upon their adoption and the entering of an order by the City Council declaring the amendments adopted. The proposed amendments affect only the Articles and sections listed below and submitted for amendment to read as follows (*with proposed new language being underlined, bolded, and italicized and language proposed to be removed is struck through*):

**PROPOSITION A
Annexation**

**Article I
Incorporation, Form of Government and Powers of the City**

Section 1.07. – Annexation and Disannexation.

The council may by ordinance unilaterally annex or disannex any land, property or territory upon its own initiative, upon a petition submitted by a majority of the voters residing within the territory being annexed or disannexed or upon petition by the owners of the property, **as authorized by applicable law**. The procedure for the establishment, modification or extension of the city boundaries, including the annexation or disannexation of territory, may not be inconsistent with any applicable requirements and limitations established by state law; provided that absent procedures being established by state law the action may be taken by ordinance adopted after one public hearing is held at least ten but not more than 20 days after notice of such public hearing is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city **and posted on the City's website**. Upon final passage of an ordinance, fixing, establishing or modifying the boundaries of the city or annexing or disannexing any property by any method prescribed herein, the boundaries of the city shall be so extended or modified as provided in such ordinance. Upon an ordinance annexing property into the city, the territory described in the ordinance shall become a part of the city, and the said land and its residents and future residents shall be bound by the acts, ordinances, codes, resolutions and regulations of the city.

A good and sufficient legal description of the land area being considered for annexation or disannexation, together with a map or plat prepared at the initiator's expense showing the location of such land area, shall be presented to the council at a public meeting prior to final action on such annexation or disannexation. Land disannexed from the city shall not be relieved from any unpaid lawful assessments or taxes levied by the city against the property while such land or property was a part of the city.

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**Article II.
Boundaries of the City**

Section 2.01. – Boundaries.

The boundaries and limits of the city shall, until changed in the manner herein provided, be the same as have heretofore been established and as exist on the date of the adoption of this charter. The boundaries and territorial limits of the city may from time to time by ordinance be fixed, decreased, modified or extended, and property may be annexed into the city or disannexed from the city, with or without the consent of any voter or of any landowner in the affected area, *unless consent is required by applicable law.*