

**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 B
City Council Four-Year Term of Office**

**Article III.
The City Council**

Section 3.01. - Governing Body.

(a) The governing body of the city shall be a city council composed of six council members and a mayor, **each elected for four years pursuant to the transition schedule in subsection (c).** ~~each elected for a term of two years.~~ When used in this charter or any other city document "council person" or "council member" includes the mayor unless the context indicates otherwise.

(b) The mayor shall be elected from the city at large. The council members shall be elected from the city at large, by Place. Each seat on the council, except for the position of mayor, will be numbered, as Place 1 through Place 6. The council member occupying a particular seat will be identified by the Place number assigned to that council seat. ~~The mayor and the three council members occupying Places 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected in odd numbered years and the three council members occupying Places 2, 4, and 6, shall be elected in even numbered years. The candidate who receives the largest number of votes for a particular office shall be declared elected for that office.~~

(c) **Beginning with the November 2021 general election, the council shall transition to four-year terms as provided in this subsection.**

(1) The candidates elected to Places 2, 4, and 6 in the November 2020 general election shall serve two-year terms.

(2) For the November 2021 general election, the Mayor and Places 1, 3, and 5 will be elected for three-year terms.

(3) For the November 2022 general election, Places 2, 4, and 6 will be elected to four-year terms.

(4) For the November 2024 general election, the Mayor and Places 1, 3, and 5 will be elected for four-year terms.

(5) Thereafter, the candidates elected to the city council in the November general election will be elected to four-year terms.

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[SECTION 3.05 IF BOTH PROPOSITION B AND D PASS]

Section 3.05. - Vacancies in Office.

- ~~(a)~~ The office of mayor or council member shall become vacant as provided in Section 3.10, or upon death, resignation, removal from office of the incumbent, or, for individuals elected to office, failure to take the oath of office by the first regular city council meeting following the canvass of the election at which the individual receives a plurality majority vote, or, for individuals appointed to office, by the first meeting following the individual's appointment. ~~Any vacancy or vacancies, whether in the office of mayor or council member, may be filled by special election called for such purpose or by the majority of the remaining council members appointing a qualified person to fill the vacancy. All appointees to vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the office so filled.~~
- (b) A vacancy for an unexpired term that exceeds twelve months, that occurs when two places on council have been filled by appointment, or that occurs in the office of mayor, shall be filled by special election called for such purpose. The date for a special election to fill a vacancy shall be the first uniform election date after the vacancy occurs and for which there is sufficient time to call and give notice of the election as required by law; provided that, if a vacancy occurs and no such election date falls within 120 days after the date of the vacancy, the council shall, without regard to the specified uniform election dates, order such election to be held on a Saturday within 120 days from the date of the vacancy. No special election will be required if the vacated office has a term of 120 days or less remaining as of the date of the first council meeting held after the date of the vacancy.
- (c) If a vacancy occurs for an unexpired term of twelve months or less for a position other than the mayor when there are less than two place on council filled by appointment, then the vacancy may be filled by either special election called for such purpose or by the majority of the remaining council members appointing a qualified person to fill the vacancy. Vacancies filled by appointment must be filled within forty-five days from the date the vacancy occurs.
- (d) All appointees or persons elected to vacancies as provided in this section shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the office so filled.

[SECTION 3.05 IF PROPOSITION B PASSES AND PROPOSITION D FAILS]

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- (b) *A vacancy shall be filled by special election called for such purpose. The date for a special election to fill a vacancy shall be the first uniform election date after the vacancy occurs and for which there is sufficient time to call and give notice of the election as required by law; provided that, if a vacancy occurs and no such election date falls within 120 days after the date of the vacancy, the council shall, without regard to the specified uniform election dates, order such election to be held on a Saturday within 120 days from the date of the vacancy. No special election will be required if the vacated office has a term of 120 days or less remaining as of the date of the first council meeting held after the date of the vacancy.*
- (c) *All persons elected to vacancies as provided in this section shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the office so filled.*

Section 5.02. - General Elections.

(a). Beginning with the general election to be held in 2016 and for each successive general election, the general city election shall be held annually on the uniform election date in November.

(b) Beginning in November 2021, the mayor and council members are elected by majority plurality vote.

(b). The terms of office for the members of the city council elected to Places 2, 4, and 6 in May 2014 shall be extended until their respective successors qualify for office following the November 2016 election. The terms of office for the mayor and the members of the city council elected to Places 1, 3, and 5 in May 2015 shall be extended until their respective successors qualify for office following the November 2017 election.

Section 5.09. - Election Results.

The mayor and council members are elected by majority plurality vote. No measure shall be adopted except by a majority vote and a tie vote shall defeat the measure.

Section 5.11. Run-Off Election. If no candidate for an elective office receives a majority of the votes cast for that position in the regular or special election, a run-off election shall be held between the two (2) candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Such run-off election shall be held in accordance with State election laws on a Saturday within the period set by state law for holding runoff elections. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast for the office in the run-off election shall be declared elected.

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Section 5.~~12.11~~. - Term of Office.

The mayor and each council member shall serve until his or her successor is elected or appointed and qualified to serve. The regular term of office of the mayor and the council members shall commence on the first regular council meeting following the canvass of the election at which they receive a majority ~~plurality~~ vote. The remaining term of a member of council elected at a special election shall commence on the first regular council meeting after the canvass of votes for the election at which they receive a majority ~~plurality~~ of the votes cast for the office.