

EXHIBIT A: CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Section 2.03 EMINENT DOMAIN

The City shall have the full power, authority, and rights to exercise the power of eminent domain when necessary to carry out any of the powers conferred upon it by this Charter, or by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas. ~~Neither the Council nor the City Administration shall participate in any form for the purpose of exercising eminent domain on behalf of private development.~~

Section 3.01.C. NUMBER, SELECTION AND TERM

- C. The Mayor shall:
1. Be elected at large;
 2. Be presiding officer of the council;
 3. Vote only in the cases of ties;
 4. Require a vote of a majority of all members of the Council if the Mayor objects to a proposed ordinance;
 5. Recommend appointments to boards and commissions **if desired**; and
 6. Represent the City in ceremonial functions.

Section 3.03 QUALIFICATIONS

Each candidate for an elective office shall meet the following qualifications:

- A. Shall be a qualified voter;
- B. Shall be at least twenty-one (21) years old;
- C. Shall have resided in the City for 12 months **immediately** ~~one (1) year~~ **preceding the election**;
- D. Shall not be employed by the City; and
- E. Shall meet all other eligibility requirements of the Texas Election Code.

Section 3.06 QUORUM

At all meetings, three (3) Councilmembers shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transaction of business. The Mayor shall not be counted in the determination of a quorum.

Section 6.03 DUTIES (OF THE CITY ATTORNEY)

The City Attorney shall be the legal advisor of, and attorney for, all of the offices and departments of the City, and shall represent the City in any and all litigation and legal proceedings, provided however, that the Council may retain special counsel at any time it deems appropriate and necessary, and that the City Manager may appoint the prosecutor for Municipal Court.

Section 9.04B. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

B. ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

The budget and tax rate may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the Council prior to the beginning of the budgeted fiscal year by a vote of ~~a majority of a two-thirds quorum~~ three Councilmembers, or such number of votes as is required by state law. The council may amend the proposed budget by increasing, decreasing, or removing any programs or amounts for expenditures required by law, for debt service or for estimated cash deficit. No amendment to the budget shall increase the authorized expenditures to an amount greater than the estimated income plus funds available from prior years.

Section 12.09 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND RECORDS

All meetings of the Council and all boards appointed by the Council shall be governed by the provisions of the Texas ~~Local~~ Government Code and any amendments thereto with regard to the posting of the agenda and the holding of public meetings. All public records and information of every office, department or agency of the City shall be open to inspection by any citizen at all reasonable business hours, provided that records excepted from public disclosure by the ~~Texas Local Government Code~~ state or federal law shall be closed to the public and not considered public records for the purpose of this section.