



# Voter Information GUIDE

CITY OF CORINTH

## MAY 7, 2016 ELECTIONS

On May 7, 2016, Corinth voters will have the opportunity to choose three City Council positions to represent them, and vote on seven charter amendments including:

- EMINENT DOMAIN
- MAYOR
- QUALIFICATIONS
- QUORUM
- DUTIES  
*(of the City Attorney)*
- BUDGET ADOPTION
- PUBLIC MEETINGS  
& RECORDS

**The City Council ordered a special election on proposed amendments to the Home Rule City Charter. The Special Election includes seven amendments to the City Charter, which was first approved by the voters of Corinth in 1999. The City Charter defines the organization, powers and functions of city government and is the most important legal document of the City, comparable to the constitutions of the United States and State of Texas.**

### 1. Section 2.03 of the City Charter: EMINENT DOMAIN

**Charter Amendment No. 1** would allow eminent domain in accordance with state statutes, and implements the Texas Constitution which prohibits the use of eminent domain for economic development purposes unless the economic development is a secondary purpose resulting from municipal community development or municipal urban renewal.

### 2. Section 3.01. C. of the City Charter: MAYOR

**Charter Amendment No. 3** would allow the Mayor to recommend appointments to boards and commissions if desired, rather than making it a mandatory requirement.

### 3. Section 3.03 of the City Charter: QUALIFICATIONS

**Charter Amendment No. 1** would clarify the maximum length the City may require a candidate for City Council to reside in the City before election day to be twelve months the same period as allowed by state law.

### 4. Section 3.06 of the City Charter: QUORUM

**Charter Amendment No. 2** would clarify that a quorum of the Council is three Councilmembers and does not include the Mayor.

### 5. Section 6.03 DUTIES (of the City Attorney)

**Charter Amendment No. 6** would allow the City Manager, as well as the City Council, to appoint the prosecutors for the Municipal Court.

### 6. Section 9.04.B. of the City Charter: ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

**Charter Amendment No. 4** would clarify that at least three votes are required for adoption of the budget and tax rate, unless state law requires a different number.

### 7. Section 12.09: PUBLIC MEETINGS AND RECORDS

**Charter Amendment No. 7** would provide that the City must disclose information to the public except information that is excepted from disclosure by the Texas Government Code, state and federal law.