

**CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS  
RESOLUTION NO. 19-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY,  
TEXAS APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER COMMISSION;  
ISSUING THE COMMISSIONS CHARGE; AND PROVIDING AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for City of Forney, Texas (the “City Council”) desires to begin the review of the City’s Charter as described in Section 11.14 of the City’s Charter in order to recommend changes, if any; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council to appoint three City Council members and seven non-council members to the Charter Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council to issue a Charge to the Charter Commission, attached as Exhibit A, to assist the Charter Commission in making appropriate recommendations to the City Council for consideration by the City Council to be submitted to the voters at an election called for such purpose to be held on May 2, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS:**

SECTION 1. The above and foregoing premises are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That the following shall be appointed to the Charter Commission for the purpose of making recommendation to the City Council for appropriate amendments to be approved by the voters at an election called for such purpose to be held on May 2, 2020.

Council Members:

Non-Council Members:

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SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

**PRESENTED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Forney, Texas, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Mary Penn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary

## Exhibit A

### **CITY COUNCIL CHARGE TO THE 2019 CHARTER COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

**Introduction:** The City Charter is a document prepared by the citizens of the City to provide direction to the City government regarding how the City will function. Periodically, this document must be reviewed to ensure that it is current and that it properly reflects the desires and directions of the community. As it is the citizens' document, we ask a group of citizens to review it, with the intention that this group will represent all citizens of the City of Forney and that all citizens are invited to provide input into the review process. Although appointed by the City Council, the Charter Commission ultimately reports to the people of Forney.

**Charge:** The Charter Commission is charged as follows:

1. To organize itself as it believes will best serve the desired purpose, by electing a Chair and Vice-Chair and adopting rules of procedure for the work of the Commission.
2. To establish a schedule and time for meetings, ensuring that the meetings will be as accessible as possible to encourage public input.
3. To review the current City Charter pursuant to the following:
  - a. To bring the Charter into conformance with federal and state law where conflict or inconsistencies exist;
  - b. To revise the Charter in an effort to clarify a section or sections where confusion or ineffectiveness exists and to condense as necessary or possible;
  - c. To consider all provisions of the Charter as the Charter Commission may determine necessary;
  - d. To prepare recommendations, in the form of amendments to the Charter for placement on the May 2, 2020 ballot;
  - e. In order to ensure placement on the May 2, 2020 ballot, the report of recommended amendments should be submitted to the City Council for preparation by the January 21, 2020 Council meeting.

**Council and Staff Support:** The Charter Commission may call on City Council members and members of City Staff for advice and expertise as desired. The City Attorney shall provide legal services to the Commission and the City Secretary shall prepare agendas and minutes of the meetings. Once appointed, the Commission will operate independently from Council direction and input.

**Subsequent Council Action:** Following the Charter Review Commission's submission of recommended Charter amendments to the City Council, Council will consider such amendments

and will vote to consider which amendments, or any others are placed on the ballot for consideration by the electorate.

**Members of the Charter Commission:** The Charter Commission consists of ten (10) members appointed by the City Council. Three (3) members of the Charter Commission shall be City Council members and seven (7) members shall be persons who are not members of the City Council. At a meeting held September 3, 2019, the City Council appointed the following to the Charter Commission.

Council Members:

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Non-Council Members:

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And you are so charged.

Mary Penn, Mayor  
City of Forney