

**CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08-25**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, ADMINISTERED BY THE WISE COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR; DESIGNATING EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES AND HOURS; DESIGNATING ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES AND HOURS; ORDERING NOTICES OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY SECRETARY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE ELECTION LAWS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas ("City"), adopted the Home Rule Charter of Decatur, Texas ("Charter"), in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter has not been amended since its creation in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, in March of 2025, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Texas ("Council"), appointed citizens to a Charter Review Commission ("CRC") and charged the CRC with reviewing the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, following a series of meetings, the CRC presented its report of proposed Charter amendments at a public meeting of the Council on July 14, 2025, and the Council reviewed the CRC's report and discussed the proposed Charter amendments at public meetings on July 14, 2025, and July 28, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on the CRC's proposed Charter amendments at a public meeting of the Council on July 28, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the public hearing was published in the Wise County Messenger on July 24, 2025, and by posting of the Council meeting agenda on July 25, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council, on its own motion, duly authorizes and hereby orders a special election to be held within the City on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City certain proposed amendments to the existing Charter, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 9.004 of the Texas Local Government Code and Section 12.19 of the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the City has complied with all legal requirements for ordering the special election.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1: Findings Incorporated.** The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2: Special Election Ordered.** A special election ("Election") is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City certain proposed amendments to the existing Charter, as set forth in Section 3 and Exhibit A of this Ordinance. The proposed amendments to the Charter shall be submitted to the qualified voters in the form of ballot propositions as set forth in Section 4 and Exhibit B of this Ordinance. The Election shall be administered by the Wise County Elections Administrator.

**SECTION 3. Proposed Charter Amendments.** At the Election, the proposed amendments to the Charter, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated as if fully set forth herein, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City in the form of ballot propositions as set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Official Ballot Propositions.** The proposed amendments to the Charter shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the Election on ballots in the form of propositions set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated as if fully set forth herein, in conformance with the requirements of the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 5. Early Voting.** Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on the following dates and times: each weekday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM beginning October 20, 2025, and ending October 31, 2025, at the following locations:

Wise County Fairgrounds (Women's Building)  
3101 S. FM 51  
Decatur, TX 76234

Boyd Community Center  
420 E. Morton Ave.  
Boyd, TX 76023

Alvord City Hall  
215 W. Elm  
Alvord, TX 76225

Bridgeport Community Center  
1102 Lawdwin Ave.  
Bridgeport, TX 76426

**SECTION 6. Election Day Voting.** Such Election shall be held at Decatur City Hall, 201 E. Walnut, Decatur, Texas between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM on November 4, 2025 (Election Day).

**SECTION 7. Severability.** Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional and/or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase herein, regardless of whether any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases is declared unconstitutional and/or invalid.

**SECTION 8. Savings/Repealing.** All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict. Any remaining portions of said ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption. **PRESENTED ON FIRST READING** on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING** by the City Council of the City of Decatur, Texas, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025, by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:


  
Mike McQuiston, MAYOR



**ATTEST:**

  
Asucena Delgado, CITY SECRETARY

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Pamela H. Liston, CITY ATTORNEY

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