



Proposition C

This is the third of twelve proposed Propositions to amend the City of Brenham's Home Rule Charter which will be considered by the voters in the May 3, 2025 Special Election.

What you will see on the ballot:

PROPOSITION C

☐ YES

☐ NO

Shall Article III, Section 4 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by providing that a person may not serve as Mayor more than three (3) consecutive elected four (4) year terms of office; providing that after completing three (3) consecutive elected terms of office, a person may again serve in the office of Mayor after one (1) entire year of not holding the office of Mayor; providing that a person shall not serve as a Councilmember, either in a ward or at-large, more than three (3) consecutive elected four (4) year terms of office, or twelve (12) consecutive years; providing that after completing three (3) consecutive elected terms of office, or twelve (12) consecutive years, a person may again serve in the office of Councilmember after one (1) entire year of not holding the office of Councilmember; providing that time served by appointment or by election to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Councilmember for an unexpired term shall not count toward the term limit; and providing that terms of office, or partial terms of office, served as Mayor or Councilmember prior to May 3, 2025 shall not be considered for the purpose of term limits?

Why is this Proposition on the ballot?

Proposition C will amend the Brenham City Charter to provide for three (3), four-year term limits (maximum of 12 years) for the Mayor and each City Councilmember. It will also mandate that if a Mayor or Councilmember is term limited from office, they must wait one (1) entire year before being eligible to serve again. This Proposition will also make any full terms or partial terms served by the Mayor or Councilmembers prior to May 3, 2025 not count for the purpose of term limits.

How will this Proposition change the Charter?

ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 4. - Terms of office; term limits.

The Mayor and each Councilmember shall serve for a term of four (4) years, beginning with the first meeting of the City Council following their election until the later of the first meeting of the City Council following the regular election four (4) years later or their successor has been elected and duly qualified.

A person shall not serve as Mayor more than three (3) consecutive elected four (4) year terms of office. Time served by appointment or by election to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor for an unexpired term shall not count toward the term limit. After completing three (3) consecutive elected terms of office, a person may again serve in the office of Mayor after one (1) entire year of not holding the office of Mayor. Non-consecutive terms of office shall not be limited.

A person shall not serve as a Councilmember, either in a ward or at-large, more than three (3) consecutive elected four (4) year terms of office, or twelve (12) consecutive years. Time served by appointment or by election to fill a vacancy in the office of Councilmember for an unexpired term shall not count toward the twelve (12) year term limit. After completing three (3) consecutive elected terms of office, or twelve (12) consecutive years, a person may again serve in the office of Councilmember after one (1) entire year of not holding the office of Councilmember. Non-consecutive terms of office shall not be limited.

Terms of office, or partial terms of office, served prior to May 3, 2025 shall not be considered for the purpose of term limits.

What does it mean to vote **YES** on this Proposition?

If you vote **YES** on this proposition, you are voting to amend the Brenham City Charter to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 4. - Terms of office; term limits.

The Mayor and each Councilmember shall serve for a term of four (4) years, beginning with the first meeting of the City Council following their election until the later of the first meeting of the City Council following the regular election four (4) years later or their successor has been elected and duly qualified.

A person shall not serve as Mayor more than three (3) consecutive elected four (4) year terms of office. Time served by appointment or by election to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor for an unexpired term shall not count toward the term limit. After completing three (3) consecutive elected terms of office, a person may again serve in the office of Mayor after one (1) entire year of not holding the office of Mayor. Non-consecutive terms of office shall not be limited.

A person shall not serve as a Councilmember, either in a ward or at-large, more than three (3) consecutive elected four (4) year terms of office, or twelve (12) consecutive years. Time served by appointment or by election to fill a vacancy in the office of Councilmember for an unexpired term shall not count toward the twelve (12) year term limit. After completing three (3) consecutive elected terms of office, or twelve (12) consecutive years, a person may again serve in the office of Councilmember after one (1) entire year of not holding the office of Councilmember. Non-consecutive terms of office shall not be limited.

Terms of office, or partial terms of office, served prior to May 3, 2025 shall not be considered for the purpose of term limits.

What does it mean to vote **NO on this Proposition?**

If you vote **NO** on this proposition, you are voting to keep the Brenham City Charter as it is currently worded:

ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 4. - Terms of office.

The Mayor and each Councilmember shall serve for a term of four (4) years, beginning with the first meeting of the City Council following their election until the later of the first meeting of the City Council following the regular election four (4) years later or their successor has been elected and duly qualified.

What is the budget impact of this Proposition?

There is no budget impact if Proposition C is approved.