

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2765

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING AND CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION HELD IN AND THROUGHOUT SAID CITY ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY, BEING THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2026, ON THE QUESTION OF THE ADOPTION OF FIVE (5) AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF SAID CITY; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THIS ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR OF SAID CITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED, RESPECTIVELY, BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE--Scope of Ordinance

This ordinance relates to the charter amendment election called by Ordinance No. 2026-2758 of the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas, heretofore read, passed, adopted and ratified on January 20, 2026, by the City Council and Mayor of said City ordaining and ordering, respectively, that such an election be held in and throughout the said City on the first Saturday in May, 2026, being the 2nd day of May, 2026, for the purpose of permitting the qualified electors of said City to vote for or against the adoption of five (5) amendments to the Home Rule Charter of said City.

SECTION TWO--Findings of Fact Regarding Election

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Freeport, Texas, make the following findings of fact with respect to said election, to-wit:

First, that notice of said election was given in the manner and at the time required by law.

Second, that said election was duly called and held in the manner and at the time required by law, and said Ordinance No. 2026-2758 and only qualified voters were permitted to vote.

Third, that based on the election returns of said election, which are now before the Mayor and City Council and which are found to be in due form and order and to have been regularly made as required by law, the proposed amendment received the total votes "for" and "against" set opposite as follows:

<u>AMENDMENT NO.</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
AMENDMENT A	249	30
AMENDMENT B	237	34
AMENDMENT C	238	37
AMENDMENT D	256	17
AMENDMENT E	242	36

SECTION THREE--Declaring the Results of Election

The Mayor and City Council of the City hereby declare order and ordain, respectively, that the following amendments have been duly adopted and are now a part of its Home Rule Charter:

AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE

Section 3.01(b)(d) of the Home Rule Charter of the City is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.05. – Mayor Pro Tem

At the meeting of the city council at which the returns of the annual election are canvassed each year, the members of the city council shall select, on a rotating basis among the wards, a member of the city council who has been on city council for at least two years to serve as mayor pro tem until the meeting of the city council at which the returns of the annual election for the next succeeding year have been canvassed. The mayor pro tem shall perform all of the duties of the mayor in the absence or disability of the mayor and shall assume the office of mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term in the event the office of the mayor becomes vacant. If both the mayor and the mayor pro tem are absent from any meeting of the city council, the members present shall elect from among themselves a temporary mayor pro tem to preside at such meeting.

AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO

Sec. 8.02. Development of Property

The expenditure of public funds shall be authorized for the development of privately-owned land or subdivisions for economic development, only with a legally valid development agreement approved by city council and signed by the mayor, following a public hearing on the matter. Such expenditures may be for projects situated within or beyond the corporate limits of the city.

AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE

Sec. 9.24 – Taxes; when due and payable

All taxes due the City of Freeport may be paid at any time after the tax roll for the year has been approved, which shall be not later than October 1; and such taxes shall be payable to the Brazoria County assessor-collector, at the place and methods designated by the Brazoria County tax assessor-collector, if the city council has required the county to assess and collect city taxes pursuant to section 6.22 of the tax code, as now or hereafter amended; otherwise, such taxes shall be due and

payable at the office of the city assessor-collector.

AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR

Sec. 11.01 – Publicity of Records

All records and accounts of every office, department, or agency of the city shall be open to inspection by any citizen or by any representative of the press at all reasonable times and under such reasonable regulations as may be established by the city council or the mayor, except as restricted by state or federal law.

AMENDMENT NUMBER FIVE


Sec. 11.10 – Qualification of Board Members

Except for the Main Street Board, the Historical Commission, and the City of Freeport Economic Development Corporation Board, no person shall be qualified to serve on a City Council-appointed board unless they are a resident of the City of Freeport, Texas.

SECTION FOUR--Effective Date


This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2026.




Jerry Cain, Mayor,
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST:



Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary
City of Freeport, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:



Christopher Duncan, City Attorney,
City of Freeport, Texas