

**Power to Investigate**

TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, LOCATED IN COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS THE UNDERSIGNED QUALIFIED VOTERS OF PRINCETON, TEXAS DO HEREBY REQUIRE THAT THE FOLLOWING CHARTER AMENDMENT

The council, the Mayor, the city manager or any person or committee authorized by either or both of them shall have power to inquire into the conduct of any department or office of the city; to make investigations as to city affairs, and for that purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and compel the production of books, papers and other evidence material to said inquiry. The council shall provide by ordinance penalties for contempt in refusing to obey any such subpoenas or failure to produce books, papers and other evidence, and shall have the power to punish any such contempt in the manner provided by ordinance

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**Authority of the Mayor**

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**This amendment seeks to add: The Mayor shall have a vote on all matters before the city council but not have the power to veto. In the case of a tie the Mayor will cast a second tie breaking vote. The Mayor will have authority to independently add items to the city council agenda and independently remove items.**

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**Minimum Police**

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**This amendment seeks to require a minimum of 2.0 police officers for every 1,000 residents based on 3 residents per water meter.**

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**Forensic Audit**

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**This petition is to add an amendment to the Princeton, TX Home Rule Charter that requires a Forensic Audit of the City of Princeton every five years starting in 2025 and at the hiring of a new City Manager. Initial forensic audit will be from the first fiscal year after the establishment of the Home Rule Government in 11/2022 and go thru the end of fiscal year 2025. Full audit details are attached.**

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**Residency Requirement**

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**The City Manager need not be a resident of the city when appointed, but within 6 months after such an appointment shall become a resident of the city and thereafter shall reside within the city during the tenure of his appointment. In the event the current City Manager is not a resident of the City of Princeton, they are required to obtain residency as per this amendment before any contract amendments or contract renewal.** TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THIS CITY FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.

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**Disclose Votes**

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**Resolution and included in the meeting minutes.** TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THIS CITY FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.

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**Ethics Commission**

TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, LOCATED IN COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS THE UNDERSIGNED QUALIFIED VOTERS OF PRINCETON, TEXAS DO HEREBY REQUIRE THAT THE FOLLOWING CHARTER AMENDMENT

**This amendment seeks to require the creation of an Independent Ethic Commission with authority over city officials elected and appointed (including committees and boards), city staff, city vendors and vendor subcontractors. It shall also be charged with investigation and enforcement of the City's Code of Ethics. Any person can file a complaint asserting a violation of the Code of Ethics. See attached for complete details. TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THIS CITY FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.**

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**Meeting Notice**

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**Agendas and proposals for all items to be discussed and/or acted upon shall be posted 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting on the City of Princeton's website and social media pages. This applies to the City Council, Boards and Commissions (i.e. PCDC, PEDC, Planning & Zoning etc.). The City will have 2 weeks after voter approval to comply with this amendment.**

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**Online Availability of Ordinances**

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**All ordinances adopted after the effective date of this amendment will go into effect 30 days after it has been made available to the general public on the official City of Princeton website, social media and local newspaper.**

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**High Density Housing**

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**Until the City can provide public transportation, sufficient local industry for jobs, sufficient roadway infrastructure, sufficient emergency (police, fire, ambulance), sufficient grocery stores and sufficient recreational activities. The city will limit high density and medium density residential (defined as single family lots smaller than 6000 sq ft) and multifamily housing (i.e. apartment complexes and townhomes) to 25% of single-family dwellings within the city limits. Residences with guest houses and "mother-in-law" quarters are exempt. If that limit has already been met, no future high density, medium density and multifamily development plats will be approved. Affective immediately upon voter approval. This amendment must go back to the voters for approval to be removed.** TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THIS CITY FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL

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**Modify Section 4.02**

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**This amendment seeks to change Section 4.02 to read: Neither the Mayor nor any City Council member shall in any manner dictate the appointment or removal of any City administrative officer or employee whom the City Manager or any or his subordinates are empowered to appoint, *unless authorized by majority vote of the City Council.* Council members may express their views and fully and freely discuss with the City Manager anything pertaining to the appointment and removal of such officers and employees.** TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THIS CITY FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL (only needed

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**Executive Sessions**

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**All executive sessions (closed meetings) of City Council meetings, board and commissions will be recorded and made available in open records at the session's three-year anniversary.** TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THIS CITY FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL. (only needed

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**Water/Waste Water**

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**This amendment seeks to address water and wastewater billing for residential accounts which receive both water and wastewater (sewer) services from the city, wastewater use is calculated using the average water consumption for meter readings taken in the months of December, January and February as the estimated wastewater volume per month (winter average approach) and remove the wastewater base charge. New residential service will use the average city-wide wastewater until a winter average can be established.** TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THIS CITY FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.

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**Records Requests**

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Forensic Audit Attachment:

**A forensic audit of the City of Princeton for the time period of initial fiscal year of Home Rule Government established 11/2022 through fiscal year 2025 then every 5 years thereafter. The Forensic Audit is to include:**

- (1) Cash Transaction Reconciliation: Examination of cash transactions to ensure proper accounting, reporting, and safeguarding of city funds.
- (2) Filed Budget vs. Actual Expenditures and Budget Amendments Review: Detailed analysis of budgeted versus actual expenditures and revenues, including the review of any budget amendments to ensure compliance with City Council-approved appropriations.
- (3) Fund Transfers: Review of all transfers between funds to verify their authorization, accuracy, and proper recording in the City's financial statements.
- (4) Ordinance Codification: Review all ordinances that have been passed by the Princeton City Council and determine whether they have been recorded and codified properly.
- (5) Review contracts / purchases over \$3,000 during FY2022 – FY2025
- (6) Additional Procedures: As necessary interviews of individuals with firsthand knowledge of activities and transactions relevant to the scope of the review."

**In addition to the above, the initial audit will include everything above plus**

- (7) Review the collection and allocation of impact fees regarding the \$17,000,000 misallocation that is in question. and
- (8). Review all contract expenditures and transactions of the Water and Waste Water Utility from 2022-current. To include a detailed analysis of budgeted versus actual expenditures and revenues, including the review of any budget amendments to ensure compliance with City Council-approved appropriations. Review and disclose any service or capital expenditure, not water or sewer related funded in whole or in part by customer revenue.

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## Ethics Commission Attachment

### Terms and Qualifications of Commission Members:

(a) Candidates for appointments to the ethics commission shall apply to be placed on a public register of nominees to serve on this commission through nomination from themselves or others. The City shall inform and communicate to the public the nomination opportunity by a 1 Month Media Campaign: (1) Announcement in the local News Paper of record for 4 consecutive weeks. (2) Announcement in all City Council and Commission Meetings during said month. (3) Placement of announcement on the City website and weekly updates of the nomination period on the City social media page

(b) The Ethics Commission shall consist of eleven (9) regular members and up to 3 alternates; nine (7) city residents and two (2) residents from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction holding terms of 3 years. Initial term lengths will be staggered to ensure an ongoing process of new commission members. Each board member shall be appointed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the City Council. Any person wishing to serve as a board member must meet the eligibility requirements for elected office under this charter and shall submit to the City Council an application that demonstrates such person's qualifications to serve.

Appointments shall be made without concern for or discrimination of, a person's race, color, creed, gender, familial status, age, disability, or sexual orientation. Members of the Ethics Commission shall maintain City residency throughout the term of service and shall forfeit their office upon cessation of City residency.

Adoption of a Code of Ethics within 6mos of the effective date of this Amendment: City Council shall adopt and enact, by ordinance, a City Code of Ethics which shall apply to all elected and appointed City officials, officers of the City, and City employees. The Code of Ethics will be based on the Texas Constitution & Statutes; Texas Local Government Code.

As a general rule the Code of Ethics shall provide that no City elected or appointed official or City employee, whether paid or unpaid, shall engage in any business or transaction or shall have any financial or other private interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of their official duties in the public or which would impair their independence of judgment or action in the performance of their official duties.

The Council may adopt more stringent standards than those that appear in state law, but the ethics ordinance shall at a minimum include the following components: (A) definition of a prohibited improper economic interest and personal gain; (B) definition of recusal and improper participation when a potential conflict of interest is present; (C) avoidance of appearance of conflict of interest; and (D) administration and enforcement of ethics ordinance, including the power to subpoena witnesses and documents, coupled with strong and meaningful remedies for infraction. The adopted Code of Ethics shall provide for the investigation of conflicts of interest resulting in the use of public office or position for private gain. No elected official, appointed officer, or employee shall: (a) act in an official capacity on matters in which the employee or official has a private financial interest clearly separate from that of the general public; (b) accept gifts and other things of value greater than de minimus in return for or as a reward for a favorable decision or vote; (c) act in a private capacity on matters dealt with as a public official or employee; (d) use confidential information for personal gain; and (e) appear before City departments, offices, and agencies on behalf of private interests.

Powers and Duties Insofar as possible under applicable law, the Code of Ethics shall authorize the Ethics Commission to: Provide for the education of conduct and compliance with the Ethics Code that minimizes violations or the potential for violations of the Ethic Code; Provide for citizen education of the requirements for public servants under the Ethics Code and increase resident understanding of public service as a public trust under the vigilance of City residents; Issue advisory opinions on Code of Ethics compliance as requested by the Mayor, City Council, City Controller, appointed officials, officers and employees of the City, or any party with standing under the adopted Code of Ethics; Provide for procedures to conduct investigations on its own initiative and on referral or complaint from officials or citizens; Subpoena witnesses and documents; Refer cases for prosecution; Hire independent counsel.

(C) Any person may file a complaint asserting a violation of the code of ethics. The Board shall have jurisdiction to conduct investigations and make recommendations on any complaint filed.

The City Council shall annually appropriate sufficient funds to the Commission to enable it to perform the duties assigned to it and to provide annual training and education of citizens, City officials and employees, and candidates for public office regarding the Code of Ethics.

If any part of this/these CHARTER ITEMS shall be found in violation of state code at any time by a valid court of law outside of the City of Princeton, only that portion of the item found of violation may be modified if possible or stricken, if necessary, as ordered by that court of law. Any remaining portion of that item shall NOT be modified or removed and shall remain valid and intact.

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