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### **TOWN OF TROPHY CLUB**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TROPHY CLUB, TEXAS, ORDERING AND CALLING A CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF TROPHY CLUB ("TOWN") TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF TROPHY CLUB 3 PROPOSITIONS RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE TOWN AND OTHER MEASURES AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; SPECIFYING THE DATE OF ELECTION; SPECIFYING THE PURPOSE OF THE ELECTION; SPECIFYING ELIGIBILITY FOR CANDIDACY; PROVIDING FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDING ELECTION JUDGE AND AN ALTERNATE PRESIDING ELECTION JUDGE; ESTABLISHING OTHER PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION; ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR CANVASSING RETURNS; PROVIDING FOR NECESSARY ACTIONS; PROVIDING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH DENTON COUNTY AND TARRANT COUNTY; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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## 2019/2020 Charter Review Commission Final Report

Per the Trophy Club Home Rule Charter Section 11.15 (d) the recommendations of the 2019/2020 Charter Review Commission are:

### 1. Article III Section 3.20 Paragraph b

#### **Currently Reads:**

*Abstention. Should any person on the Town Council choose to abstain from voting on any question before the Town Council, where no conflict of interest exists, the person's vote shall be recorded as a negative vote in the official minutes of the meeting.*

#### **Commission Comments:**

Research of Roberts Rules and other agencies processes indicates that an abstention, although its effect on the outcome could be either negative or positive, should be recorded in the official record as an abstention regardless of how it affects the outcome of the vote.

#### **Commission Recommendations:**

The Commission recommends the removal of Paragraph 3.20 b and changing the title of Section 3.20 from "*Conflict of Interest and Abstention*" to "*Conflict of Interest*"

### 2. Article XI Section 11.15

#### **Currently Reads:**

*The Council shall appoint a Charter Review Commission at intervals of not more than seven (7) years. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) qualified voters of the Town. Each council member shall appoint one member to serve on the Charter Review Commission, and remaining members shall be appointed by vote of the Council. The Commission shall review the Town*

*Charter and make Charter amendment recommendations, where appropriate, that will help protect or enhance the rights, powers and benefits of all Trophy Club residents. It shall be the duty of the Charter Review Commission to:*

**Commission Comments:**

During the process of its thorough review of the Home Rule Charter, the Commission found it to be in good order.

**Commission Recommendations:**

The Commission recommends that the interval between reviews be extended from not more than seven (7) to not more than ten (10) years.

**3. Article XII – Transitional Provisions**

**Commission Comments:**

This Article was included in the original version of the Town of Trophy Club Home Rule Charter to facilitate the transition to a Home Rule form of government. It does not lend itself to any other transitional purpose that may arise in the future.

**Commission Recommendations:**

It is the recommendation of the Commission that Article XII be removed in its entirety.

**Conclusions:**

The 2019 Charter Review Commission has performed a detailed and thorough examination of the Trophy Club Home Rule Charter and has found it in good order. The Charter will serve the Town of Trophy Club well as we move into the future.