

January 9, 2020

Mayor and Council
City of Dickinson, Texas

Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am pleased to present the following final report of the City Charter Commission:

FINAL REPORT.

The City Charter Review Commission, (Deborah Fortner, Bruce Henderson, Scott Shrader, Johnnie Simpson Jr, and Ivan Langford), recommends to City Council submission to the electorate amendments to the City Charter, including provisions adopting the Council-Manager form of government; limiting the terms of office for the Mayor and Councilmembers; requiring a person to be a resident of the city for at least twelve months immediately preceding their election to the city council; providing for compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers not to exceed \$75 per meeting (\$1,800 per year); permitting council to fill a vacancy of a councilmember position within one year of a regular election; amending the procedures for the passage of ordinances; requiring earlier submission of budget and publication of the budget as permitted by state law; increasing the amount of the City's disaster contingency fund; providing for the contract and purchase of goods and services consistent with state procurement laws; permitting the appointment of members of council to serve on boards, commissions and committees where allowed by state law; prohibiting any city officer or employee from participating in any vote or decision in which the person has a personal interest as provided by state law; and requiring the periodic review of the city charter by a council appointed charter commission. Additionally, the Commission recommends various non-substantive revisions of the City Charter including amendments that provide gender neutral terminology, allow renumbering of sections, and conform the Charter to the general laws of the State of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ivan Langford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ivan Langford, Chairman
City Charter Review Commission