

CITY OF ROSENBERG CODE OF ORDINANCES – QUALIFICATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 3.01. - Number, selection and term.

The legislative and governing body of the city shall consist of the mayor and six (6) council members and shall be known as the "City Council of the City of Rosenberg."

- (a) The mayor and two members of the city council shall be elected from the city at large.
- (b) The mayor shall be the presiding officer of the city council and shall be recognized as the head of city government for all ceremonial purposes and by the government [governor] for purposes of military law but shall have no regular administrative duties. The mayor shall be entitled to vote on all matters under consideration by the city council.
- (c) The mayor and six (6) council members, including two (2) at large council members and four (4) council members elected by districts shall be elected to two-year terms. The mayor and (2) council members shall be elected at-large in even number years, except as otherwise specifically stated in this section. The two (2) at-large council members positions shall be respectively designated as Position 1 and Position 2. The remaining four (4) council members shall be elected by districts, designated as Districts one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4), in even numbered years. At the general election in May 2021, the mayor and the two (2) at large positions, Position 1 and Position 2, shall be placed on the ballot for election for a one-year term. At the General election in May 2022, the mayor and six (6) council members, including two (2) at large council members and four (4) council members elected by districts shall be placed on the ballot for election to two-year terms. All positions shall be elected to two-year terms after the foregoing provisions have been effected.
- (d) The four (4) members of the city council elected by districts shall be elected from districts which shall be designated Districts one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4). The area or territory includable in the district shall be adjusted from time to time or reconfigured as the city may annex or de-annex territory or area within the city. A legal description of all property to be includable in any of the several districts shall be on file in the office of the city secretary of the City of Rosenberg.
- (e) No elected official shall serve for more than a combined total of five (5) consecutive terms on the city council or in the position of mayor. When calculating consecutive terms, time spent as a council member and time spent in the position of mayor shall be combined. For purposes of this subsection, an official shall have been considered to have served a term upon taking the oath of office, regardless of whether the official serves the complete term. Any official who has served five (5) consecutive terms shall be prohibited from serving another term for a period of one (1) year and eleven (11) months from the date of the expiration of the fifth consecutive term. Such consecutive term limitations shall include an elected official's current term on the effective date of this amendment, as well as all prior successive terms.

(Ord. No. 60-4, § 1, 9-6-60; Ord. No. 85-8, § 1, 6-18-85; Ord. No. 87-54, § 4, 8-10-87; Ord. No. 96-44, 12-3-96; Ord. No. 97-07, § 1, 1-21-97; Ord. No. 2013-10, § 3, 2-19-13; Ord. No. 2013-26, § 1, 5-21-13; Ord. No. 2015-07, § 3, 2-17-15; Ord. No. 2015-15, § 1, 5-19-15); Ord 2020-27, § 1, 8-11-20; Ord No. 2020-44, § 1, 2 (Proposition A, B), 11-10-20

Sec. 3.02. - Qualifications.

The mayor and each other member of the city council shall have and possess the following qualifications to be a candidate for such office and shall retain such qualifications during the term of the office for which a person might be elected. Such qualifications are:

- (a) Be a resident of the City of Rosenberg for twelve (12) continuous months before the first allowed filing date for the election and have resided in the State of Texas for twelve (12) continuous months, and if a candidate for a council district position, then shall have been a resident of such district for twelve (12) continuous months before the first allowed filing date for the election; and
- (b) Be a United States citizen; and
- (c) Be twenty-one (21) years of age or older on the first day of the term of office that the candidate is seeking; and
- (d) Not have been previously determined mentally incompetent by a judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction; and
- (e) Not finally convicted of a felony for which a pardon has not been given.

(Ord. No. 96-44, 12-3-96; Ord. No. 97-07, § 1, 1-21-97; Ord. No. 2017-03, § 3 (Measures 2, 3), 2-7-17; Ord. No. 2017-10, § 1 (Propositions 2, 3), 5-16-17)

Effective September 1, 2015, House Bill 484 amended Election Code Section 141.001 to provide a new general rule (for most offices) that candidate must be a registered voter of the territory elected from as of the filing deadline (unless outside law conflicts).