



City of Wolfforth Application for appointment to Charter Commission

The Wolfforth City Council recently voted to proceed with the process of becoming a Home Rule City. Currently, Wolfforth is a Type A General Law City. The law allows for a City with a population of 5,000 or more to convert from General Law to Home Rule. What makes a Home Rule City? A City Charter. A Charter is to a City as the US Constitution is to the US; it defines our form of government, it defines how we will do business, and it empowers us as a City to define our own authority. Simply expressed, a *General Law City has no power other than that granted to it by the State of Texas*. In contrast, a Home Rule City adopts a Charter that empowers it to do *anything not specifically prohibited by the State of Texas*. General Law cities are governed by the State; Home Rule cities govern themselves.

The Charter Commission will consist of 15 members, appointed by the City Council. The job of the Charter Commission is to create the City's Charter. This isn't as difficult as it sounds because the Charter Commission won't have to start from scratch; virtually every city over 5,000 population in Texas is a Home Rule City, and all have a Charter that can be studied, compared, and used as a model. The Charter will be prepared over the next few months, and should be ready for placement on the November 7, 2023 ballot for approval by the voters of Wolfforth.

If you have questions, please contact the Wolfforth City Manager, Randy Criswell, at rcriswell@wolfforthtx.us, or the Wolfforth City Secretary, Terri Robinette, at trobinette@wolfforthtx.us. Either can be reached at 806-855-4120.

Qualifications for selection:

Must live in Wolfforth

Individuals owning a business in Wolfforth may be considered

Must be in support of Home Rule Charter

Name _____

Address _____

Employer/occupation _____

How long have you lived in Wolfforth? _____

Other cities where you've lived _____

How familiar are you with the purpose of a City Charter? _____

(Rate yourself 1-5 with 1 being very unfamiliar and 5 being very familiar)

Why do you support the efforts for a Charter for Wolfforth?

Have you served as a public official in any capacity? If so, provide details.

What is your availability? Please circle all that apply.

early morning
(before 8 am)

daytime
(8 am–5 pm)

lunch hour
noon – 1 pm

evenings
(after 5 pm)

weekends

If appointed, are you willing to help advocate for the passage of the City Charter?

Anything else you'd like to add for consideration.