



November 4, 2025

**General, Charter Amendment, and Bond Proposition Election
Frequently Asked Questions**

General Election & Bond Process

- 1. What is the purpose of the Town Hall Meeting?**
To inform residents about election guidelines, ethical considerations, propositions A–J, and the bond process.
- 2. Who called the bond election and when?**
The City Council of Glenn Heights called the bond election on August 12, 2025.
- 3. What is the role of the Texas Attorney General in bond elections?**
The AG reviews the bond election proceedings to ensure compliance with laws before bonds are issued.
- 4. What is the timeline for calling and conducting a bond election?**
It includes steps like conferring with advisors, publishing notices, registering voters, and canvassing results—spanning several months.
- 5. Can bonds be issued immediately after the election?**
Not necessarily. There may be a delay, and issuance can occur in one or multiple series, ideally within 10 years.

Ethical Considerations

- 6. Can the City advocate for or against a bond proposition?**
No. The City must maintain an “information-only” approach and cannot use public funds for advocacy.
- 7. What are common ethical violations during bond elections?**
Misuse of public resources and unintentional advocacy by officials or employees.
- 8. Which agencies oversee election ethics and compliance?**

- Texas Ethics Commission (<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/>)
 - Texas Attorney General (<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/>)
 - Texas Secretary of State (<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/>)
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Propositions A–G (Charter Amendments)

9. What does Proposition A propose?

Extending mayor and council terms from 3 to 4 years and adjusting term limits accordingly.

10. What is Proposition B about?

Introducing monthly compensation: \$1,000 for the Mayor and \$500 for Councilmembers.

11. What does Proposition C address?

Disqualifying individuals previously removed for misconduct from running for City Council.

12. What change does Proposition D suggest?

Allowing ordinances to be adopted after one reading instead of two.

13. What voting method change is proposed in Proposition E?

Switching from majority voting (with runoffs) to plurality voting (most votes wins).

14. What is the impact of Proposition F?

Authorizes the City Council to appoint a Council Liaison, with fiscal impact based on pay grade.

15. What exactly are the Council Liaison’s duties? And why isn’t it listed on the ballot?

Proposition F would amend the City Charter to enable the Council to appoint (and remove) a Council liaison. Glenn Heights’ charter establishes a council-manager form of government which, by its nature, delegates daily operational and administrative authority to a city manager. Under this form of government, the city council’s operational authority is limited. A council liaison would enable the council to be apprised of and to provide feedback on operational and administrative issues independent of city staff. The proposition, as recommended by the Charter Review Commission and as approved by the Council, does not specify the duties of the liaison, which leaves that to the Council’s discretion.

16. Is the Council Liaison a paid position or a volunteer position?

The Council Liaison would be a paid position, not a volunteer role, contingent on the City Council determining the pay grade and compensation if the proposition is approved.

17. What does Proposition G propose?

Reducing the claim filing period against the City from 90 to 45 days.

18. Whom can we speak with about the reasoning behind Propositions A – G?

Mayor, City Council Members, or Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, (972) 223-1690, ext. 141

Bond Propositions H–J

19. What is Proposition H for?

\$3.4 million for an animal shelter and control facilities, with a tax increase of ~\$0.0143.

20. What is Proposition I for?

\$11.5 million for parks and recreation, with a tax increase of ~\$0.0485.

21. What is Proposition J for?

\$18.7 million for street improvements, with a tax increase of ~\$0.079.

22. What is the combined fiscal impact if all three bond propositions pass?

A total tax rate increase of ~\$0.1418, raising the annual levy by ~\$567.20 on a \$400,000 home.

23. If the bonds pass, can they be repurposed for anything else, aside from an animal shelter, park and roadway improvements?

No, a general obligation bond will have a covenant that specifies the use of the proceeds, which cannot be used for anything outside of its purpose.

24. Whom can we speak with about Propositions H-J?

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Additional Information

25. Where can residents find more election details?

On the City of Glenn Heights Election Page, Dallas County Elections Department, and Ellis County Elections websites - available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.