

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING & WORK SESSION

JULY 22, 2025

The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas met in special session and work session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 401 E. Virginia Street, McKinney, Texas, on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting streamed online at <https://mckinneytx.new.swagit.com/views/130>. A video recording of the meeting is available to members of the public through the City of McKinney meeting archive.

Mayor Bill Cox called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. upon determining a quorum consisting of himself and the following McKinney City Councilmembers were present: Mayor Pro Tem Geré Feltus and Councilmembers Patrick Cloutier, Rick Franklin, Michael Jones, Justin Beller, and Ernest Lynch.

These City of McKinney staff were present: City Manager Paul Grimes, Assistant City Manager Barry Shelton, Assistant City Manager Steve Tilton, Assistant City Manager Trevor Minyard, Assistant City Manager Jennifer Arnold, City Attorney Mark Houser, Chief Financial Officer Mark Holloway, Finance Director Trudy Mathis, Deputy City Secretary Tenitrus Parchman, IMCA Fellow Emily Brier, City Secretary Intern Saliyah Gathings and Officer Kendall Sam.

There were approximately 5 (five) members of the public present including Capital Improvements Advisory Committee member Steve Wilson and Gunnar Seaquist with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP.

Mayor Cox called for Public Comments on Agenda Items, at which time there were none.

Mayor Cox called for the Special Agenda.

25-3000 Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution of the City of McKinney, Texas Suspending the July 31, 2025 Effective Date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's Requested Rate Change to Permit the City Time to Study the Request and to Establish Reasonable Rates; Approving Cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor to Hire Legal and Consulting Services and to Negotiate with the Company and Direct Any Necessary Litigation and Appeals; Finding That the Meeting at Which This

Resolution Is Passed Is Open to the Public as Required by Law; Requiring Notice of This Resolution to the Company and Legal Counsel for the Steering Committee

Council unanimously approved the motion by Councilmember Lynch, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, to approved a Resolution of the City of McKinney, Texas Suspending the July 31, 2025 Effective Date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's Requested Rate Change to Permit the City Time to Study the Request and to Establish Reasonable Rates; Approving Cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor to Hire Legal and Consulting Services and to Negotiate with the Company and Direct Any Necessary Litigation and Appeals; Finding That the Meeting at Which This Resolution Is Passed Is Open to the Public as Required by Law; Requiring Notice of This Resolution to the Company and Legal Counsel for the Steering Committee; resolution caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07-111 (R)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE JULY 31, 2025 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Mayor Cox called for Work Session Agenda Items.

25-3001 Consider/Discuss Single-Member and At-Large District Composition under the McKinney Home Rule Charter

The staff presentation not included on the agenda is included in these minutes as Appendix A: Agenda Item #25-3001 Charter Review Update.

Mayor Cox called for Council Liaison Updates, at which time there were no updates to report.

Mayor Cox called for Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Government Code:

A. Section 551.071(2) Consultations with Attorney on any Work Session, Special Session, or Regular Session agenda item requiring confidential attorney/client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items (as needed)

- Section 180.011, Texas Local Government Code (employment/independent contractor agreements)

Council returned to special session at 4:56 p.m. All members except Councilmembers Lynch, Cloutier and Franklin. No action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Feltus, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to adjourn the special meeting and work session at 4:56 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the City Council on August 5, 2025.

SIGNED:

BILL COX, Mayor
GERÉ FELTUS, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary
TENITRUS PARCHMAN, Deputy City Secretary

City of McKinney, Texas

Appendix A: Agenda Item #25-3001 Charter Review Update

2025 Charter Review Update:

Redistricting Law and
Changes to the Composition of City Council

City Council Meeting
July 22, 2025

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CHAPTER III. - THE CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 8. - Number of council members.

The City Council shall be composed of a Mayor and six (6) Council Members, who shall be elected in the manner set forth in this Charter. The Mayor and City Council Members shall take office upon canvassing following the date of election, and their terms of office shall begin as of that date. They shall serve until their respective successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified, except as otherwise provided for herein.

Sec. 9. - Council election.

There shall be held in the City of McKinney on the uniform election date in May 2013, and every four (4) years thereafter, or on such date or dates as may be prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas, a City election for a Mayor, a Council Member-at-large 1, a Council Member representing District 1, and a Council Member representing District 3. Any current office holder's term shall be extended according to law until the uniform election date in May 2013 and thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified.

There shall be held in the City of McKinney on the uniform election date in May 2015, and every four (4) years thereafter, or on such other date or dates as may be prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas, a City election for a Council Member-at-large 2, a Council Member representing District 2, and a Council Member representing District 4. Any current office holder's term shall be extended according to law until the uniform election date in May 2015 and thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified.



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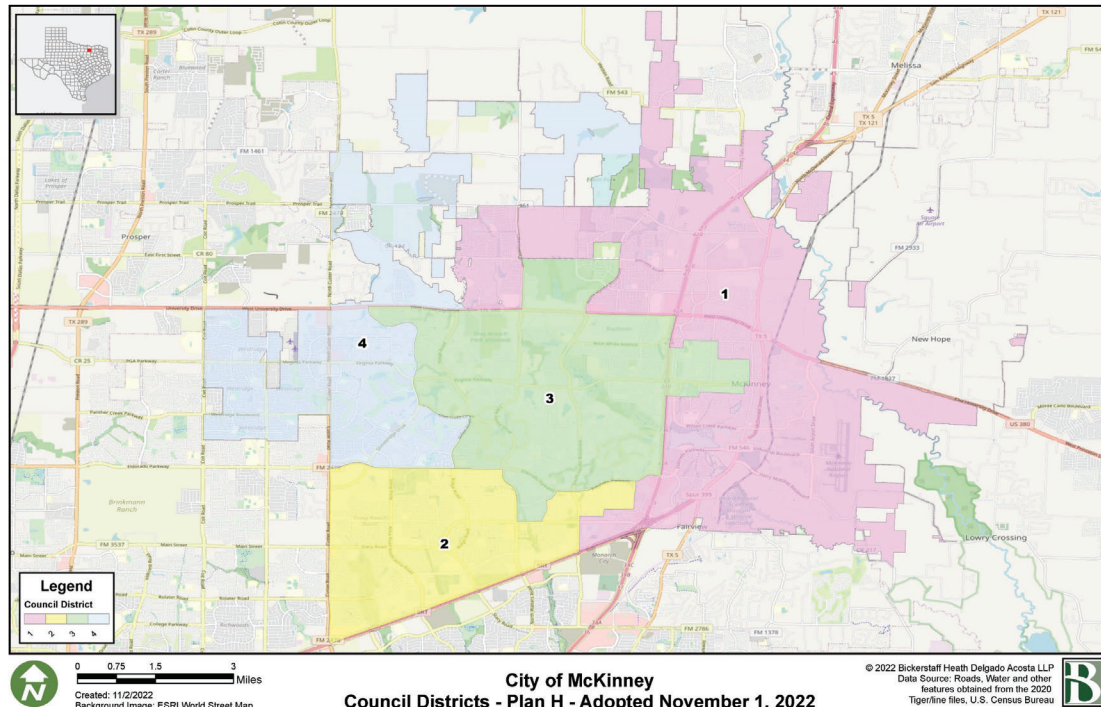
Sec. 10. - Council districts.

The City of McKinney shall be divided into four (4) Council districts, and a Council Member shall be elected by the resident voters of each district.

Each Council Member representing a Council district must at the time of his or her election and during the term of office physically reside with legal domicile, in the district which they represent. For purposes of this Section and the Charter, "physically reside" shall mean (i) the candidate or Council Member must use their residence address for voter registration and driver's license purposes, and (ii) the candidate or Council Member shall provide to the City Secretary proof whereby such person uses their residence address as the person's home address on documents such as employment records, government forms and loan applications, and (iii) the candidate or Council Member must not claim a homestead exemption on any property other than the residence. The four (4) Council districts shall be defined by ordinance, and the boundaries thereof shall be subject to review by the Council to ensure equal voting rights for all citizens under state and federal law. Council district boundaries shall be redefined by ordinance to compensate for any significant change in population within a given district.



Current City Council Districts – 4 Single Member Districts



McKinney Council District Options

Six Single Member Districts

Pros:

- Makes it more likely that issues unique to a specific area will have a voice on the council.
- Easier to campaign in a single district than At-Large
- Easier to be elected in a single member district than At-Large
- Potentially reduced litigation risk under the Voting Rights Act

Cons:

- Only have input into the election of one council member
- Concerns over district-centric representation
- Requires re-drawing districts and adjustment to new system

More council seats

- Smaller districts – easier to get elected
- Added costs
- Can maintain At-Large seats so constituents can vote for more than one council member.

Election of All Council Members

▪ **Texas Local Government Code § 21.006**

- Added by Acts 2023, 88th Leg., ch. 1124 (H.B. 3613), § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2023.
 - Municipality divided into SMDs
 - shall elect “all members of the municipality’s governing body following each apportionment.”
 - Next uniform election that allows time to comply with all legal requirements.
 - If staggered terms, Council adopts an equitable process to determine which member serve shorter terms to accommodate election after apportionment to address:
 - The remaining time in each member’s term
 - Whether a member’s term was previously shortened by this Section

H.B. 5431 – Failed in the 89th Session

- Would have exempted at large council members and the Mayor from the election requirement:

A municipality that elects one or more members of its governing body at-large, including the office of mayor, is not required to hold an election for those positions following apportionment unless the term of office of the at-large member or mayor would otherwise expire under applicable law.

Timing for Charter Election

- First uniform election after council orders election or qualifying citizen petition or earlier of the next municipal general election or presidential election.
 - Must be at least 30 days after ordinance calling election and allow for time to comply with other requirements of law.
 - Two years after last charter election
- Proposition could be scheduled to take effect at a future date, for example to coincide with redistricting after the 2030 census (i.e. May 2032 election).
 - Election requirement may be modified or eliminated in the interim.
- Address staggering of terms as part of charter election?
- Possible scenario: two (2) Charter Elections: May 2027 (non-District propositions) and May 2029 (District Composition propositions)

REDISTRICTING Applicable Law

“One person – one vote”
(equal population)

Voting Rights Act § 2
(nondiscrimination)

Shaw v. Reno
(limits use of race)

Plus, as diagnostic tool:
Voting Rights Act § 5
(retrogression)

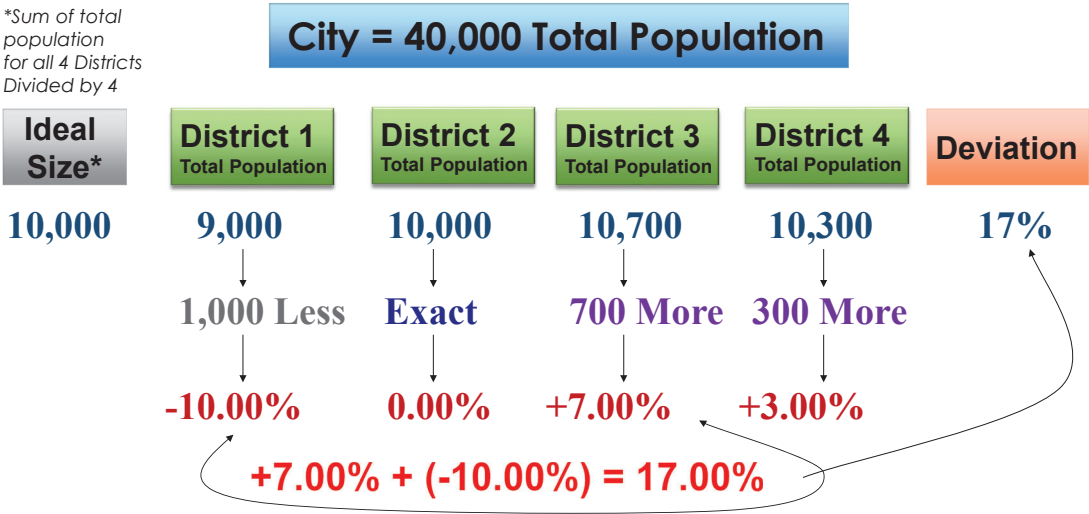
Redistricting One Person - One Vote

- U.S. Constitution – single-member districts must have *approximately equal populations*
- Rule of thumb: **total deviation < 10%**
 - Compare most populous and least populous districts to “ideal”–sized district
 - Add both departures from ideal together

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Calculating the Overall Deviation

*Sum of total
population
for all 4 Districts
Divided by 4



Highest Positive Percent + Highest Negative Percent = Maximum Deviation

[(Total Population – Ideal Size) / Ideal Size] * 100]

2020 Total Population for Current City Council Districts

Plan Name: City of McKinney Council Districts - Plan H - Adopted November 1, 2022								
Demographics Report - Summary 2020 Census Total Population								
Plan Last Edited on: 10/25/2022 10:11:01 AM								
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District	Persons	Ideal Size	Deviation	Hispanic % of Total Population	Non-Hispanic White % of Total Population	Non-Hispanic Black % of Total Population	Non-Hispanic Asian % of Total Population	Non-Hispanic Other % of Total Population
1	47,043	48,791	-3.58%	31.13%	41.47%	17.27%	5.09%	5.04%
2	49,774	48,791	2.01%	12.05%	47.61%	13.98%	20.47%	5.90%
3	50,034	48,791	2.55%	14.42%	65.18%	9.25%	5.68%	5.47%
4	48,313	48,791	-0.98%	11.42%	55.22%	10.41%	17.46%	5.51%
TOTAL:	195,164			17.10%	52.52%	12.67%	12.23%	5.49%
Ideal Size: 195,164 / 4 = 48,791								
Total Population: 195,164								
Overall Deviation: 6.13%								

Some percentages may be subject to rounding errors.

2020 Voting Age Population for Current City Council Districts

Plan Name: City of McKinney: Council Districts - Plan H
Adopted November 1, 2022


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Demographics Report - Summary 2020 Census Voting Age Population

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District	Total VAP*		Hispanic % of Total VAP	Non-Hispanic Anglo % of Total VAP	Non-Hispanic Black % of Total VAP	Non-Hispanic Asian % of Total VAP	Non-Hispanic Other % of Total VAP
1	34,274		28.50%	45.17%	16.62%	5.33%	4.40%
2	35,840		11.08%	51.15%	13.70%	19.39%	4.67%
3	37,211		12.75%	68.37%	8.65%	5.70%	4.53%
4	33,181		10.32%	58.24%	10.17%	16.93%	4.35%
	140,506		15.59%	55.93%	12.24%	11.76%	4.49%

* VAP - Voting Age Population

Some percentages may be subject to rounding errors.

Timing for Changes to the City Council Districts

- After passage of the amendment to the charter changing the number and/or type of the City Council districts:
- Redistricting process will start:
 - Initial Review
 - Adopt plan criteria, guidelines
 - Develop illustrative plan(s)
 - Public comment / hearing
 - Analyze comments
 - Adopt final plan
 - Implementation
- Updates to County Elections’ officials with adopted city council district plan
- Chapter 276.006 – Three-month period before implementation of new council districts
- Election for all members of the City Council at first uniform election date that allows sufficient time to comply with the law.

Questions

