



2024 City of Dallas Charter Review Commission

Proposed Amendment #4

Submitted by: Planning and Urban Design	Location: Chapter XVIII, Sec. 11(1)	Category: Operational
CH VIII, SEC. 3. CITY PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION.		
<p>The city council shall appoint a minimum of 15 residents [qualified voters] of the City of Dallas who shall constitute the <u>city plan and zoning</u> commission of the City of Dallas, and shall be the city plan commission as the same is referred to by state statute for the approval of plats and subdivisions. The members shall possess the same qualifications and be subject to the same disqualifications as provided by the Charter for members of the city council, or general laws of the State of Texas. The city council shall name one of the members to be the chair and one to be the vice chair. (Renumbered by Amend. of 6-12-73, Prop. No. 43; Amend. of 11-8-05, Prop. No. 13)</p>		
Rationale:		
<p>The proposed City Charter amendment is aimed to allow flexibility for a potential change of strategy for the CPC composition and organization. And it is the first necessary step that is an enabler of potential changes.</p>		
<p>The proposal enables reconsideration of CPC composition to increase flexibility as to ease up the “burden” for a more equitable outcome. The proposal stems from equity lenses, recognizing the amount of effort, time, and attention that the work of a CPC commissioner requires and to make this role more attainable and attractive for an equitable representation.</p>		
<p>The proposal is also considering the current work for Forward Dallas and the Development Code Reform that aims at rethinking/reforming the planning and zoning apparatus for Dallas and especially the amount of work and effort that CPC and its subcommittees will need for these additional tasks. Additionally, we aim to also acknowledge that the work of CPC may change in the future due to the outcome of such reforms.</p>		
<p>Possible options could be additional places for alternates, at large or by district, all appointed by City Council, specialized professional members, ex-officio members as needed and decided by the City Council. Any changes to the City Charter will not automatically trigger changes to the current composition and operation of CPC. Separate action for amendments to all the other applicable provisions of the city code and Rules of Procedure following the normal public hearing process will be needed if such changes are considered.</p>		

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Other cities, in Texas and nationwide, provide a wide array of examples on how CPC composition and organization can be adjusted based on current needs.

Background (provided by submitter):

City Plan Commission (CPC) is a City Council-appointed body that serves as an advisory body to City Council on matters related to comprehensive planning, development code amendments, and zoning changes, and as a quasi-judicial body on subdivision applications.

CPC is comprised of 15 members appointed by City Council and representing each Council District and has seven standing subcommittees. Each Commissioner must follow rules of attendance and participation for elected and appointed officials in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Dallas City Code and serve on at least two CPC subcommittees. CPC meets twice a month for day-long briefings and public hearings and considers generally around 20 items per agenda. CPC's annual reports for the past few years reflect an average of 550 items considered annually.

CPC is regulated by the City Charter, [Chapters 8 – Boards and Commissions, 51 A – Dallas Development Code](#), and its [Rules of Procedure](#).