



SPECIAL ELECTION — MAY 11, 2021

In February, the City Council approved a resolution calling for a special election on May 11, 2021, to consider a revision to Proposition #4 - Public Safety of the 2018 General Obligation Bond Election. This pertains to the construction of a Police/Fire Training Facility and is included in Proposition #1 of this special election. Also proposed are fourteen Midwest City Charter amendments. These are included in Propositions #2 - #15. Each proposition must be voted on separately. Below is some information about the special election.

PROPOSITION #1

Proposition #1 revises the location and cost for building a Police/Fire Training Facility, including a change of location from the original site and all infrastructure serving the new site. If approved, bonds could be issued in the amount of \$5,700,000 for the project.

PROPOSITION #2

Proposition #2 amends requirements for persons running for City Council. It includes a minimum age requirement of 25 years and residency requirements that include a minimum of 1 year in Midwest City and that candidates must live in the respective wards of their election or appointment.

PROPOSITION #3

Proposition #3 addresses quorum requirements and the ability of the Council to establish rules.

PROPOSITION #4

Proposition #4 addresses ethics requirements, behavior and conduct of the Councilmembers.

PROPOSITION #5

Proposition #5 allows the City Manager the ability, by proclamation, to take certain actions in a state of emergency when it is believed that the action will help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace.

PROPOSITION #6

Proposition #6 repeals and places in reserve Article IV. Dept. of Finance, Fiscal Affairs, Section 4. Property valued at more than \$10,000.

PROPOSITION #7

Proposition #7 allows the City Council, by ordinance, to set and determine the number, qualifications and terms of municipal judges. It also addresses other requirements of the court and responsibilities of municipal judges.

PROPOSITION #8

Proposition #8 establishes deadlines for declaring candidacy for city elections.

PROPOSITION #9

Proposition #9 addresses the political activities of municipal officers and employees.



PROPOSITION #10

Proposition #10 addresses nepotism, compatibility of offices, prohibits city employees from running for office and prohibits elected officials from applying for city positions while holding office.

PROPOSITION #11

Proposition #11 repeals and places in reserve Article VII. Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 13. Residency.

PROPOSITION #12

Proposition #12 brings all records and accounts of every office, department or agency of the city government, into accessibility compliance with the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

PROPOSITION #13

Proposition #13 addresses the abilities of the Mayor and Council, and the City Manager, by proclamation, to act during a state of emergency.

PROPOSITION #14

Proposition #14 clarifies the handling of recall elections.

PROPOSITION #15

Proposition #11 repeals and places in reserve Article X. Park land, Section 1. Park land

HOW G.O. BONDS WORK

A General Obligation (G.O.) Bond is a low-risk loan that cities frequently use to fund capital improvement projects. G.O. Bonds give cities a tool to raise funds for projects that don't provide direct sources of revenue – such as roads, parks, and equipment. These bonds typically fund projects that serve the entire community.

The City Council views G.O. Bond projects as an investment in the future of our community. Many of these projects don't have fees or other revenue associated with them so it is difficult to fund development, replacement and maintenance.

Without using bonds, funding for these projects would have to come from our general fund revenues, which rely heavily on sales taxes.

25-year G.O. bonds would be repaid by property taxes for residential and non-residential properties in our city. If approved, Prop. #1 wouldn't increase property taxes above the 10 mils cap approved in the 2018 Bond Election.

VOTING INFORMATION

You can find voter registration tools, a list of polling places, a sample ballot, and other voter information on the Oklahoma County Election Board website:

OklahomaCounty.org/388/Election-Board