



# **CITY OF ROBINSON**

## HOME RULE CHARTER

February 17, 1999

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The Charter Commission of the City of Robinson respectfully requests that this Charter be submitted to the registered voters of the City of Robinson at the General Election to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1999. The Charter Commission, in preparing this Charter, concludes that it is impracticable to segregate each subject so as to permit a vote of “yes or “no” on the same, for the reason that the Charter is so constructed that, in order to enable it to work and function, it should be adopted in its entirety. For these reasons, the Charter Commission directs that the said Charter be voted upon as a whole.

Not less than thirty (30) days prior to such election, the City Council should cause the City Secretary to mail a copy of this Charter to each registered voter of the City of Robinson as appears on the latest certified list of register voters. Not later than the sixth day after the election, the City Council is to canvass the votes and, if the Charter is adopted by a majority of the registered voters in said election, the City Council should enter upon the records of the City an official order declaring the Charter adopted and this Charter shall take effect immediately.

The City Secretary should file an official copy of the Charter with the records of the City and furnish a copy of said Charter to the Mayor to be authenticated by his signature and the seal of the City and forwarded to the Secretary of the State of Texas to be filed for record.

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Pat Whatley  
Charter Commission Chairperson

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## ARTICLE I

### INCORPORATION, FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND BOUNDARIES

#### **Section 1.01. Incorporation.**

The inhabitants of the City of Robinson, McLennan County, Texas, with the corporate limits now established and a hereafter altered, shall continue to be and are hereby constituted a municipal body politic and corporate, in perpetuity under the name of the “City of Robinson”, hereinafter referred to as the City, and having such powers privileges, rights duties and immunities as herein provided.

#### **Section 1.02. Form of Government.**

The municipal government provided by this Charter shall be known as the Council-Manager government. Pursuant to its provisions and subject only to the limitations imposed by the State Constitution, the Statutes of the State and by the Charter, all powers of the City shall be vested in elective council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall enact local legislation, adopt budgets, determine policies and appoint the City Manager, who shall execute the laws and administer the government of the City. All powers of the City shall be exercised in the manner prescribe by the Charter, or if the manner be not prescribed, then in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance.

#### **Section 1.03. General Powers of the City.**

The City shall have all the powers granted to cities by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, as now or hereafter adopted, enacted or amended, together with all the implied powers necessary to carry into execution such granted powers. It may use a corporate seal; may sue and be sued; may contract and be contracted with; may exercise any of its powers or perform any of its functions and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, with the government of the State of Texas, or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or the Federal Government or any agencies thereof, or with any state or agency thereof, to accomplish any lawful purpose for the advancement of the interest, welfare, health, morals, comfort, safety and convenience of the City and its inhabitants; may acquire property within, or without its corporate City limits for any municipal purpose in fee simple, or any lesser interest or estate by purchase, gift, devise, lease, or condemnation, and, subject to the provisions of this Charter, may sell, lease, mortgage, hold, manage, improve or control such property as may now or hereafter be owned by it, provide, however, the City shall not, sell, convey, mortgage or otherwise alienate any public utilities without prior approval of the qualified voters of the city, may exercise the power of eminent domain where necessary or desirable to carry out any of the powers conferred upon it by this Charter, or by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas; may enact ordinances and adopt such regulations as may be expedient for the maintenance of good government order, and peace of the City and the welfare, health, morals, comfort, safety,

and convenience of its inhabitants, and shall have and may exercise all municipal powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities of every kind and nature whatsoever, subject only to the limitations imposed by the State Constitution, the State laws and this Charter.

The enumeration of particular powers by this Charter shall not be judged to be exclusive, and, in addition to the powers enumerated or implied herein, it is intended that the City shall have and may exercise all the powers which, under the Constitution and laws of this State, it would be competent for this Charter to enumerate specifically.

The powers of the City under this Charter shall be construed liberally in favor of the City, and specific mention of particular powers in this Charter shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general powers stated in this article.

**Section 1.04. Boundaries.**

The boundaries of the City of Robinson, until changed in the manner herein provided, shall be the same as have heretofore been established, and exist on the date of the adoption of this Charter, which boundaries are more fully set out and described by metes and bounds in a document which is now and shall hereafter be kept in the office of the City Secretary.

**Section 1.05. Annexation.**

Territory adjacent to the City may be annexed by ordinance with or without the consent of the owners or inhabitants thereof, subject to such procedural rules as may be prescribed by law.

**Section 1.06. Deannexation.**

In addition to other powers of deannexation as authorized by law, the council may discontinue territory as a part of said city by ordinance duly passed, with or without the consent of the inhabitants or qualified voters of said territory. Prior to the final passage of such ordinance, the council shall provide an opportunity for all interested persons to be heard as a public hearing, notice of which is to be given as in the case of annexation by ordinance unless otherwise required by law.

**Section 1.07. Streets and Public Property.**

The City shall have exclusive dominion, control and jurisdiction, in, upon, over and under the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, highways, squares, ways and parks within the corporate limits of the City and the extraterritorial jurisdiction thereof, and in, upon, over and under all public property of the City. With respect to each and every public street, sidewalk, alley, highway, square, park or other ways within the corporate limits of the City and the extraterritorial jurisdiction thereof, the City shall have the power to establish and maintain, improve, alter, abandon or vacate the same; to regulate, establish or change the grade thereof, to police, control

and regulate the use thereof, and to abate and remove in a summary manner any encroachment thereon.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **THE COUNCIL**

#### **Section 2.01. Composition and Terms of Office.**

The Legislative and Governing Body of the City Council shall consist of seven (7) members elected at large by the qualified voters of the city. They shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, except as herein provided.

#### **Section 2.02. Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem.**

At its first meeting following each regular election of Councilmembers, the Council shall by election designate one of its number as Mayor and another of its number as Mayor Pro Tem, each of whom shall serve in such capacity for a term of one year. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Council and shall be recognized as head of the City government for all ceremonial purposes, for the purpose of receiving service of civil process and emergency purposes, and for military or police purposes, but shall have no administrative duties. The Mayor, as member of the Council shall be entitled to vote upon all affairs considered by the Council, but shall have no veto power. The Mayor Pro Tem shall act as Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor, and shall have power to perform every act the Mayor could perform if present.

#### **Section 2.03. Interim Government.**

After the adoption of this Charter, the Mayor and City Council shall serve as previously elected, with the previously elected Mayor filling the position of Mayor for the balance of his term. By a majority vote of the entire Council, including the Mayor, a qualified person shall be appointed to fill the newly established council position until the next election. Beginning with the next regular election after the adoption of the charter, four council members shall be elected in each even-numbered year (the seats previously designated as Place 1, Place 5, Mayor and the seat created by this Charter) and three Council members shall be elected in each odd-numbered year (the seats previously designated as Place 2, Place 3 and Place 4).

#### **Section 2.04. Indemnification.**

Duly elected City officials acting in their official capacity shall be protected by the City from personal financial loss resulting from Council decision made while in official sessions as a result of law suits filed pertaining to such decisions.

**Section 2.05. Qualification and Eligibility.**

Each of the seven Council members shall be a qualified voter of the State of Texas as that term is defined by the Texas Election Code and a citizen of the United States of America and each shall have been a resident of the City of Robinson for no less than twelve (12) months prior to filing for office and must continue to reside in the City for his or her entire term.

If any member of the Council shall at any time fail to possess any of the above qualifications, his/her office shall immediately become vacant. If any member is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings without explanation acceptable to a majority of the other members, his/her office shall be declared vacant at the next regular meeting of the Council.

**Section 2.06. Judge or Qualifications.**

The Council shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members, and for such purpose shall have the power to subpoena witnesses and require the production of records.

**Section 2.07. Vacancies.**

When a vacancy occurs in the Council, the remaining members may appoint a qualified person to serve the balance of the unexpired term. If two or more vacancies exist on the council at any one time, the Council shall call a special election for the purpose of electing council members to fill the unexpired terms of the vacated seats on council. It shall not be necessary to call an election, however, if the vacancies occur within the 90 days preceding a regular election. In such case, the unexpired terms, if any, shall be filled during the regular election by the person or persons having the next highest number of votes after the regular, full term, positions are filled.

**Section 2.08. Quorum and Voting**

A simple majority of the voting members of the Council shall constitute a quorum at a regular or emergency Council meeting. The affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members of the Council present shall be necessary to take any action at a regular or emergency Council meeting, unless otherwise provided by law. Voting shall be by "For" or "Against" on roll call.

**Section 2.09. Powers.**

All power of the City shall be vested in the Council, except as otherwise provided by law or this Charter.

**Section 2.10. Ordinances.**

The City Council shall exercise its powers by oral resolution recorded in the minutes, written resolution, and written ordinances so that there will be a written record for all action. Written ordinances shall be required for every act establishing a penalty, or when required by law or this Charter. Otherwise the Council shall determine whether to use an oral resolution recorded in the

minutes, a written resolution, or a written ordinance to exercise its powers. To be effective each resolution and ordinance shall be passed in accordance with the provisions for taking action prescribed in Section 2.08 of the Charter. Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in written or printed form as may be required by law and the subject matter shall be clearly expressed in its title. Except as otherwise required by law, it shall be necessary that the ordinance be read, exclusive of exhibits an incorporations by reference one (1) issue of the official newspaper of the City of Robinson with a statement of places where copies have been filed for public inspection and, with the exception of emergency notices, no such ordinance shall take effect until after the date of publication. The City Secretary shall note on every ordinance whose caption and penalty clauses are required to be published, and on the record thereof, the date of publication which shall be prima facie evidence of the legal publication. Every ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the City Secretary and shall be systematically recorded and indexed in an ordinance book in a manner approved by the Council. It shall be necessary to record only the caption or title or ordinances in the minutes or journal of the Council meetings.

**Section 2.11. Ordinances Now in Effect.**

All ordinances of the City now in existence and not inconsistent with provisions of this Charter shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the City Council.

**Section 2.12. Prohibited Acts.**

**(a). Holding Other Office or Being a Candidate.**

No person elected to the Council shall, during the term for which he or she was elected or for two years after the expiration of such term, be appointed to any office or position in the service of the city. No salaried officer or employee of the city shall become a candidate for nomination or election to any publicly elected office of the city.

**(b). Appointments and Removals.**

Neither the Council nor any of its members shall in any manner dictate the appointment or removal of any City administrative officers or employees whom the City Manager or any of his subordinates are empowered to appoint, but the Council may express its views and fully and freely discuss with the City Manager anything pertaining to appointment and removal of such officers and employees.

**(c). Interference with Administration.**

Except for the purpose of inquiries or investigations under Section 2.13, the council or its members shall deal with City officers, department heads, and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager solely through the City Manager,

and neither the Council nor its members shall give orders to any such City officer, department head or employee, either publicly or privately.

**Section 2.13. Investigations.**

The Council may make investigations into the affairs of the City and the conduct of any City department, office or agency and for this purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony and require the production of evidence. Any person who fails or refuses to obey a lawful order issued in the exercise of these powers by the Council shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00.

**Section 2.14. Audit.**

Prior to the end of each fiscal year, the Council shall designate a certified public accountant, who, as of the end of the fiscal year, shall make an independent audit of accounts, and other financial transactions of the City Government and shall submit a report, in open meeting, to the Council for approval, and to the City Manager. Such accountant shall have no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of the City Government or any of its officers. A copy of such audit shall be kept in the office of the City Secretary subject to inspection by any citizen and officer during regular office hours. The audit shall be completed and submitted to the City Council within one hundred twenty (120) days of the conclusion of the fiscal year for which the audit is being performed.

**Section 2.15. Meetings of the Council.**

The Council shall set the time and place of its regular meetings. The time and/or place may be changed by ordinance or resolution. Additional meetings of the Council may be called by the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, or a majority of the Council. Except as otherwise provided by the provisions of State law, or specifically permitted in the Texas Constitution, every meeting of the Council shall be open to the public. All meetings of Council, whether in regular or in executive session shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas pertaining thereto.

**Section 2.16. City Secretary.**

The City Council shall appoint a City Secretary upon recommendation of the City Manager. The City Secretary shall give notice of Council meetings, keep detailed minutes of its proceedings, shall authenticate by his or her signature, and record in full all ordinances and resolutions in a book kept and indexed for this purpose, and shall perform such other duties as the City Manager shall assign and those elsewhere provided in this Charter.

**Section 2.17. City Attorney.**

The Council shall appoint a competent and duly licensed attorney practicing law in the State of Texas who shall be the City Attorney, who shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the Council and who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Council. The City Attorney shall be the legal advisor, attorney and counselor for the City, its officers and departments. The Council shall, when it deems necessary, appoint one (1) or more assistants to the City Attorney and set their compensation. The City Attorney and his/her assistants shall represent the City in litigation at such fees as may be agreed upon with the Council, but at the Council's discretion may or may not participate in litigation for the collection of delinquent taxes. Special attorney may be employed under contract for the collection of delinquent taxes and for any other purposes, at such fees, and for such length of time as the Council may prescribe.

**Section 2.18. Administrative Departments.**

The City Council shall appoint the City Manager, City Secretary, City Attorney, and the Municipal Judge. All other positions within the City shall be filled through appointment by the City Manager.

**Section 2.19. Advisory boards, Commissions and Officers.**

The Council may, by ordinance, establish or abolish such advisory boards, commissions, or other advisory officers as may be deemed appropriate or desirable from time to time, and may fill such boards, commissions, or offices, by appointment of qualified residents of the City of Robinson, the function, term, and exact composition of such boards, commissions, and offices to be preserved by the ordinance.

**ARTICLE III**

**ELECTIONS**

**Section 3.01. Order and Regulation of Elections.**

The General City Election shall be held annually on the first Saturday in May, or such other date as may be specified for a General city Election by the Texas Election code, at which time Council members will be elected to fill those places which become vacant that year. The election shall be ordered by the Mayor on resolution of the Council, and the Mayor, on resolution of the council, shall order such special elections as are authorized by state laws and the provisions of this Charter. Notice of elections shall be published as provided by state law. The Councils shall appoint a presiding election judge and an alternate presiding judge. The presiding election judge shall appoint the election clerks to assist the judge in the conduct of the election at the polling place served by the judge. The appointment of clerks and judges shall be consistent with the provision of the Texas Election code. The Council shall also state the hours and set the places for holding each election and shall make all regulation it considers necessary or desirable,

not inconsistent with this Charter or the laws of the State governing elections. Voters for City elections shall be only qualified voters in accordance with State and City laws and regulations.

**Section 3.02. Filing as a Candidate**

Any person qualified under Section 2.05 who desires to become a candidate for the Council and to have his or her name appear on the ballot, shall file with the City Secretary, or his or her representative, during regular office hours and within the filing period prescribed by the Texas Election Code, a signed application, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. Before certifying an applicant's name to appear on the ballot, the City Secretary shall verify that the residence stated by the applicant is consistent with the residency qualifications of the office being sought. Should an applicant be found disqualified, the City Secretary shall immediately notify the applicant and the Mayor by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the nature of the disqualification.

**Section 3.04. Election by Plurality.**

At any regular or special election the candidates for the Office of Council member who shall receive the greater number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie vote makes it impossible to determine a winning candidate, the winner of that position shall be determined by casting lots in a manner prescribed by the sitting City Council.

**ARTICLE IV**

**INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL**

**Section 4.01. Initiative and Referendum.**

**(a). Initiative.** The qualified voters of the City shall have power to propose ordinances to the Council and, if the Council fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any change in substance, the qualified voters of the City shall have power to adopt or reject it at a City election, provided that such power shall not extend to the budget or capital program or any ordinance relating to appropriation of money, levy of taxes or salaries of City officers or employees.

**(b). Referendum.** The qualified voters of the City shall have power to require reconsideration by the Council of any adopted ordinance and, if the Council fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, the qualified voters of the City shall have power to approve or reject it at a City election, provided that such power shall not extend to the budget or capital program or any emergency ordinance or ordinance relating to appropriation of money or levy of taxes.

**Section 4.02. Requirements for Initiative and Referendum Petitions.**

Any five (5) resident, qualified voters may commence an initiative or referendum proceeding by filing with the City Secretary an affidavit stating they will constitute the petitioners' committee and be responsible for circulating the petition and filing it in proper form, stating their names and

addresses and specifying the address to which all notices to the committee are to be sent, and setting out in full the proposed initiative ordinance or citing the ordinance sought to be reconsidered.

Initiative and referendum petitions must be signed by qualified voters of the City equal in number to (30%) per cent of the total number of votes cast at the last regular City election, or four hundred (400), whichever is greater. All papers of a petition shall be uniform in size and style and shall be assembled as one instrument for filing and shall be in accordance with the terms set forth in the Texas Election Code.

#### **Section 4.03. Filing, Examination and Certification of Petitions.**

The petition for initiative or referendum shall be filed with the City Secretary, who shall, within twenty (20) days thereafter, determine whether the petition is sufficient in form and has been signed by the required number of others. The city Secretary shall promptly notify the petitioners' committee by certified mail, return receipt requested, of his or her finding. A petition certified insufficient for lack of the required number of valid signatures may be amended on if the petitioners' committee files a notice of intention to amend with the City secretary within four (4) days after notice of its insufficiency has been received and files a supplementary petition within fourteen (14) days after notice has been received.

#### **Section 4.04. Action by the Council.**

When a petition as originally filed, or amended, is found to be sufficient, the City secretary shall so certify to the council as its next regular meeting. If the council fails to adopt an ordinance proposed by initiative without change in substance or fails to repeal the referred ordinance within thirty (30) days after the petition was certified as sufficient, it shall submit the proposed ordinance or the referred ordinance to the qualified electors of the city for approval or rejection at a regular or special election in not more than ninety (90) days from the date of the final Council vote thereon.

#### **Section 4.05. Ballot for Initiated or Referred Ordinances.**

Ordinances submitted to a vote of the electors under provision of this Article shall be submitted by ballot title, prepared in all cases by the City Attorney. The ballot title may be different from the legal title and shall be a clear, concise statement, descriptive of the substance of such ordinance. Immediately below the ballot title, the ballot shall contain the following propositions in the order indicated: "For the Ordinance," and "Against the Ordinance." Any number of ordinances may be voted on at the same election and may be submitted on the same ballot.

#### **Section 4.06. Results of Election.**

- (a). If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a proposed initiative ordinance vote in its favor, it shall be considered adopted upon certification of the election results and shall be

treated in all respects in the same manner as ordinances of the same kind adopted by the Council. If conflicting ordinances are approved at the same election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

- (b). If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a referred ordinance vote against it, it shall be considered repealed upon certification of the election results.
- (c). No ordinance which has been initiated by petition and adopted at an election by the qualified voters shall be repealed or amended by the council within one (1) year thereafter, and no ordinance enacted by the Council and thereafter rejected by the qualified voters in an election held on petition for referendum shall be re-enacted by the Council within one (1) year thereafter.
- (d). No ordinance on the same subject as the initiated ordinance, which has been defeated at any election, may be initiated by the voters within one (1) year from the date of such election, and no ordinance, the repeal of which has been defeated at any election, may be the subject of a referendum within one (1) year from the date of such election.

#### **Section 4.07. Recall of Elected Officials.**

The citizens of the City shall have the power to remove any member or members of the Council from office by recall. The power of recall may be exercised by filing with the City secretary a petition signed by qualified voters of the city equal in number to forty (40%) per cent of the total number of votes cast at the election at which the council member who is the subject of this recall petition was last elected, or six hundred (600), whichever is greater. The recall petition shall be initiated, signed, verified and filed in the same manner as initiative and referendum petitions. The petition must distinctly and specifically point out the ground upon which the recall is predicated.

#### **Section 4.08. Recall Election.**

Within twenty (20) days after a recall petition has been filed, the City Secretary shall examine it, and if it is found to be sufficient, he or she shall notify the council member(s) sought to be recalled of this action, by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the Council member(s) sought to be recalled do(es) not resign within five (5) days after such notice, the City secretary shall submit the recall petition to the Council with a certificate of sufficiency. The Council shall order a recall election to be held not more than ninety (90) days after the date the Council received certification of the recall petition.

Ballots used in a recall election shall submit with respect to each person whose removal is sought the question, "Shall (name of person) be removed from the office of council member by recall?"

Immediately below each such question the two following propositions shall be listed, one above the other in the order indicated:

“For the removal of (name of person).”

“Against the removal of (name of person).”

**Section 4.09. Results of Recall Election.**

When a majority of the votes cast at a recall election shall be against the recall of an election official, he or she shall continue in office for the remainder of his or her term. If a majority of the votes cast at such an election be for the recall of an elected official, he or she shall be deemed removed from office regardless of any technical defect in the recall petition and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in section 2.07. An official removed from office by recall shall not be eligible to succeed himself.

**Section 4.10. Limitation on Recall.**

No elected official shall be subject to recall within six (6) months of his or her election to office and no elected official shall be subject to more than one recall election during any two (2) year term in office. A recall election need not be ordered by the Council against any elected official on whom a petition is filed if his or her term of office is to expire within one hundred eighty (180) days after the petition is filed with the City secretary or his or her designee.

**Section 4.11. District Judge May Order Election.**

Should the Council refuse or fail to order any election provided for in this Article, when all the requirements have been met by the petitioner’s committee it shall then be the duty of the Presiding Judge of any Judicial District of McLennan County, upon application by the petitioners’ committee, to order such elections and to enforce carrying into effect the provisions of this Article.

**ARTICLE V**

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

**Section 5.01. Municipal Court**

A municipal court of the City of Robinson is hereby created and shall be maintained for the trial and disposition of misdemeanor offenses with the powers and duties as are now and may hereafter be prescribed by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Texas.

**Section 5.02. Judge of the Municipal Court.**

The Judge of the court shall be an attorney licensed by the State of Texas. He or she shall be appointed by the Council to serve at the pleasure of the Council and at such salary as may be fixed by the council.

In addition, the City council shall appoint an alternate City Judge who shall be an attorney licensed by the State of Texas. In the event the City Judge is unable to act for any reason, or in the event of a vacancy, the alternate city Judge shall act in the place of the City Judge until such vacancy can be filled.

**Section 5.03. Clerk of the Municipal Court.**

The City Manager shall appoint a court clerk who shall have the power to administer oaths and affidavits, make certificates, affix the court's seal, and do and perform all act and duties permitted and required of clerks of courts of Texas in issuing processes and conducting the business of said court.

**ARTICLE VI**

**THE CITY MANAGER**

**Section 6.01. Appointment and Qualifications.**

The Council shall, by a minimum of four (4) affirmative votes, appoint or remove a City Manager who shall be the chief administrative and executive officer of the City and shall be responsible to the Council for the efficient administration of all the affairs of the City. The city Manager shall be chosen by the Council solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications, and need not, when appointed, be a resident of the City. The manager must, however, reside in the City during tenure in office.

**Section 6.02. Term and Salary.**

The City Manager shall not be appointed for a definite term but may be removed at the will and pleasure of the Council by a minimum of four (4) affirmative votes. The action of the Council in suspending or removing the City Manager shall be final, it being the intention of this Charter to vest all authority and fix all responsibility for such suspension or removal in the Council. In the case of the absence or disability of the city Manager, the Council may designate some qualified person to perform the duties of the office during such absence or disability. The City Manager shall receive such compensations as may be fixed by the Council.

**Section 6.03. Powers and Duties of the City Manager.**

The City Manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the City, responsible to the council for the administration of all City affairs placed in the manager's charge by or under this Charter. The City Manager shall:

- (a). Appoint and, when necessary for the good of the City, suspend or remove all City employees and appointive administrative officers provided for by or under this Charter, except as otherwise provided by law, this charter or personnel rules adopted pursuant to this Chapter. The City Manager may authorize any administrative officer subject to the manager's direction and supervision to exercise these powers with respect to subordinates in that officer's department, office or agency.
- (b). Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by the Charter or by law.
- (c). Attend all Council meetings and shall have the right to take part in discussion but may not vote.
- (d). See that all laws, provisions of this Charter, and acts of the Council subject to enforcement by the City Manager, or by officers subject to the Manager's direction and supervision, are faithfully executed.
- (e). Prepare and submit the annual budget and capital program to the council.
- (f). Submit to the Council and make available to the public a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the City as of the end of each fiscal year.
- (g). Make such other reports as the council may require concerning the operations of City departments, offices and agencies subject to the manager's direction and supervision.
- (h). Keep the Council fully advised as to the financial condition and future need of the City and make recommendations to the council concerning the affairs of the City.
- (i). Examine and execute on behalf of the City, with the approval of the City Council, all contracts, orders, and other documents by which the city incurs financial obligations, having previously ascertained that monies have been appropriated and allotted and will be available when the obligations become due and payable.
- (j). Perform Such other duties as are specified in the Charter or may be required by the Council.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES**

#### **Section 7.01. General Provisions.**

- (a). **Creation of Departments.** The City Council may establish city departments, offices or agencies in addition to those created by this Charter and may prescribe the functions of all departments, offices and agencies, except that no function assigned by this Charter to

a particular department, office or agency may be discontinued or, unless this Charter specially so provides, assigned to any other.

- (b). **Direction by City Manager.** All departments, offices and agencies under the direction and supervision of the City Manager shall be administered by an officer appointed by and subject to the direction and supervision of the Manager. With the consent of Council, the City Manager may serve as the head of one or more such departments, offices or agencies or may appoint on person as the head of two or more of them.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **THE BUDGET**

#### **Section 8.01. Fiscal Year.**

The fiscal year of the City shall begin on the first (1st) day of October and shall end on the last day of September of the succeeding calendar year. Such fiscal year shall also constitute the budget and accounting year. As used in this Charter, the term “budget year” shall mean the fiscal year for which any particular budget is adopted and in which it is day of September of the succeeding calendar year. Such fiscal year shall also constitute administered.

#### **Section 8.02. Preparation and Submission of Budget.**

The City Manager shall, at least sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of each budget year, submit to the City Secretary a proposed budget and an explanatory budget message in the form, and with the contents provided by Section 8.10.

#### **Section 8.03 Budget a Public Record.**

The proposed budget and accompanying message and all supporting schedules shall be a public record in the office of the City Secretary open to public inspection during normal office hours.

#### **Section 8.04. Public Hearing on Budget.**

As required by law, the Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed budget as revised, at which all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard, for or against, on any proposed item thereof.

#### **Section 8.05. Action After Public Hearing.**

After the public hearing, the Council may adopt the budget with or without amendment. No amendment to the budget shall increase the authorized expenditures to an amount greater than the total of estimated income plus funds available from prior years.

#### **Section 8.06. Date of Adoption; Failure to Adopt.**

The Council shall adopt its annual budget by ordinance, on one reading, by the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of September, or as soon thereafter as practical. Adoption of the budget shall require an affirmative vote of at least a majority of all members of the Council. Adoption of the budget shall constitute appropriations of the amounts specified therein as expenditures from the funds indicated. Should the Council take no final action on or prior to the twenty-seventeenth (27<sup>th</sup>) day of September, the budget as submitted by the city Manager shall be deemed to have been adopted by the Council.

**Section 8.07. Effective Date of Budget; Certification, Copies Made Available.**

Upon final adoption, the budget shall be in effect for the budget year. A copy of the budget as adopted shall be filed with the City Secretary and the County clerk of McLennan County. The City Secretary shall reproduce sufficient copies for the use of all offices, departments and agencies.

**Section 8.08 Budget Establishes Amount to be Raised by Property Tax.**

From the effective date of the budget, the amount stated in the budget as the amount to be raised by property tax shall be the amount of the property tax levy for the corresponding tax year.

**Section 8.09. Budget Message.**

A budget message explaining the budget both in fiscal terms and in terms of the work programs shall be submitted with the budget. It shall outline the proposed financial policies of the City for the ensuing fiscal year, describe the important features of the budget, and indicate any major changes from the current year in financial policies, expenditures, and revenues, with reasons for such changes. It shall also summarize the City's debt position and include such other material as the City Manager deems desirable.

**Section 8.10. Budget Contents.**

The budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all city funds and activities for the ensuing fiscal year and, except as required by law or this charter, shall be in such form as the city manager deems desirable or the city council may require. The budget shall begin with a clear summary of its contents; shall show in detail all estimated income, indicating the proposed property tax levy, and all proposed expenditures including debt service, for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall be arranged as to show comparative figures for actual and estimated income and expenditures of the current fiscal year and actual income and expenditures of the preceding fiscal year.

**Section 8.11. Supplemental Appropriations.**

If during the fiscal year the city manager certifies that there are available for appropriation revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget, the City Council may by ordinance make such supplemental appropriations for the year up to the amount of such excess.

**Section 8.12**

At any time during the fiscal year the City Council may by solution transfer part or all of the unencumbered appropriation balance from one department or major organizational unit to the appropriation for other departments or major organization units. The Manager may transfer part or all of the unencumbered appropriation balances among programs with a department or organizational unit and shall report such transfers to the council in writing in a timely manner.

**Section 8.13. Emergency Appropriations.**

To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace, the Council may make emergency appropriations. Such appropriations may be made by emergency ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.10. To the extent that there are no available unappropriated revenues to meet such appropriations, the Council may by such emergency ordinance authorize the issuance of emergency notes or time warrants at the lowest rate of interest obtainable, as determined by the City Manager with the approval of the council, which may be renewed from time to time, but the emergency notes and renewals, of any fiscal year shall be paid not later than the last day of the current fiscal year.

**Section 8.14. Reduction of Appropriations.**

If at any time during the fiscal year it appears probable to the City Manager that the revenues available will be insufficient to meet the amount appropriated, he or she shall report to the Council without delay indicating the estimated amount of the deficit, remedial action already taken, and any recommendations as to other steps to be taken. The council shall then take such other action as it deems necessary to prevent or minimize any deficit and for that purpose it may be ordinance reduce one (1) or more appropriations.

**Section 8.15. Appropriations Lapse at End of Year.**

Every appropriation, except an appropriation for a capital expenditure, shall lapse at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that is has not been expended or encumbered, unless otherwise provided by law or ordinance. An appropriation for a capital expenditure shall continue in force until the purpose for which it was made has been accomplished or abandoned; the purpose of any such appropriation shall be deemed abandoned if three (3) years pass without any disbursement from or encumbrance of the appropriation.

**ARTICLE IX**

**TAX ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 9.01. Taxes: When Due and Payable.**

All taxes due the City shall be payable according to the schedule provided by state law. The Council may by ordinance provide a discount for current taxes paid prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, of the following year, and may exempt from taxation an amount, to be established by the Council by ordinance, for homesteads, and an additional amount for the homesteads of the elderly, disabled veterans, and the surviving spouses of disabled veterans.

**Section 9.02. City to Foreclose Tax Liens.**

Tax liens shall be foreclosed in accordance with the provisions of state law.

**ARTICLE X**

**ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS; OTHER DEBT INSTRUMENTS**

**Section 10.01. Borrowing in Anticipation for Revenues Other Than Taxes.**

In any budget year, in anticipation of the collection or receipt of revenues other than taxes of that budget year, the Council may by resolution authorize the borrowing of money by the issuance of negotiable notes of the City, each of which shall be designated “special revenue note for the year \_\_\_\_\_” (stating the budget year). Such notes may be renewed from time to time, but all such notes, together with the renewals shall mature and be payable not later than the end of the fiscal year in which the original notes have been issued.

**Section 10.02. Sales of Notes, Report of Sale.**

All notes issued pursuant to this article may be sold at not less than par at private sale by the City Manager without previous advertisement. The notes shall bear interest at the prevailing rate. Such sale shall be authorized in advance by the Council as provided in Section 8.13.

**Section 10.03. Borrowing.**

The City shall have the power, except as prohibited by law, to borrow money by whatever method it may deem to be in the public interest.

**Section 10.04. General Obligation Bonds.**

The City shall have the power to borrow money on the credit of the City and to issue general obligation bonds for permanent improvements or for any other public purpose not prohibited by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and to issue refunding bonds to refund outstanding bonds of the City previously issued. All such bonds shall be issued in conformity with the law of the State of Texas.

**Section 10.05. Revenue Bonds.**

The City shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, improving, extending, or preparing of public utilities, recreational facilities, or any other self-liquidating municipal function not prohibited by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and issue revenue bonds to evidence the obligations created thereby. Such bonds shall be a charge upon and payable from the properties, or interest therein, pledged, or the income therefrom, or both. The holders of the revenue bonds shall never have the right to demand payment thereof out of monies raised or to be raised by taxation. All such bonds shall be issued in conformity with the law of the State of Texas.

**Section 10.06. Bonds Incontestable.**

All bonds of the City having been issued and sold and having been delivered to the purchaser thereof shall thereafter be incontestable and all bonds issued to refund in exchange for outstanding bonds previously issued shall, and after said exchanges, be incontestable.

**ARTICLE XI**

**FRANCHISES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**Section 11.01. Powers of the City.**

In addition to the City's power to buy, construct, lease, maintain, operate and regulate public utilities, and to manufacture, distribute and sell the output of such utility operations, the City shall have such further powers as may now or hereafter be granted under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

**Section 11.02. Power to Grant Franchise.**

The Council shall have the power by ordinance to grant, renew, extend and amend, by mutual agreement, all franchises of all public utilities of every character operating within the City. No franchise shall be for an indeterminate period and no franchise shall be granted for a term of more than thirty (30) years from the date of the grant and no franchise shall be exclusive.

**Section 11.03 Ordinance Granting Franchise.**

All ordinances granting, renewing, extending or amending a public utility franchise shall be read at two (2) separate regular meetings of the Council, and shall not be finally passed until thirty (30) days after the first reading. No such ordinance shall take effect until thirty (30) days after its final passage. After the first reading and before final passage, the full text of such ordinance shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the City, the cost of publication to be borne by proponent of the franchise.

**Section 11.04. Transfer of Franchise.**

No public utility franchise shall be transferable except with the approval of the Council expressed by ordinance. The term “transferable” as used herein shall not be construed in such a manner as to prevent the franchise holder from pledging said franchise as security for a valid debt or mortgage.

#### **Section 11.05**

No value shall be assigned to any franchise granted by the City in fixing reasonable rates and charges for utility service within the City and in determining the just compensation to be paid by the City for public utility property which it may acquire by condemnation or otherwise.

#### **Section 11.06. Right of Regulation.**

Each grant, renewal extension or amendment of a public utility franchise, whether so provided in the ordinance or not, shall be subject to the right of the council.

- (a). To forfeit by ordinance at any time any franchise for the failure of the holder to comply with all terms of the franchise, such power to be exercised only after notice and hearing, and a reasonable opportunity to correct the default.
- (b). To require such expansion and extinction of plant facilities as are reasonable necessary to provide adequate service to the public.
- (c). Establish reasonable standards of service and quality of products and prevent unjust discrimination in service or rates.
- (d). To impose reasonable regulations to insure safe, efficient and continuous service to the public.
- (e). To examine and audit at any time during regular business hours the records and accounts of any such utility which are relevant to the City’s right of regulation , and to require and prescribe annual and other reports, including reports on operations within the City.
- (f). To require such compensation and rental as may be permitted by the laws of the State of Texas.
- (g). To prescribe the form of accounts kept by each utility; provided, however, that any utility which shall keep its accounts in accordance with the uniform system of accounts for said utility prescribed by the National Association of Railroad and Public Utility Commissioners, the Federal Power Commission, the Federal communications Commission, the Railroad commission of Texas, their successor or successors, shall be deemed in sufficient compliance with this paragraph.

#### **Section 11.07. Consent of Property Owners.**

The consent of abutting and adjacent property owners shall not be required for the construction, extension, maintenance or operation of any public utility; however, nothing in this Charter or in any franchise granted thereunder shall ever be construed to deprive any such property owner of any right of action for damage or injury to his property as is now or may hereafter be provided by law.

#### **Section 11.08. Extensions.**

All extension of public utilities within the City shall become a part of the aggregate property of the public utility, shall be operated as such, and shall be subject to all the obligations and reserved rights contained in this Charter and in any original grant hereafter made. The right to use and maintain any extension shall terminate with the original grant and shall be terminated at the same times and under the same conditions as the original grant.

#### **Section 11.09. Rights of Prior Grants.**

All franchises heretofore granted are recognized as contracts between the City and the grantee. The contractual right as contained in any such franchises shall not be impaired by the provisions of this Charter, except the power of the City to exercise the right to eminent domain in the acquisition of utility property is in all things reserved. Also, the general power of the City to regulate rates, within the limitations of Section 11.11 and services of a grantee, shall include the right to require proper and adequate extension of plant and service and the maintenance of the plant and fixtures at the highest reasonable standard of efficiency. Every grant, renewal or extension of a franchise hereafter shall be subject to all the terms and conditions contained in the Article whether or not they are listed or referred to in the grant, extension or renewal. Nothing in this Article shall operate to limit in any way the discretion of the Council in imposing terms and condition as may be reasonable in connection with any franchise grant.

#### **Section 11.10. Accounts of Municipally Owned Utilities.**

Accounts for each public utility owned or operated by the City shall be kept in such manner to show the true and complete financial results of such City ownership and operation. All assets and liabilities shall be appropriately subdivided by classes, depreciation reserve, other reserves and surplus. Also, revenues, operating expenses including depreciation, interest payments, rental and other disposition of annual income shall be included. The accounts shall show as nearly possible the cost of any service furnished to, or rendered by, such utility to any City department. The Council shall have an annual report made by a Certified Public Accountant and shall publish such report showing the financial results of City ownership and operation, giving the information specified in this Section and such other data as the Council may require.

#### **Section 11.11. Regulation of Rates.**

The Council shall have the full power to regulate in accordance with applicable laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America the rates of every public utility operation in the City. If no State law is applicable, the Council shall have full power to regulate by ordinance, after notice and hearing, the rates of every public utility operating in the City and shall have the right to employ expert advice and assistance in determining a reasonable rate and equitable profit to the public utility. Notice of any proposed increase in utility rates and service cost shall be given through publication of the proposal in one (1) issue of the official newspaper of the City at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing on such proposal. The notice shall state the time and place of the hearing, the name of the proponent and a comparison of the existing schedule of rates and charges with the proposed schedule, the cost of the notice to be paid by the proponent. The Council shall have the renewal thereof, or as a condition precedent to any hearing concerning rates and service of any public utility operating within the city, that the proponents seeking the rate or service change pay the reasonable cost of the service of a rate consultant chosen by the Council. No notice need be given nor public hearing held where the change in rates or service charges is solely one of reduction.

**Section 11.12. Service Beyond the City Limits.**

The Council shall have the authority to sell and distribute water, and to sell and provide for sewer services, and any other utilities and services to customers outside the limits of the City of Robinson under such terms, conditions, and charges as determined by the Council.

**ARTICLE XII**

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND ZONING**

**Section 12.01. Platting of Property.**

Every owner of any tract of land situated within the corporate limits of the City, or within any area over which the city may have jurisdiction under State Law, who may divide the same into two (2) or more parts for the purpose of laying out any subdivision or any addition to the City shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 212 of the Local Government Code of Texas, all amendments thereto, and said Chapter 212 and amendments are hereby adopted.

**Section 12.02. Development of Property.**

No expenditure of public funds shall be authorized by the council for privately owned subdivisions situated within or beyond the limits of the City except for the extension of utilities or services provided by the City to such area.

**Section 12.03. Planning and Zoning Commission.**

The Council shall appoint a City Planning and Zoning Commission consisting of five (5) members who shall be residents of the City and who shall serve without compensation.

Members shall be appointed at the first regular meeting in November of each year for a two (2) year term with three (3) to be appointed each even numbered year and two (2) to be appointed each odd numbered year.

**Section 12.04. Vacancies on the Commission.**

Vacancies occurring on the commission shall be filled by the Council for the remainder of the term within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs. Any member who is absent without cause from three (3) consecutive regular meetings shall be dropped automatically and the commission chair shall notify the Council immediately that a vacancy exists.

**Section 12.05. Organization of the Commission.**

At its first meeting following the annual appointment of members by the council, the commission shall elect one (1) of its members as chair. The Commission shall establish rules of procedure which shall include the following:

- (a). The commission shall hold, at a minimum, quarterly meetings and report to the Council quarterly. All meetings shall be open to the public and minutes of the proceedings shall be kept and shall be a public record. All meetings shall be held at City Hall unless prior notice has been given in the newspaper of general circulation in the City.
- (b). A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership. An affirmative vote of a majority of those present shall constitute adoption of any pending motion.
- (c). The chair shall be entitled to vote.
- (d). The City Manager shall be ex-officio member to the Commission, and shall be responsible for ensuring that minutes of meetings are recorded and maintained.

**Section 12.06. Powers and Duties of the Commission.**

The Commission shall:

- (a). Be responsible to and act as an advisory body to the Council.
- (b). Make, amend, extend, and add to a master plan for the physical development of the City.
- (c). Review all plans for platting or subdividing of land within the City and within adjacent areas as permitted by law and submit findings and recommendations to the Council.
- (d). Make and recommend to the Council for adoption, a zoning plan and amendments thereto.
- (e). Perform such other duties and be vested with such other powers as the Council may prescribe in accordance with the Laws of the State of Texas.

**Section 12.07. Board of Adjustment.**

The council shall appoint the board of Adjustment with all the powers and duties conferred in Chapter 211 of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas as now or hereafter amended.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 13.01. Sale of City Property, Procedure.**

Any surplus personal property belonging to the City shall be disposed of by any legal method, as prescribed by Council.

**Section 13.02. Purchase Procedure.**

Before the City makes any purchase or contract for supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services, importunity shall be given for competition, as prescribed by state law or the City Council.

**Section 13.03. Contracts for City Improvements.**

Any City improvement shall be executed by contract secured by performance and payment bonds in the full amount of the contract whenever required by state law.

**Section 13.04. Oath of Office.**

Every officer of the City, whether elected or appointed, before entering upon the duties of office shall take and subscribe to the appropriate oath or affirmation to be filed and kept in the office of the City Secretary.

**Section 13.05. Publicity of Records.**

All record and accounts of every office, department, or agency of the City shall be open to inspection during regular business hours. Provided that such police records, vital statistics records, or other records, which are closed to the public by law shall not be considered public records for the purpose of the section.

**Section 13.06. Official Newspaper.**

The council shall have the power to contract annually with, and by resolution designate, a public newspaper of general circulation in the City as official organ thereof, and to continue as such until another is designated; and shall cause to be published therein all ordinances, notices and other matter required to be published by this Charter, by the ordinances of the City, or by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

### **Section 13.07. Notice of Claim**

Before the City shall be liable for damages for the death or personal injuries of any person or for damages to or destruction of property of any kind, which does not constitute a taking or damaging of property under Article 1, section 17, Constitution of the State of Texas, the person injured, if living, or his representatives, if deceased, or the owner, his agent or attorney, of the property damaged or destroyed shall give the City Manager or City Secretary notice in writing of such death, injury, damage or destruction, duly verified by affidavit, within sixty (60) days or within six (6) months for good cause shown from the date the damage or injury was sustained, stating specifically in such written notice when, where, and how the death injury, damage or destruction occurred, and the apparent extent of any such injury, the amount of damages sustained, the actual residence of the claimant by street and number at the date the claim is presented, the actual residence of such claimant for six (6) months immediately preceding the occurrence of such death, injury, damage or destruction, and the names and addresses of all witnesses upon whom it has relied to establish the claim for damages. No action at law for damages shall be brought against the City for such death, injury, damage or destruction prior to the expiration of sixty (60) days after the notice hereinbefore described has been filed with the City Manager or the City Secretary. After the expiration of the sixty (60) days aforementioned, the complainant may then have two (2) years from the date of the occurrence in which to bring an action of law.

### **Section 13.08. Assignment, Execution and Garnishment.**

The real and personal property belonging to the City shall not be liable for sale or appropriation under any writ of execution or cost bill. The funds belonging to the City in the hands of any person, firm or corporation shall not be liable to garnishment, attachment or sequestration; nor shall the City be liable to garnishment on account of any debt it may owe or funds or property it may have on hand or owing to any person. Neither the City nor any of its officers or agents shall be required to answer any such writ or garnishment on any account whatever.

### **Section 13.09. Security or Bond.**

It shall not be necessary in any action, suit or proceeding in which the city is a party for any bond, undertaking or security to be executed in behalf of the City, but all actions, suits and proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as if such bond, undertaking or security had been given and the City shall be liable in the same manner and to the same extent as if the bond, undertaking or security required in ordinary cases had been given and executed.

### **Section 13.10**

Any member of the Council, officer or employee of the City who has a substantial financial interest, direct or indirect, or by reason of ownership of stock in any corporation, in any contract with the City or in the sale of any land, material, supplies or services to the City or to a

contractor supplying the City shall make known that interest to the Council and shall refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in his capacity as a council person, officer or employee in the making of such sale or in the awarding or performance of such contract. Any Council person, officer or employee who violates the requirements of this section shall be guilty of malfeasance and shall forfeit his office or position. Violation of this section with the knowledge, expressed or implied, of the person or corporation contracting with or making a sale to the City shall render the contract or sale voidable by the City Manager or the Council.

**Section 13.11. Nepotism.**

No person related within the second degree by marriage or the third degree by blood to any member of the Council or to the City Manager shall be appointed to any office, position, clerkship or other service of the City. This prohibition shall not apply to any person who shall have been employed by the City for a period of six (6) months prior to and at the time of the election or the appointment of the official so related to him.

**Section 13.12. Power to Settle Claims.**

The council shall have the authority to compromise and settle any and all claims and lawsuits of every kind and character in favor of or against the City, except suits by the City to recover delinquent taxes.

**Section 13.13. Judicial Notice.**

This Charter shall be held a public act, and shall have the force and effect of a general law; may be read in evidence without pleading or proof and judicial notice thereof shall be taken in all courts and places without further proof.

**Section 13.14. Effect of Charter on Existing Law.**

All City ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations in force on the effective date of this Charter and not in conflict with this Charter shall remain in force until altered, amended or repealed by the council, and all rights of the city under existing franchises and contracts are preserved in full force and effect.

**Section 13.15. Severability Clause.**

If any section or part of a section of this Charter is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or part of a section of this Charter.

**Section 13.16. Amending the charter.**

Amendments to this Charter may be framed and submitted to the electors of the City by a Charter Commission in the manner provided by law.

**Section 13.17. Submission of Charter to Electors.**

The Charter Commission finds and declares that this Charter is so construed that in order for it to function efficiently, it must be adopted in its entirety. For this reason, the commission finds it would be impracticable to segregate each subject for a separate vote thereon, and therefore directs it to be voted on as whole, and that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held for that purpose. In not less than thirty (30) days prior to the election for the adoption of this charter, the City Secretary shall mail a copy of the charter to each qualified voter of the City as appears from the latest certified list of registered voters. If said Charter is approved by a majority of the electors voting at said election, it shall become the Charter of the City of Robinson upon the entering in the City records of the Council of an official order declaring the adoption of the Charter. A copy of the adopted Charter, authenticated and certified by the City Secretary and the seal of the City, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State of the State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned members of the Charter commission duly appointed on January 19,1999, to prepare a charter for the City of Robinson, do hereby certify that this document constitutes a true copy of the propose charter for the City of Robinson, Texas.

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