

Charter Review Committee

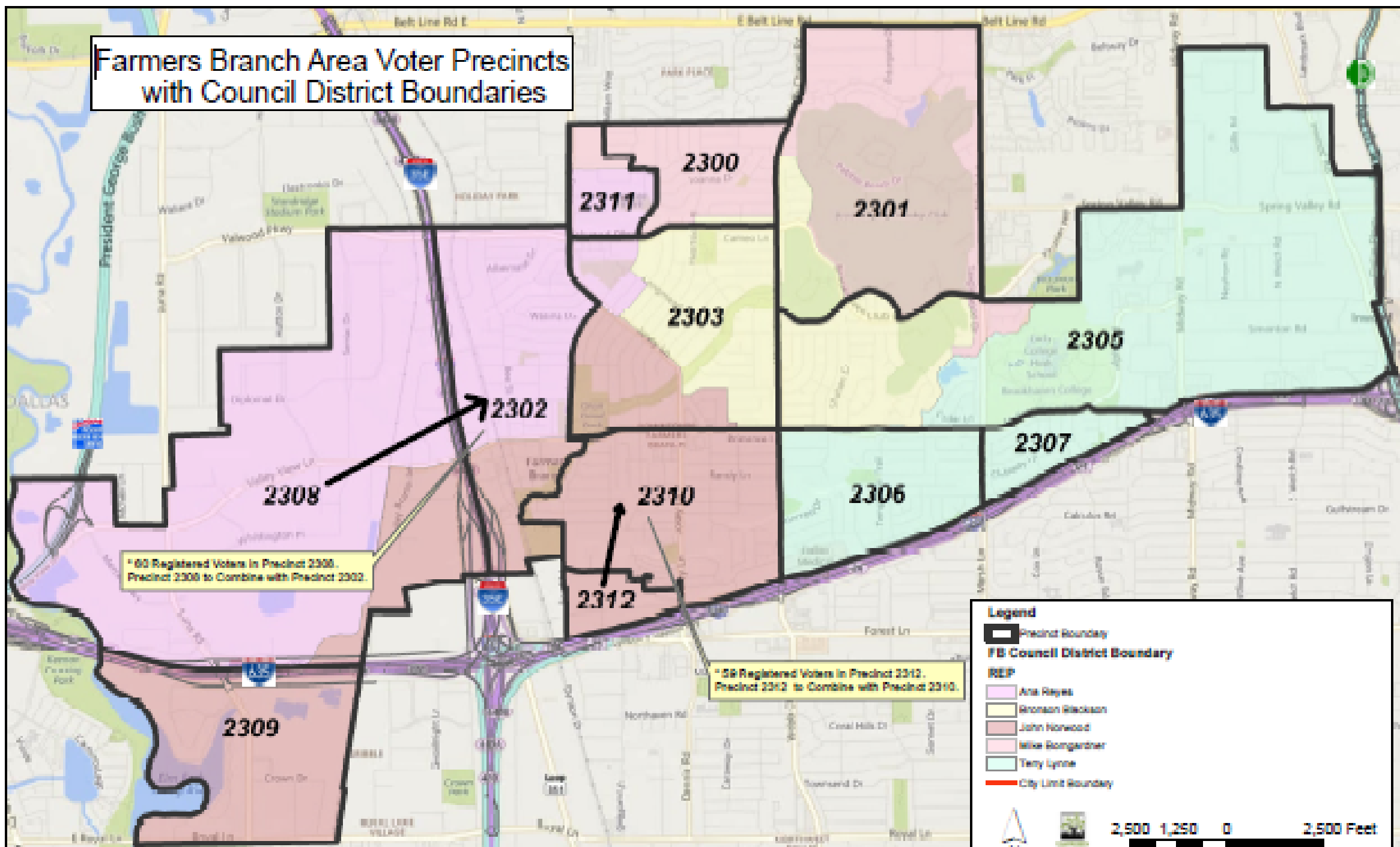


Process and Overview

Amending the City Charter

- Under State Law, the City Charter may not be amended more often than every two years. (Last amended November 5, 2013.)
- The City Charter requires at least one (1) representative from each voting precinct be appointed to the Charter Review Committee.
- The number of Voting Precincts have been reduced to 10 since two (2) of the Precincts have fewer than 100 registered voters.

Farmers Branch Area Voter Precincts with Council District Boundaries



* 60 Registered Voters in Precinct 2308.
Precinct 2308 to Combine with Precinct 2302.

* 59 Registered Voters in Precinct 2312.
Precinct 2312 to Combine with Precinct 2310.

Legend

- Precinct Boundary
- FB Council District Boundary
- REP
 - Ann Reyes
 - Bronson Blackson
 - John Norwood
 - Mike Bongardner
 - Terry Lynne
- City Limit Boundary



2,500 1,250 0 2,500 Feet

Charter Review Committee

- The Charter Review Committee conducts meetings at which time a Vice Chair is elected by the Committee.
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- The Committee establishes meeting dates, times and locations. (In the past, typically on Thursdays.)
 - The Committee receives a briefing by the Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney.
 - The City Attorney provides direction on how to proceed with review of the Charter by determining the order to review.
 - The Committee will receive requests by Council and/or the City Manager to review and make recommendations regarding specific portions of the Charter.

Charter Review Appointments

- Mayor and Council has nominated two applicants from two precincts within their Council Districts. The Mayor nominates two at large appointments for a total of 12 Members.
- The Charter Committee Chair will be chosen by City Council. Nancie Hardy has submitted application to Chair the Committee.

Timeline

- ✓ Step 1 Advertise and Recruit Applicants – April thru August

- Step 2 Council approves a Resolution creating a Charter Review Committee - September
- Step 3 Council appoints Charter Committee Board Members – September
- Step 4 Charter Review Committee deliberates end of September thru November 2017
- Step 5 Charter Review Committee provides recommendations to Council – December
- Step 6 Council reviews and prioritizes the recommendations – January 2018
- Step 7 Council adopts Ordinance calling the Special Election for Charter Amendment – February 2018
- Step 8 City conducts Charter election – May 5, 2018

Possible Charter Topics

- Consider 4-year staggered terms for City Council Members with an 8 year term limit.
- Update and remove “Precincts” and replace with “Districts”.



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Questions