



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Date

June 10, 2025

Requested Action

APPROVE ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS, DESIGNATING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ESTABLISHING A STAGGERED ELECTION SCHEDULE.

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Background Information

On May 3, 2025, Boerne voters approved Proposition A, a charter amendment that changes the terms of office for the Mayor and City Council Members from two years to three years and requires staggered terms so that no more than one-third of the Council is elected in any given year.

This ordinance puts into effect the approved charter amendment by creating a transition plan to stagger the terms appropriately, starting with the 2026 municipal election.

Current election structure:

- Odd-numbered years: Mayor and Council Members from Districts 2 and 4 (even-numbered districts).
- Even-numbered years: Council Members from Districts 1, 3, and 5 (odd-numbered districts).

Proposed staggered schedule beginning in 2026:

Year	Offices Up for Election
2026	District 1 (3 yrs), District 3 (3 yrs)
2027	District 4 (3 yrs), District 5 (3 yrs)
2028	Mayor (3 yrs), District 2 (3 yrs)
2029	District 1 (3 yrs), District 3 (3 yrs)
2030	District 4 (3 yrs), District 5 (3 yrs)
2031	Mayor (3 yrs), District 2 (3 yrs)

Rationale for recommended schedule:

The proposed transition plan considers several practical factors to

	<p>ensure a fair and orderly implementation of staggered three-year terms.</p> <p>District 3 is recommended for the 2026 election because the current Council Member has informed the City Manager of plans to move outside the city limits later this year, which would result in a resignation. Including this district in the 2026 election ensures that any appointed replacement will stand for election at the next available opportunity.</p> <p>The Mayor and District 2 Council Member were just elected in May 2025 following contested campaigns. It is appropriate for both to serve a full three-year term under the new structure, placing them in the 2028 election cycle.</p> <p>District 4's election was canceled due to the incumbent running unopposed, so that term will continue through 2027 as originally scheduled. Between Districts 1 and 5, both of which are mid-term, the Council Member from District 5 has participated in more active campaign cycles. For that reason, District 1 is scheduled for election in 2026 and District 5 in 2027.</p> <p>This approach distributes the transition evenly across election years, respects recent voter participation, and ensures that Council Members are not required to run again sooner than is appropriate.</p>
Strategic Alignment	N/A
Financial Considerations	N/A
Citizen Input/Board Review	Proposition A was approved by voters in the May 3, 2025, Special Election.
Legal Review	City Attorney McKamie has reviewed and approved the ordinance.
Alternative Options	City Council may consider alternative transition schedules for implementing staggered terms. However, any alternative must still comply with the charter requirement that no more than one-third of the Council is elected in any given year.
Supporting Documents	Ordinance No. 2025-06