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# VOTERS GUIDE

May 10, 2014, Local Election  
McKinney City Charter Propositions

Early voting: April 28 – May 6

Election Day: May 10 – Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## About This Voters Guide

This *Voters Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Collin County to help citizens prepare to cast an informed vote. The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

This guide lists ten City Charter Propositions for the City of McKinney. It is available online at [www.lwvcollin.org](http://www.lwvcollin.org) and the propositions are also listed at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org).

To enter your address and see all ballot items for that address visit [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org).



## Qualifications for Voting

To vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, registered to vote, a resident of the county, and at least 18 years old on Election Day. You must not have been declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law. If you have been convicted of a felony, you may register to vote only after you have completed the punishment phase of your conviction, including any terms of incarceration, parole, supervision, or period of probation ordered by the court.

## Where to Vote

Collin County voters may vote at any Collin County vote center during early voting and election day. For polling locations and sample ballots, visit [www.co.collin.tx.us/elections](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections) or call the Collin County Elections Office at 800-687-8546 (toll-free).

A photo ID is now required to vote in person. See **What to Take to the Polls** on the back page.

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### Proposition No. 1

Shall the City Charter be amended throughout to correct non-substantive errors such as misspellings, punctuation, grammar and sentence structure and revise references to obsolete provisions of state law and conform notice and publication requirements to state law?

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### Proposition No. 2

Shall the City Charter be amended to delete provisions, practices and policies which are no longer employed by the City of McKinney?

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### Proposition No. 3

Shall Section 10 of the City Charter be amended to provide that candidates and elected members of the City Council provide sufficient evidence of physical residence in the district sought by such candidate or the district represented by an elected member?

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**Proposition No. 4**

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Shall Section 15 of the City Charter be amended to provide that candidates for an election to the City Council be a qualified voter of the City not less than one (1) year prior to filing?

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**Proposition No. 5**

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Shall Section 15b of the City Charter be amended to provide that candidates for the City Council be residents of the City for one (1) year prior to filing?

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**Proposition No. 6**

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Shall Section 16 of the City Charter be amended to provide for the continuation of City Council member compensation of \$50 per posted meeting without the annual cap of \$2,500 per year?

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**Proposition No. 7**

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Shall Section 17 of the City Charter be amended to provide for authority to fill certain vacancies by special election or by appointment pursuant to the Texas Constitution?

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**Proposition No. 8**

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Shall Section 30 of the City Charter be amended to provide for the deletion of conflicting Charter provisions regarding appointment and removal of employees?

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**Proposition No. 9**

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Shall Section 34 of the City Charter be amended to provide for City Council authority regarding appointment and removal of certain executive employees of the City and certain affiliated public corporations?

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**Proposition No. 10**

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Shall Section 66 of the City Charter be amended to provide for additional investigative powers to the Fire Department?

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<p>You may bring this <i>Voters Guide</i> into the voting booth! In 1995, the Texas law prohibiting use of printed materials, such as this <i>Voters Guide</i>, in the polling place was ruled unconstitutional (<i>Texas Election Code, Section 61.011</i>)</p>
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**Your vote is your voice. Be heard.**

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## What to take to the polls

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### Texas now requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID at the polls.

The only acceptable photo IDs are:

#### Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) issued photo IDs

- Driver's license
- Personal identification card
- Concealed handgun license
- Election Identification Certificate

#### United States government issued photo IDs

- Passport
- Military identification card
- Citizenship certificate or naturalization certificate with photograph

Only the above photo IDs can be accepted at the polls. Other photo IDs including student IDs and employer IDs cannot be accepted.

### Additional information about the photo ID requirements:

- ✓ The photo ID needs to be *current or have expired no more than 60 days* before voting (citizenship and naturalization certificates have no expiration date).
- ✓ The *name on the photo ID should match* the voter registration card. If names don't match, a voter may be accepted if names are "substantially similar." If names match, addresses don't need to match. If the names don't match exactly, the voter can be accepted if names are substantially similar; poll workers will look at address, date of birth, and the photo. If names are substantially similar, the

voter will initial a box for similar name when signing in to vote.

- ✓ Voters with a *documented disability* from Social Security or Veterans Affairs can apply for a voter registration certificate exempting them from the photo ID requirement.
- ✓ Voters without acceptable ID can obtain an *Election Identification Certificate (EIC)* from Texas DPS at no cost by providing proof of citizenship and identity and registering to vote at DPS or showing a voter registration card. Requirements for the EIC can be found at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>. There is no charge for the EIC but the necessary documentation may have a cost.
- ✓ *Photo ID is not required to vote by mail.* Voters may apply for a mail ballot if 65 or older, ill or disabled, or absent from their county during early voting and on Election Day. Note: Photo ID will be required of first time voters if a driver's license or Social Security number was not included with the voter registration application.
- ✓ Voters who do not show an acceptable ID at the polls can vote a *provisional ballot* and have 6 days to show the required photo ID.
- ✓ Those who lack a photo ID because of a religious objection to being photographed or because of a natural disaster declared by the president will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and complete an affidavit within six days of the election.