

Five propositions will be up for a community vote by Norman residents on April 7, 2026. Propositions pertain to the renewal of a **Streets Maintenance Program, Guest Tax, City Charter Changes, and a Permanent Shelter and Resource Facility Bond.**



ELECTION DAY IS APRIL 7, 2026

Visit Normanok.gov/5Props to see details, view frequently-asked-questions, see ballot language, maps and more.



Last day to register to vote: March 13, 2026
Deadline to request absentee ballot: March 23, 2026
Early voting days: April 2 & 3, 2026

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PROPOSITION 1: STREETS BOND RENEWAL



Astor Drive in Norman, one of several streets resurfaced as a result of a previously renewed Streets Bond.

The Streets Maintenance Bond Program, managed through the Public Works Department, allows the City to reinvest funds for proactive infrastructure improvements. Voters will consider renewal of this program for the resurfacing, rehabilitation and reconstruction of streets in Norman over the next 5 years. As an extension of a tax already in place, property taxes would not be raised over the life of the program if approved.

Of the proposed \$35 million in bond funds over five years, \$9.5 million will be used for Urban Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation, \$8 million in Urban Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation, \$7 million for Roadway Reconstruction, \$5.25 million will be used for Rural Road Improvements, and \$5.25 million for Preventative Maintenance to extend the life of the roads.

PROPOSITION 2: GUEST TAX AMOUNT



Adult Wellness & Education Center, one of many recreation facilities in the Norman community.

Guest Tax, paid only by non-residents, funds items such as parks, recreation and cultural centers, as well as public art and tourism experiences. It is a tax on short-term overnight stays in hotels, motels, Airbnbs or VRBOs but never applied to Normans with proof of residency. Dollars are split between Norman Parks & Recreation, the Norman Arts Council, and VisitNorman. Voters will consider increasing this rate from 8% to 10% and expanding it to include spaces temporarily rented for overnight stays for recreational vehicles (RVs).

Enhancements to community cornerstones and unique events – such as annual festivals – are essential to ensuring Norman remains a premiere destination to live, work, play, and visit. Currently, the City of Norman maintains 70 parks, 4 recreation centers, and cultural centers such as Firehouse Art Center and Sooner Theatre.



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PROPOSITIONS 3 & 4: CITY CHARTER CHANGES



The City Charter is the city's founding document, outlining the roles and responsibilities of elected officials.

Through Proposition 3, Norman residents will consider amending the City of Norman Charter to update when City Councilmembers and the Mayor officially begin their terms of office. Currently, terms start on the first Tuesday in July. This change would align the start of terms with the first Tuesday following any scheduled run-off elections, ensuring election results are finalized before officials take office.

Through Proposition 4, Norman residents will consider amending the City of Norman Charter to allow for alternative professional certifications of eligibility for the City Auditor position. Currently, the Charter requires the City Auditor to be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). This change would allow candidates with other relevant professional certifications to qualify for the role.



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PROPOSITION 5: SHELTER FACILITY BOND



The above rendering is a proposed concept for a permanent homeless shelter and resource facility in Norman.

Norman residents will vote regarding the approval of a general obligation bond, to be paid through property taxes, to fund construction of an \$8 million permanent homeless shelter and resource facility. The facility would be located on Reed Avenue, south of Main Street and north of Alameda Street. The life of the bond would be 20 years. Construction would be expected to be completed within 2 years.

If approved, the estimated average annual increase to property taxes, is: \$3.26 for homes valued at \$100,000; \$6.81 for homes valued at \$200,000; \$10.36 for homes valued at \$300,000. The facility would include a women's dorm, men's dorm, family units, laundry room, respite rooms, kennel and dog run, storage units, multi-use space, and showers. The facility would shelter up to 120 people.



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