

Residents Write the Rules to be a

HOMERULE CITY

1 Township board assumes responsibility of general law city

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Elect initial city council/ mayor



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Home rule charter committee is formed and led by residents. Residents write the rules.



Write home rule charter

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Public forum to review home rule charter

NO

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Voters ratify home rule charter

YES

General Law city

Assumes authority of Township and governing authority of Type A General Law City.

Home Rule City

Derives its authority via a charter election by the voters and has authority to act on any matters unless specifically restricted by state constitution or state statute.

Changes Upon Incorporation:

- Roadway and utility rights of way transfer to The Woodlands
- Become eligible for additional state, federal and grant funds (disaster mitigation funding)
- Authority to pass ordinances
- Law enforcement authority
- Becoming voting members of Houston-Galveston Area Council (Federal, state and regional funding board)
- Authority to freeze city taxes for residents 65 years and older and the disabled
- Authority to collect revenue sources as a city (example: municipal court system, fines related to ordinances, traffic tickets and others)
- Permanently ends Houston's and Conroe's rights to annex The Woodlands Community

