

ORDINANCE NO O-24-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBERS FOR DISTRICTS A, B, C, AND D, PROVIDING FOR JOINT ELECTIONS ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, WITH OTHER ENTITIES CONTRACTING WITH FORT BEND COUNTY AND HARRIS COUNTY, RESPECTIVELY, FOR SUCH JOINT ELECTIONS, PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas (the "City") has determined that a general election should be held in Missouri City, Texas, for the purpose of electing Councilmembers for Districts A, B, C, and D, and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to proceed with the ordering of such election, and has determined that holding such election is in the public interest, now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

Section 1 *Election order* A general municipal election is hereby called and ordered for the 5th day of November, 2024 ("Election Day"), at which election all qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of Missouri City, Texas, may vote for the purpose of electing their respective district councilmember to Districts A, B, C, and D for full three-year terms. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 2 *Precincts and Election Day Polling Places* The polling places for voting on Election Day for City Election Precinct 1, which shall consist of each Fort Bend County election precinct located in Missouri City and Fort Bend County, shall be at the locations designated by Fort Bend County as countywide polling places and shall conform to the Fort Bend County Joint Election Agreement and Contract. The polling places for voting on Election Day for City Election Precinct 2, which shall consist of each Harris County election precinct located in Missouri City and Harris County, shall be at the locations designated by Harris County as the countywide polling places and shall conform to the Harris County Joint Election Agreement and Contract.

Section 3 *Election Administrator for Missouri City Precinct 1-Fort Bend County* For the county precincts of Missouri City within Fort Bend County, for the general election called and ordered for the purpose of electing district councilmembers to Districts A, B, C, and D, the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator shall act as Contracting Officer. The election officials for each City of Missouri City precinct in Fort Bend County shall be designated by the Elections Administrator of Fort Bend County, and such election officials shall conduct the City's general election in accordance with the "Fort Bend County Joint Election Agreement and Contract" to be approved and entered into. The Elections Administrator of Fort Bend County is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies for all City of Missouri City precincts in Fort Bend County. The Fort Bend County Early Voting Clerk may be contacted as follows:

- A Mailing address Fort Bend County Elections, 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469
- B Street address for delivery by common or contract carrier 4520 Reading Road, Suite A- 400, Rosenberg, Texas 77471
- C Phone number (281) 341-8670
- D Fax number (281) 341-4418
- E Email address vote@fortbendcountytexas.gov
- F Internet website <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/county-services/elections-voter-registration>

Section 4 *Election Administrator for Missouri City Precinct 2-Harris County* For the county precincts of Missouri City within Harris County, for the general election called and ordered for the purpose of electing district councilmembers to Districts A, B, C, and D, the Harris County Clerk shall act as Contracting Officer. The election officials for each City of Missouri City precinct in Harris County shall be designated by the Harris County Clerk, and such election officials shall conduct the City's general election in accordance with the "Harris County Joint Election Agreement and Contract" to be approved and entered into. The Harris County Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies for all City of Missouri City precincts in Harris County. The Harris County Early Voting Clerk may be contacted as follows:

- A Mailing address Harris County Clerk, Attn: Elections Department, 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002
- B Street address for delivery by common or contract carrier 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002
- C Phone number (713) 755-6965
- D Fax number (713) 755-4983
- E Email address vbm@harrisvotes.com
- F Internet website www.harrisvotes.com

Section 5 *Election Day schedule* Each polling place on Election Day shall be open from 7 00 a m to 7 00 p m

Section 6 *Early voting polling places and schedule* Early voting by personal appearance for each City election precinct located in Fort Bend County shall be at the locations, dates, and times designated by Fort Bend County The location, dates, and times for the main early voting polling place for Fort Bend County precincts shall be as designated by Fort Bend County and shall conform to the Fort Bend County Joint Election Agreement and Contract Early voting by personal appearance for each City election precinct located in Harris County shall be at the locations, dates, and times designated by Harris County The location, dates, and times for the main early voting polling place for Harris County precincts shall be as designated by Harris County and shall conform to the Harris County Joint Election Agreement and Contract

Section 7 *Early Voting Clerk-Fort Bend County* Fort Bend County Elections Administrator is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for each City election precinct located in Fort Bend County An application for a voting ballot to be voted by mail for each City election precinct located in Fort Bend County shall be mailed to the address listed in Subsection 3 A, submitted by common or contract carrier to the address listed in Subsection 3 B, faxed to the phone number listed in Subsection 3 D, or emailed as an attachment to the email address listed in Subsection 3 E Generally, an application for a voting ballot to be voted by mail, must be received in the early voting clerk's office not later than the close of regular business or 12 noon, whichever is later, on the 11th day before election day unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, in which case the last day is the first preceding regular business day (regardless of the postmarked date) For an application for ballot by mail submitted by telephonic facsimile machine or electronic transmission to be effective, the original or a copy with a "wet" signature application, also must be submitted by mail and be received by the early voting clerk not later than the fourth (4th) business day after the transmission by telephonic facsimile machine or electronic transmission is received (regardless of the postmarked date)

Section 8 *Early voting clerk-Harris County* The Harris County Clerk is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for each City election precinct located in Harris County An application for a voting ballot to be voted by mail for each City election precinct located in Harris County shall be mailed to the address listed in Subsection 4 A, submitted by common or contract carrier to the address listed in Subsection 4 B, faxed to the phone number listed in Subsection 4 D, or emailed as an attachment to the email address listed in Subsection 4 E Generally, an application for a voting ballot to be voted by mail, must be received not later than the close of regular business or 12 noon, whichever is later, on the 11th day before election day unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, in which case the last day is the first preceding regular business day (regardless of the postmarked date) For an application for ballot by mail submitted by telephonic facsimile machine or electronic transmission to be effective, the application also must be submitted by mail and be received by the

early voting clerk not later than the fourth (4th) business day after the transmission by telephonic facsimile machine or electronic transmission is received

Section 9 *Method of voting* Voting at the election, including early voting by personal appearance, shall be by use of the voting system designated by the contracting entity and approved by the Texas Secretary of State. Early voting by mail shall be by paper ballot processed by an Early Voting Ballot Board through a voting system designated by the contracting entity and approved by the Texas Secretary of State

Section 10 *Notice of changes* The City Secretary shall provide notice of the election in accordance with state law and shall provide notice of any modifications to polling places on the City's internet website

Section 11 *Canvassing* The results of the election shall be canvassed and the returns shall be declared in accordance with state law

Section 12 *Open meeting* It is further found and determined that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof

Section 13 *Repeal* Any ordinance or any part of an ordinance in conflict herewith shall be and is hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict

Section 14 Severability That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of same to a particular set of persons or circumstances, should for any reason be held to be invalid or adjudged unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, and to such end the various portions and provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and the City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, declares it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on first and final reading this 5th day of August, 2024



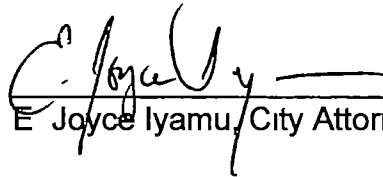
Robin J Elackatt, Mayor

ATTEST



Crystal Roan, City Secretary

Approved as to form



E Joyce Iyamu, City Attorney

