

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS CITY COUNCIL ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 FOR THE RECALL OF MAYOR LYLE NELSON ACCORDING TO THE BASTROP HOME RULE CHARTER; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES WITHIN THE TOWN; ESTABLISHING OTHER PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION, INCLUDING PROVIDING THAT THE ELECTION IS TO BE HELD AS A JOINT ELECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH BASTROP COUNTY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: In accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, and the Charter of the City, a General Election is hereby called and ordered for Saturday, May 3, 2025. All residents and qualified voters of the City of Bastrop shall be permitted to vote, in said election for the purpose of voting for or against the recall of Mayor Lyle Nelson.

SECTION 2: The present existing boundaries and territory of the Bastrop County election precincts that are wholly or partly within the corporate limits of the City shall constitute the election precincts for the election. The precinct numbers for the same shall be the corresponding Bastrop County precinct numbers. The polling places for the general election shall be as outlined in the Joint Election Agreement (as defined in Section 3, below).

SECTION 3: The election shall be held as a joint election with Bastrop County and other municipalities and school districts according to a Joint Election Agreement for the conduct of a joint election to be held on May 3, 2025 and the County shall be responsible for appointing all election judges and clerks and shall be responsible for their compensation. Election judges and clerks shall have the qualifications required by law and notice of appointment shall be given to such judges and clerks by the Administrator in accordance with law.

SECTION 4: Kristen Miles, Bastrop County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk. The period for early voting by personal appearance, as established by provisions of the Texas Election Code, is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, April 22, 2025 (first business day after San Jacinto Day) and ending on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted in the Office of the Elections Department, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602 and at other locations so designated by the Bastrop County Elections Administrator.

SECTION 5: The Early Voting Clerk shall process all applications for early voting by mail. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Bastrop County Elections Department, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602. The last day for unregistered applicants to submit a federal postcard application and be eligible to vote a full ballot is the close of business on

Thursday, April 3, 2025.

SECTION 6: Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tempore shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such election. Returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls. In addition, the election materials as outlined in Section 272.005, Texas Election Code, shall be printed in both English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for each voting for said election.

SECTION 7: Pursuant to Home Rule Charter, Tuesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. has been tentatively set as the date of the Official Canvass. The City Secretary is directed to record results in the Election Register as soon as practical after the Canvass.

SECTION 8: Should any part, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase contained in this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or of no force and effect, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance, but in all respects said remaining portion shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

SECTION 10. That this Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage as may be required by law or by the City Charter or ordinance.

READ AND APPROVED on first reading by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas on this the 10th day of DECEMBER 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on seconded and final reading by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas on this the 14th day of JANUARY 2025.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS

Lyle Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irma G. Parker, City Secretary