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## City Council Regular Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** City Secretary's Office  
**FROM:** Amanda Campos, City Secretary  
**MEETING:** March 4, 2024

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider approval of a Resolution stating and accepting the results of the Local Option Petition for the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only. (*Staff Presenter: Amanda Campos, City Secretary*)

**SUMMARY:**

The City Secretary's Office received an Application for Local Option Election Petition to Legalize on December 5, 2023 with the required qualifying signatures to receive petitions. The measure listed was 'The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only'. The application also included all other required documentation in accordance with Sections 501.23 and 501.025 of the Texas Election Code. The City Secretary's Office issued required petition forms to the applicants.

Pursuant to Texas Election Code (TEC) Chapter 501; Section 501.032, the total number of valid signatures required for the petition to be sufficient is equal to or greater than 35% of the registered voters in the political subdivision who voted for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. Based on the calculations provided by the Johnson and Tarrant County Election Administrators, 5,430 Burleson registered voter's signatures are required. The completed petitions filing deadline was February 5, 2024, the completed petition were filed with the City Secretary February 1, 2024.

The City of Burleson entered into a local agreement with Tarrant County Elections to verify the signatures on the petitions submitted. Tarrant County Elections has access to both a State Database of Texas Registered voters but also the expertise to verify the signatures. Upon completion Tarrant County submitted the following findings:

- A total of 7,206 signatures were submitted
- 5,505 signatures were accepted and verified
- 1,701 signatures were rejected
- 5,430 signatures were needed to be accepted and cause a Local Option Election to be ordered

Once filed and verified the City Secretary shall at the next regular council meeting on or after the 30<sup>th</sup> day the petition is filed present the findings to the City Council for appropriate action. The petitions were filed in the required time and with the required number of signatures therefore the city council shall order a Local Option Election to be held at the next uniform election date. A special election must follow the Texas Election Code and be ordered no later than 78 days before the date of the election. The time has passed for the May 4, 2024 uniform election date therefore the next uniform election date is November 5, 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The city council should accept the findings of the petition submitted via approval of the resolution presented.

The November 5, 2024 election will be budgeted in the FY 2024-2025 budget.

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