

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

ORDINANCE No. 2022-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, CALLING THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR OFFICERS TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID MUNICIPALITY ON MAY 7, 2022, AND MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the regular municipal election day for the City of Dripping Springs, Texas (“City”), is the uniform election day occurring the first Saturday on May 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the terms for Mayor, Council Member Place 2, and Council Member Place 4 are scheduled to expire at the next uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code requires the governing body of a city to order an election for its officers and post notice or Order of Election.

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

1. ELECTION

- A. An Election (the “Election”) is hereby ordered to elect municipal officers for Mayor, Council Member Place 2, and Council Member Place 4.
- B. The Election shall be held on the next uniform election date of May 7, 2022.
- C. Said Election date is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Ordinance (the “Order”) as required by Section 3.005 of the Texas Election Code. The Election shall be solely in the territorial boundaries of the City. All resident, qualified voters of Dripping Springs shall be entitled to vote.

2. POSITIONS

At such Election, candidates for the following Places shall be submitted:

Mayor
Council Member Place 2
Council Member Place 4

3. BALLOTS

- A. Ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, so as to permit the

electors to vote for the candidate(s) of their choice.

B. Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM)s shall be mailed to:

Hays County Early Voting Clerk
Attn: Jennifer Doinoff
712 South Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1012
San Marcos, Texas 78666-6294
(512) 393-7310
elections@co.hays.tx.us
<https://hayscountytexas.com/departments/elections/>

C. Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM)s must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2022.

D. Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2022.

4. CONDUCT OF ELECTION

The Election shall be conducted by election officers appointed by the Elections Officer in accordance with the Texas Election Code, the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. The City Council hereby appoints the Hays County Elections Administrator Jennifer Doinoff as the Election Officer for the sole purpose of conducting the Election, early voting related thereto, tabulation of votes and the custody of any records from such election. This appointment includes services as the Early Voting Clerk for the Election, which is specifically outlined in Section 8.

B. The City Council hereby delegates the authority to the Hays County Election Administrator to appoint the Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge. The Mayor is authorized to appoint alternates, if necessary.

C. The rate of pay for each Election Judge and Clerk shall be in accordance with state law.

6. PRECINCTS & POLLING PLACES

A. The territorial boundaries of the City of Dripping Springs are hereby designated as the voting precinct for this Election.

B. The Main Election Day Polling place shall be:

City of Dripping Springs City Hall
511 Mercer Street
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

C. Election Day Polling places shall be open May 7, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

7. INFORMATION IN SPANISH

Notices, instructions, ballots and other written material pertaining to the Election shall be translated into the Spanish language. This material shall be furnished to voters in both English and Spanish in order to enable voters to properly participate in the election process. In addition, the City shall provide the services of a translator speaking both English and Spanish languages to voters who notify the City of the need for such services.

8. EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Jennifer Doinoff, Hays County Elections Administrator & Voter Registrar, shall serve as Early Voting Clerk for the purpose of receiving ballot applications for ballots to be voted by mail. Ballot applications submitted by mail shall be addressed to the following address:

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9. EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE

A. The Hays County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk. The Early Voting Clerk shall have the authority to designate such Deputy Early Voting Clerks as may be necessary to staff the Early Voting Polling Place established under this order.

B. The main Early Voting Location shall be:

City of Dripping Springs City Hall
511 Mercer Street
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

C. Early Voting polling places shall be open:

Monday, April 25, 2022
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – Friday April 29, 2022
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, May 2, 2022
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3, 2022
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

10. CANVASSING OF RETURNS

The Hays County Elections Administrator shall make a written return of the Election results to the City Council in accordance with the Texas Elections Code. The City Council shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

11. NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice of Election shall be published one time in both the English and Spanish languages, in a newspaper published within the Dripping Springs' territory at least ten (10) days and no than thirty (30) days before the Election and as otherwise may be required by the Texas Election Code. Notice of the Election shall also be posted on the bulletin board used by the City Council to post notices of its City Council meetings no later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the Election.

12. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE

The Mayor of the City of Dripping Springs is authorized to execute, and the City Secretary is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the City Council. The Mayor is further authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the ordering, holding and consummation of the Election.

13. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

14. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

A quorum of the City Council was present at the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted. The meeting was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the 1st day of February 2022, by a vote of __ (ayes) to __ (nays) to __ (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

Bill Foulds, Jr.
Mayor

Taline Manassian
Council Member Place 1

Wade King
Council Member Place 2

Geoffrey Tahuahua
Council Member Place 3

April Harris Allison
Council Member Place 4

Sherrie Parks
Council Member Place 5

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary