

CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE POLLING PLACE AND MANNER OF HOLDING SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE EARLY VOTING CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Joshua, Texas, is a Home Rule Municipality located in Johnson County, created in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent death of a councilmember who occupied Place 1 on the Joshua City Council, it is constitutionally required that the City conduct a special election to fill the vacant seat on the City Council.

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

SECTION 1

All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct factual and legislative determinations of the City of Joshua and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2

A special election of the City shall be held on December 13, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing Council Member Place 1 for the remainder of an unexpired three (3) year term.

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for each place shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast for an office, the City Council shall, upon declaring the official results of the election, immediately order a runoff election for each office remaining to be filled.

SECTION 3

Voting on the date of the election, and early voting, therefore, shall be by the use

of a lawfully approved voting system. The preparation of the voting equipment to be used in connection with such voting system and the official ballots for the election shall conform to the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 4

The City of Joshua, Texas, shall constitute one (1) precinct for the election. The polling place for Election Day is hereby designated as the Joshua City Hall, 101 S. Main Street, Joshua, Texas.

SECTION 5

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at Joshua City Hall, 101 S. Main Street, Joshua, Texas, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official State holiday, commencing on Monday, December 1, 2025, and continuing through Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

SECTION 6

The City Secretary is hereby appointed to serve as the Early Voting Clerk, and may appoint the necessary Deputy Clerks as required for Early Voting. Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: City Secretary, City of Joshua, 101 S. Main Street, Joshua, Texas 76058.

SECTION 7

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file, publish, and/or post, in the time and manner prescribed by law, all notices required to be so filed, published, and/or posted in connection with the conduct of this election.

SECTION 8

The election shall be conducted pursuant to the election laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 9

_____ is hereby appointed Election Judge, and _____ is hereby appointed Alternate Election Judge for the Special Election to be held on December 13, 2025.

The Election Judge may appoint such other clerks as needed to serve and assist in the conduct of the election.

The Election Judge and Alternate Judge for the special election shall also serve as the Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for the Early Voting Ballot Board, and are hereby directed to perform the duties required by the Texas Election Code, as

members of the Early Voting Ballot Board for the Election.

SECTION 10

If any word, section, article, phrase, paragraph, sentence, clause, or portion of this ordinance or application thereto to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this ordinance despite such invalidity which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

Scott Kimble, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Holloway, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Terrence S. Welch, City Attorney