

**TOWN OF PONDER
ORDINANCE 21-03**

A ORDINANCE CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS, PLACE TWO, PLACE FOUR AND MAYOR, ESTABLISHING THE DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING FOR SUCH ELECTION; AND ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION, IF REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Election Code of the State of Texas and the Local Government Code §22.033 three shall be held in each municipality in the State of Texas, a general election for the purpose of electing officials of said municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Election Code provides that the governing body of a municipality shall be the authority to order a General Election for the City Officers; and

WHEREAS, Election Code provides that a municipal election shall be ordered not later than the 71st day before Election Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS:

Section 1

The Town Council for the Town of Ponder, Texas at a regular meeting held this date, does hereby order an election of officers for the Town of Ponder, Texas, to be held on the second Saturday in May, that being May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing Town Council Members for Place two, Place four and Mayor who shall serve for a period of two years or until their successors have been duly qualified. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for Council Member for Place Two, the candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for Place Four and the candidate receiving a majority of the votes for Mayor shall be declared elected to such offices.

Section 2

All qualified voters determined by the laws of the State of Texas shall be qualified to vote at such election. For the purpose of said election, the entire Town is hereby constituted into one voting precinct. Voting on Election Day, May 1, 2021, shall be conducted at the Ponder Town Hall located at 102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, Texas and said election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the aforementioned date.

Section 3

Applications for candidacy to the offices of Council Member for Place Two and Place Four and Mayor shall be made to the Town Secretary for the Town of Ponder beginning at 7:30 a.m., January 12, 2021 and not later than 11:30 a.m. on February 13, 2021, in manner and form as prescribed by law.

Section 4

The names of eligible and qualified candidates for such office shall be placed on the ballots for such election by the Town Secretary at the time and manner prescribed by law.

Section 5

Early voting for the above designated election shall be conducted at the main early voting location, Denton County Elections, 701 Kimberly Drive, Denton, TX 76208, and other locations will be available as per the joint contract with Denton County. The early voting clerk for said election shall be Frank Phillips, Denton County Elections Administrator and applications for a ballot to be voted by mail shall be addressed to him.

Section 6

The results of the election shall be certified, canvassed and returned in form and manner prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas.

Section 7

The notice of the election hereby ordered and called shall be promulgated, published and posted in keeping with the laws of the State of Texas.

Section 8

Any runoff election required for the election of the Members of the Town Council or Mayor for the Town of Ponder, Texas following the regular election of May 1, 2021 shall be held on a date specified in the joint election contract with Denton County.

ADOPTED at regular meeting of the Ponder Town Council on the 8th day of February, 2021 by a vote of ___ ayes, _____ nays and ___ abstentions.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Matt Poole, Mayor

Sheri Clearman, City Secretary