

ORDINANCE NO. 25-524

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF RICHWOOD, ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CERTAIN OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF RICHWOOD; PROVIDING THAT ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO HAVE THEIR NAME PLACED ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AS A CANDIDATE FILE AN APPLICATION NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 14, 2025, PROVIDING THAT ALL DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS SHALL BE QUALIFIED TO VOTE; APPROVING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Richwood is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code") specifies that the first Saturday in May shall be a uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, all of the City of Richwood and its voting precincts are located within Brazoria County only; and

WHEREAS, by this Ordinance, it is the intention of the City Council to adopt all requirements of an Election Order and Notice of Election in accordance with state law, and authorize a contract with Brazoria County for joint election services.

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

Section 1. That an election is hereby ordered and shall be held in and throughout the City of Richwood, Texas, on the 3rd day of May, 2025, being the first Saturday in May, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.. Voting will be held at the Richwood City Hall, 1800 Brazosport Blvd., Richwood, Texas. Voting will also be conducted at all the Vote Centers in Brazoria County, Texas that are listed on Exhibit A.

Section 2. That early voting by personal appearance will begin on April 22, 2025 and end on April 29, 2025. Early voting locations are attached as Exhibit B.

Section 3. That the election is ordered for the purpose of electing the following officers for the City:
The Mayor and Council Member Positions two and three

Section 4. That any person having the qualifications set out in Section 3.02 of the Charter of the City of Richwood for Mayor and Council member positions two and three may file an application to have his or her name placed on the official ballot as a candidate. Said application shall be accompanied by a loyalty affidavit of the candidate as prescribed by Section 141.031 of the Texas Election Code and said application shall be filed with the City Secretary as prescribed by Section 143.006 of the Texas Election Code not earlier than January 15, 2025 and not later than February 14, 2025.

Section 5. That said election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the Charter of the City of Richwood, and all duly qualified resident electors of the City of Richwood, Texas, shall be qualified to vote.

Section 6. JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT APPROVED: The City Secretary is authorized to execute the Joint Election Agreement between Brazoria County and Richwood. In the event of a conflict between this Ordinance and the Contract, the Contract shall control.

Section 7. NOTICES: This Ordinance shall serve as the Order of Election (as required by Section 3.001 of the Texas Election Code).

Section 8. NECESSARY ACTIONS: The Mayor or the City Secretary of the City of Richwood, in consultation with the City Attorney as needed, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Contract in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 9. If any part or portion of this ordinance shall be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair any remaining portions or provisions of this ordinance.

Section 10. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective immediately after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 13th day of January, 2025.

Michael Durham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary