

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2757**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS, CONTAINING A PREAMBLE; CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY, 2026, THE UNIFORM ELECTION DATE, BEING MAY 2, 2026, FOR AN ELECTION BY WARDS FOR POSITIONS A AND C ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAID CITY; PROVIDING FOR ONE (1) POLLING PLACE AND DESIGNATING THE LOCATION THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES TO BE VOTED UPON; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND SPECIFYING A FILING DEADLINE AND THE DATE WHEN FILING MAY BEGIN; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS; APPOINTING THE OFFICERS OF SAID ELECTION AND DESIGNATING THE NUMBER OF CLERKS TO ASSIST IN CONDUCTING SAID ELECTION AND THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID THE ELECTION JUDGE AND CLERKS; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION BY THE MAYOR OF SAID CITY OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

**WHEREAS**, Article 5 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Freeport, Texas, provides that members of the City Council shall be elected by wards, that Positions A and C on City Council, which represent Wards A and C, respectively, shall be filled by an election to be held in May of every third year at which only persons residing in Wards A or C are eligible to become candidates for election to Council Positions A or C, respectively, and at which only voters residing in Wards A or C are eligible to vote for or against the candidates seeking election to City Council Positions A or C, respectively; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Election Code has been amended to require that municipal elections be held on the first Saturday in May each year.

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

**SECTION ONE--Elections Called**

Pursuant Section 5.01 of the Home Rule Charter of the City, the Mayor and City Council of the City hereby order and ordain, respectively, there shall be held on the first Saturday in May 2026, the uniform election date, being May 2, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and

(1) an election in Wards A and C for the purpose of electing for a three (3) year term each, persons to the following offices of the City, to-wit: Council Position A, now held by JEFF PENA and Council Position C, now held by GEORGE MATAMOROS.

**SECTION TWO--Municipal Polling Places**

As provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City and the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, which is incorporated herein by reference, for the purpose of the election called by this ordinance, there shall be one (1) municipal polling place located within the city limits of the City Freeport, the Freeport City Library located at 410 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas, where all voters residing in Wards A and C, shall vote on election day for the council position representing the Ward of their residence. On that day, voting will also be permitted at the Polling Places established by the Brazoria County Elections Official, as set forth in Exhibit B, attached and incorporated herein.

**SECTION THREE--Candidates, Applications and Filing Fees.**

(a) Any person who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, who has resided within the incorporated limits of the City for a period of one (1) year and further resides in Ward A or Ward C for a period of six (6) months, both terms calculated immediately preceding the last day on which a candidate's application for a place on the ballot could be delivered to the City Secretary, as hereinafter provided, and who is otherwise qualified under state law, shall be eligible to become a candidate for the office of Council Position A or C, respectively, by filing a sworn application as provided herein.

(b) Each candidate's application shall be in writing, contain the matters set out in Section 141.031, Texas Election Code, and be filed with the City Secretary of the City. An application may not be filed earlier than January 14, 2026, and must be filed not later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. of February 13, 2026.

**SECTION FOUR--Officers of Election and Compensation Thereof.**

The Presiding Judge, Alternate Presiding Judge and clerks needed on the day of election for the election called by this ordinance, for the early ballot board and the central counting station shall be appointed, have the duties and be compensated as provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services mentioned above.

**SECTION FIVE--Electors.**

To be eligible to vote in such election, a person must, on the date such person votes, be (1) eligible to vote under the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Texas Election Code, (2) a resident of the City, (3) duly registered to vote in the Brazoria County, Texas, election precinct which includes that portion of the corporate limits of the City of Freeport where such voter resides and (4), in the case of persons voting in the election for Positions A or C on the City Council of the City, a resident of Ward A or C of the City, respectively.

**SECTION SIX--Early Voting.**

Early voting shall begin on April 20, 2026, and end on April 28, 2026, such early voting to be conducted by the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on such dates and at such locations, established by the Brazoria County Election official as set forth in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated herein.

Early voting by mail shall be as provided by applicable law. The mailing address of the Early Voting Clerk is Joyce Hudman, County Clerk, 237 E. Locust St., Suite 102, Angleton, Texas 77515. The email address of the Early Voting Clerk is [ABBM@brazoriacountytx.gov](mailto:ABBM@brazoriacountytx.gov) and [cclerkelections@brazoriacountytx.gov](mailto:cclerkelections@brazoriacountytx.gov). The last day to submit an application for a ballot to the respective Early Voting Clerk to be voted by mail is April 20, 2026 (received, not postmarked).

**SECTION SEVEN--Method of Voting and Conducting Election.**

Both early voting and all voting on the day named above for the holding of the election called by this ordinance shall be in the manner specified in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services mentioned above.

**SECTION EIGHT--Notice of Election.**

(a) The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and directed to issue a notice of said election, to cause the same to be posted for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date named above for the holding of said general annual election on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council of the City, and to be published in the Brazosport Facts, a newspaper published in the City having a general circulation therein and the official newspaper of the City, not later than ten (10) days nor earlier than thirty (30) days before the date named above for the holding of said general annual election.

(b) The City Secretary of the City is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of such notice, including a substantial copy of above and foregoing proposition, to be published in a newspaper in accordance with Section 4.003(a)(1) of the Election Code, such publication to be at least ten (10) days before but not more than thirty (30) days before the date named above for the holding of said election.

**SECTION NINE--Ratification and Confirmation by Mayor.**

By signing this ordinance, the undersigned Mayor of the City hereby ratifies and confirms as his action all matters hereinabove recited which by law come within his jurisdiction.

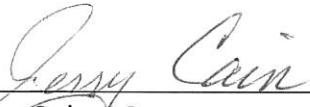
**SECTION TEN--Severance Clause**

In the event any section or provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, void or inoperative by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such defective provision, if any, is hereby declared to be severable from the remaining sections and provisions of this ordinance and such remaining sections and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.


**SECTION ELEVEN--Effective Date**

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.


READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

  
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Jerry Cain, Mayor  
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST:

  
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Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary  
City of Freeport, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

  
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Christopher Duncan, City Attorney  
City of Freeport, Texas

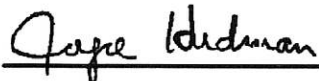
**NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING AT BRANCH POLLING PLACES**

**Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the following locations:**

- Angleton (Main) .....East Annex, 1524 E Mulberry
- Alvin .....Alvin Library, 105 S Gordon
- Brazoria .....Brazoria Library, 620 S Brooks
- Freeport .....Freeport Library, 410 Brazosport Blvd
- Lake Jackson.....Doris Williams Civic Center, 333 Hwy 332 East
- Manvel .....Keith Traylor Criminal Justice Center, 6605 North Masters
- Pearland East .....Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Dr
- Pearland West.....West Pearland Community Center, 2150 Countryplace Pkwy
- Shadow Creek .....West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Pkwy
- Sweeny .....Sweeny Community Center, 205 W Ashley Wilson Rd
- West Columbia.....Precinct 4 Building #2, 121 N 10<sup>th</sup> St

**DATES AND HOURS:**

- April 20 .....8 AM- 5 PM
- April 21 .. (Closed San Jacinto Day)
- April 22-25.....8 AM – 5 PM
- April 27-28.....8 AM – 5 PM



Early Voting Clerk

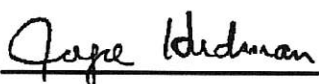
**AVISO DE VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA EN LOS SITIOS DE VOTACIÓN AUXILIARES**

**La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo en los siguientes sitios de esta manera:**

- Angleton (Ubicación Principal).....East Annex, 1524 E Mulberry
- Alvin .....Alvin Library, 105 S Gordon
- Brazoria .....Brazoria Library, 620 S Brooks
- Freeport .....Freeport Library, 410 Brazosport Blvd
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**FECHAS Y HORAS**

- 20 de abril .....8 AM – 5 PM
- 21 de abril (cerrado día de San Jacinto)
- 22-25 de abril .....8 AM – 5 PM
- 27-28 de abril .....8 AM – 5 PM



Secretaría de la Votación Adelantada

MAY 2, 2026 JOINT LOCAL ELECTION POLLING LOCATIONS		
Home Pct #	Polling Place	Zip Code
1	East Annex (Old Walmart), 1524 E Mulberry, Angleton	77515
2	Precinct 4 Building #2, 121 N 10th St, West Columbia	77486
4	Brazoria Library, 620 S Brooks, Brazoria	77422
6	Liverpool City Hall, 8901 County Road 171, Liverpool	77577
8	Oyster Creek City Hall, 3210 FM 523, Oyster Creek	77541
9	Bonney Annex Building, 19025 FM 521, Bonney	77583
12	Drainage District No. 4 Building, 4813 W Broadway, Pearland	77581
14	Sweeny Community Center, 205 W Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny	77480
15	Danbury Community Center, 6115 5th St, Danbury	77534
17	Freeport Library, 410 Brazosport Blvd, Freeport	77541
23	Doris Williams Civic Center, 333 Hwy 332 East, LJ	77566
25	Hillcrest Village Municipal Building, 200 W Timberlane, Alvin	77511
29	West Pearland Community Center, 2150 Countryplace Pkwy, Pearland	77584
37	Pearland Recreation Center, 4141 Bailey Rd, Pearland	77584
38	Surfside Beach City Hall, 1304 Monument Dr, Surfside Beach	77541
39	Alvin Library, 105 S Gordon, Alvin	77511
40	Keith Traylor Criminal Justice Center, 6605 North Masters , Manvel	77578
44	Silverlake Recreation Center, 2715 Southwyck Pkwy, Pearland	77584
46	Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Dr, Pearland	77581
50	West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Pkwy, Pearland	77584
75	Richwood City Hall, 1800 Brazosport Blvd N, Richwood	77531
79	Iowa Colony Public Safety Building, 3144 Meridiana Pkwy, Iowa Colony	77583