

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2717

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS, CONTAINING A PREAMBLE; CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY, 2024, BEING MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE ELECTION AT LARGE OF A MAYOR FOR SAID CITY AND AN ELECTION BY WARDS FOR POSITIONS B AND D ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR 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, Section 3.01 of the City Charter provides that members of the City Council shall be elected by wards, that Positions B and D on City Council, which represent Wards B and D, respectively, shall be filled by an election to be held on the first Saturday in May every three years at which only persons residing in Wards B and D are eligible to become candidates for election to Council Positions B and D, respectively, and at which only voters residing in Wards B and D are eligible to vote for or against the candidates seeking election to City Council Positions B and D, respectively.

WHEREAS, Section 3.01 of the Home Rule Charter of the City provides that the Mayor of the City shall be elected for a three-year term of office at an election to be held on the first Saturday in May every three years; and,

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

SECTION ONE--Election for Mayor and Wards B and D Called.

Pursuant to said Section 3.01, the Mayor and City Council hereby order and ordain, respectively, that an election required to be held in Wards B and D for Council Position B and D, now held by JERRY CAIN and

WINSTON ROSSOW, and Mayor Position, now held by Brooks Bass, respectively, be held on the first Saturday in May of 2024, being May 4, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m., each such election being for a term of three (3) years.

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, within the City of Freeport located at the Freeport Library, 410 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas. On that day, voting will also be permitted at the following Polling Places:

East Annex (Old Walmart)	1524 E Mulberry, Angleton
Precinct 4 Building #2	121 N 10 <sup>th</sup> St., West Columbia
Brazoria Library	620 S Brooks, Brazoria
Oyster Creek City Hall	3210 FM 523, Oyster Creek
Bonney Annex Building	19025 FM 521, Bonney
Alvin ISD Heritage Complex, Liberty Alumni Hall,	10855 Iowa Colony Blvd, Iowa Colony
Drainage District No.4 Building	4813 W Broadway, Pearland
Sweeny Community Center	205 W Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny
Danbury Community Center	6115 5 <sup>th</sup> St, Danbury
Freeport Library	410 Brazosport Blvd, Freeport
Clute Event Center	100 Parkview Dr Clute
Jones Creek Comm House	7207 Stephen F Austin Rd, Jones Creek
Lake Jackson Library	250 Circle Way, LJ
Brookside Village Community Center	6243 Brookside Rd, Brookside Village
West Pearland Community Center	2150 Countryplace Pkwy, Pearland
Pearland Recreation Center	4141 Bailey Rd, Pearland
Surfside Beach City Hall	1304 Monument Dr, Surfside Beach
Alvin Library	105 S Gordon, Alvin

Silverlake Recreation Center	2715 Southwyck Pkwy, Pearland
Tom Reid Library	3522 Liberty Dr, Pearland
West Pearland Library	11801 Shadow Creek Pkwy, Pearland
Manvel Annex	7313 Corporate Dr, Manvel
Richwood City Hall	1800 N Brazosport Blvd, Richwood

Open only if city has an election:

Liverpool City Hall	8901 County Road 171, Liverpool
Hillcrest Village Municipal Building	200 W Timberlane Alvin

SECTION THREE--Candidates, Applications and Filing Fees.

(a) Everyone who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, who has resided within the incorporated limits of the City for a period of six (6) months 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, shall be eligible to become a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City by filing a sworn application, as hereinafter provided.

(b) Everyone who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, who has resided within the incorporated limits of the City for a period of six (6) months 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:

(1) resides in Ward B, as defined in said Ordinance No. 2002-2001, on the day such application is filed, shall be eligible to become a candidate for the office of Council Position B by filing a sworn application, as hereinafter provided; and,

(2) resides in Ward D, as defined in said Ordinance No. 2002-2001, on the day such application is filed, shall be eligible to become a candidate for the office of Council Position D by filing a sworn application, as hereinafter provided.

(c) 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.

(d) An application may not be filed before January 17, 2024, and must be filed not later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on February 16, 2024.

SECTION FOUR--Electors.

Every person eligible to vote under the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 2 of the Texas Election Code who is a resident of the City and who is duly registered to vote in the county election precinct where and on the day on which he or she votes, shall be entitled to vote for or against the candidates for Council Position B, if such voter resides in Ward B as defined in Ordinance No. 2002-2001, and for or against the candidates for Council Position D, if such voter resides in Ward D, as defined in Ordinance No. 2002-2001.

SECTION FIVE--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 between the City and the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, which is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION SIX--Early Voting.

Early voting shall begin on April 22, 2024, and end on April 30, 2024, 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. at the following locations, from Monday, April 22, 2024, through Saturday, April 27, 2024, and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024, and Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at such locations, to-wit:

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: Manvel Annex, 7313 Corporate Dr

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

SECTION SEVEN--Method of Voting and Conducting Election.

Both early voting and all voting on the day named above for the holding of said election shall be in the manner specified in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City and the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, 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, including a substantial copy of above and foregoing proposition, and to cause the same to be posted in accordance with Section 4.003(a)(2) of the Election Code for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date named above for the holding of said election on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council.

(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 special 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--Effective Date.

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

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED this 22 day of January, 2024.



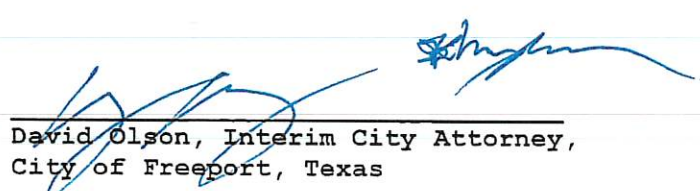
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Brooks Bass, Mayor,  
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST:



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Clarisa Molina, City Secretary,  
City of Freeport, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:



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David Olson, Interim City Attorney,  
City of Freeport, Texas