

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2739

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY A PROPOSITION TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO ADOPT THE FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS' CIVIL SERVICE LAW' PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING, ELECTION PRECINTS, AND POLLING LOCATIONS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION BY BRAZORIA COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR JOINT ELECTION; AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Freeport, Texas ("City"), pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143 and the Texas Election Code, is authorized to call an election for the purpose of submitting to the voters a proposition on whether to adopt the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Law; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 13, 2025, the City Secretary of the City of Freeport ("City Secretary") received a petition requesting the adoption of Chapter 143 (the "Petition"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 143, the Petition has been signed by at least 10 percent of the qualified voters who voted in the most recent municipal election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 143, the City Council of the City of Freeport, Texas (the "City") is required to hold an election in the City for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City proposition providing for or against the adoption of Chapter 143;

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

Section 1. Special Election. A special election is hereby called and ordered for the 4th day of November, 2025 ("Election Day"), between the hours of 7:00A.M. and 7:00P.M. during which the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Freeport, Texas for their action thereon, a proposition for or against the adoption of the fire fighters' and police officers' civil service law. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code;

Section 2. Contract with Brazoria County. The special election shall be held and conducted by Brazoria County. The City of Freeport, Texas (hereinafter the "City") has made provision to contract with Brazoria County to conduct the City's election, pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code, and Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code (the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services, hereafter called the "Election Agreement"), and such election agreement provides for political subdivisions subject to the election agreement that hold elections on the same day in all or part of the same territory to hold a joint election as authorized in Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code;

Section 3. Ballot Language. That the ballot of said election shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Local Government Code, as such code may be amended, and the Texas Election Code, as such code may be amended, with the provision on such ballot allowing voters to vote "FOR" or

“AGAINST” the proposition. Such proposition, lettered, in accordance with Section 52.095 of the Texas Election Code, shall provide as follows;

PROPOSITION A

Adoption of the Fire Fighters’ and Police Officers’ Civil Service Law.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____

Section 4. Election procedures. The Brazoria County Election Officer and his/her employees and appointees, and the election judges, alternate judges and clerks properly appointed for the election, shall hold and conduct the election in the manner provided by the Election Agreement and the law governing the holding of general and special elections by home rule cities of the State of Texas; and the official ballots, together with such other election materials as are required by the Texas Election Code, shall be prepared in both the English and Spanish languages and shall contain such provisions, markings and language as required by the law.

Section 5. Early Voting. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will be conducted by the Brazoria County Election Officer, who is designated and appointed as the Early Voting Clerk, in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at places and locations authorized by state law and the Brazoria County Election Officer as described in “Attachment B”. Early voting shall commence on October 20-October 25, October 27-October 29 from 8:00A.M. through 5:00P.M. and continue through October 30-October 31 from 7:00A.M. through 7:00P.M. and early voting polls shall remain open for the time specified by the Texas Election Code. Early voting shall also be held at any time and location authorized by the Brazoria County Election Officer. Early voting by City residents may be conducted at any Brazoria County early voting location and any location exclusively designated by the Brazoria County Election Officer.

Section 6. Election Precincts and Polling Places. The election precincts for the election shall be the election precincts established by Brazoria County, provided that each shall contain and include geographic area that is within the City. The polling place for each such election precinct shall be the polling place established by Brazoria County for such election precincts in Brazoria County and voting by residents of the City. Voting by City residents may be conducted at any Brazoria County voting location and any location exclusively designated by the Brazoria County Election Officer for City residents. The polls, found in “Attachment A” shall remain open on the day of the election November 4, 2025 from 7:00A.M. to 7:00P.M. The returns for precincts in Brazoria County will be provided by precinct and the Brazoria County Election Officer shall tabulate and provide the election returns for the election.

Section 7. Officers of Election and Compensations Thereof. The Presiding Judge, Alternate Presiding Judge and clerks needed on the day of election for the election called by this ordinance,

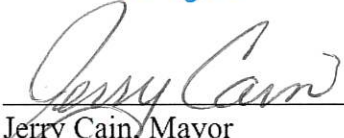
for the early ballot board and the central counting station shall be appointed, have the duties and be compensated as provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City and the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 8. Notice of Election. Notice of the election shall be given and the election shall be held in compliance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and the City Charter in all aspects. Notice of the election shall be made by publishing the Notice of Election in both English and Spanish, at least one time, not earlier than (30) days nor later than (10) days prior to said election, in a newspaper of general circulation published within the City; and by posting of the notice on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of City Council at City Hall not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, written both in English and Spanish.


Section 9. 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 10. Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

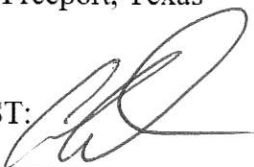
READ, PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF August, 2025.



Jerry Cain, Mayor
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST: 

Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST: 

Chris Duncan, Interim City Attorney
City of Freeport, Texas

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
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
13	Delores Fenwick Nature Center, 5750 Magnolia Pkwy, Pearland	77584
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
19	Clute Event Center, 100 Parkview Dr, Clute	77531
20	Jones Creek Comm House, 7207 Stephen F Austin Rd, Jones Creek	77541
23	Doris Williams Civic Center, 333 Hwy 332 East, Lake Jackson	77566
25	Hillcrest Village Municipal Bldg., 200 W Timberlane	77511
26	Brookside Village Community Center, 6243 Brookside Rd, Brookside Village	77581
29	West Pearland Community Center, 2150 Countryplace Pkwy, Pearland	77584
37	Pearland Recreation Center, 4141 Bailey Rd, Pearland	77584
39	Alvin Library, 105 S Gordon, Alvin	77511
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
55	West Annex, 451 N Velasco, Angleton	77515
65	Manvel Annex, 7313 Corporate Dr, Manvel	77578
70	Precinct 4 North Annex, 3633 County Road 58, Manvel	77578
75	Richwood City Hall, 1800 N Brazosport Blvd, Richwood	77531
79	Iowa Colony Public Safety Building, 3144 Meridiana Pkwy, Iowa Colony	77583

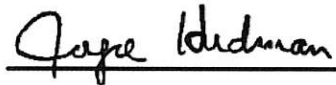
NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING AT BRANCH POLLING PLACES

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

Angleton (Main)East Annex, 1524 E Mulberry
AlvinAlvin Library, 105 S Gordon
BrazoriaBrazoria Library, 620 S Brooks
FreeportFreeport Library, 410 Brazosport Blvd
Lake Jackson.....Doris Williams Civic Center, 333 Hwy 332 East
ManvelNorth Annex, 7313 Corporate Dr
Pearland EastTom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Dr
Pearland West.....West Pearland Community Center, 2150 Countryplace Pkwy
Shadow CreekWest Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Pkwy
West Columbia.....Precinct 4 Building #2, 121 N 10th St

DATES AND HOURS:

October 20- 258 AM – 5 PM
October 27- 298 AM – 5 PM
October 30- 31.....7 AM – 7 PM



Early Voting Clerk

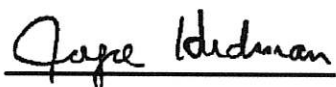
AVISO DE VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA EN LOS SITIOS DE VOTACIÓN AUXILIARES

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

Angleton (Ubicación Principal)..East Annex, 1524 E Mulberry
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FECHAS Y HORAS

20-25 de octubre8 AM – 5 PM
27-29 de octubre8 AM – 5 PM
30-31 de octubre.....7 AM – 7 PM



Secretaria de la Votación Adelantada