

ORDINANCE NO. 004-2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 1, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FOR DISTRICTS TWO, FOUR, AND SIX, ALL OF WHOM SHALL BE ELECTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN THE REPECTIVE DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; DESIGNATING SEVERAL POLLING PLACES WITHIN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NOTICE AND HAVE THE NOTICE POSTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF SAID ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, Big Spring Councilmembers serve three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the terms for councilmembers two, four, and six are set to expire in May 2021;

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

SECTION 1. A General Election shall be held on the 1st day of May, 2021 for the purpose of electing City Councilmembers for Districts Two, Four, and Six in accordance with the constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the Charter of the City of Big Spring, Texas, and the manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating general elections, the City Charter, and this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Each candidate shall make application in writing to the City Secretary for the candidate's name to appear on the official ballot no later than 5:00 p.m. of the sixty-second (62nd) before election day but no earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day before the date of the filing deadline, as required by sections 1.007 and 143.007 of the Texas Election Code. The application shall clearly designate the residence address of the candidate. Each candidate must reside in the city limits of the City of Big Spring. A candidate for each office may reside anywhere within the city limits of the City of Big Spring. All candidates for the office of City Council shall have been a resident citizen of the City of Big Spring for a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election as required by Art. V, Sec. 7 of the City Charter.

SECTION 3. Only qualified electors under the general laws of the state who reside in the City District Two shall be qualified to vote for the office of District Two City Councilmember, only qualified electors under the general laws of the state who reside in City District Four shall be qualified to vote for the office of District Four City Councilmember, and only qualified electors under the general laws of the state who reside in City District Six shall be qualified to vote for the office of District Six City Councilmember.

SECTION 4. Voting by personal appearance during early voting and on election day shall be by a ballot scanning system, DRE (Direct Recording Electronic) System for curbside voting and by

official paper ballot for early voting by mail and for provisional voting. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at Howard County Courthouse located at 300 S. Main. Early voting will be held on weekdays beginning Monday, April 19, 2021 and ending Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The early voting polling place shall be open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021 and Tuesday, April 27, 2021 and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all other days.

SECTION 5. The polling places on election day will be at the following vote center locations:

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
1001 Birdwell Lane

Ryan Hall
605 North Main

First Baptist Church
705 W. FM 700

Coahoma Community Center
306 North Ave.
Coahoma, TX

The polling places shall be open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 6. Mayor Shannon D. Thomason is hereby authorized to execute and have posted notice of said election in accordance with the law.

SECTION 7. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, said unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the **12th** day of **January, 2021**, with all members present voting "aye" for passage of same.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second and final reading at a special meeting of the City Council on the **2nd** day of **February, 2021**, with all members present voting "aye" for passage of same.



Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary