

## November 5 Regular and Special Election information

The November 5 Regular and Special Election, to be facilitated by Walker County, will include City races for Mayor at-Large, four Council ward positions and a Special Election for Position 1 at-Large, as well as seven proposed City Charter amendments.

City residents in three voting precincts, along with County residents in two voting precincts, will also have an opportunity to vote on a local option liquor measure affecting dry areas in Justice Precinct 2.

Registered voters of Justice Precinct 2, which consists of voting precincts 201, 203, 204, 205 and 206, will be eligible to vote on the ballot measure for or against "the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages."

Finally, state constitutional amendments, as well as local elections for the Huntsville Independent School District, the New Waverly Independent School District and the City of New Waverly, will also be included on the applicable ballots.

### Charter amendments

The Special Election ballot will also include seven proposed Charter amendments, to appear as follows. Voters will have the option to vote for or against each of the amendments.

**I. Shall Article II, Sections 2.01(a) and 2.01(b) of the existing Charter, be consolidated into one section 2.01 to provide that the City may extend its boundaries and annex and disannex territory to the extent and in the manner provided by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas to read as follows?**

In the event that Proposition 1 is approved by the voters on November 5, 2013, Article Two, Section 2.01 shall read as follows:

"EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES. The City Council shall have the power by ordinance to fix the boundaries of the City of Huntsville. Without limiting the previous sentence, this power includes the ability to annex and to disannex territory, when permitted, to the extent, in the manner, and subject to any restrictions or limitations, provided by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

### Dates to Remember:

**Last day to register to vote or make  
name/address changes:  
October 7**

**Early voting begins: October 21**

**Early voting ends: November 1**

**Election Day: November 5 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

Section 2.01(a) REPEALED. Section 2.01(b) REPEALED.

**II. Shall Article IV, Section 4.07 of the existing City Charter relating to where city council meetings are held be amended to read as follows?**

"All meetings of the council shall be held at the City Hall of Huntsville or at such other public place within the city as may be approved by Council and, except as otherwise permitted by law, all meetings shall be open to the public and closed or executive meetings or sessions shall only be permitted as authorized by law."

**III. Shall Article IV, Section 4.12, of the existing City Charter that allows an employee who is not appointed by the City Council to appeal a decision on a grievance of that employee to the City Council be deleted?**

**IV. Shall Article XI, Section 11.02 (f) of the City Charter be amended by striking the sentence "Such audit shall be on a non-certified basis."?**

**V. Shall Article XI, Section 11.13 of the existing City Charter, relating to the sale of bonds issued by the City be amended to read as follows?**

"No bond, other than refunding bonds issued to refund and in exchange for previously issued outstanding bonds, issued by the City shall be sold for less than par value and accrued interest.

All bonds of the City having been issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas, and having been delivered to the purchaser thereof, shall thereafter be incontestable, and all bonds issued to refund and in exchange for outstanding bonds previously issued shall, after said exchange, be incontestable."

**VI. Shall Article XI, Section 11.17 of the existing City Charter, that relates to the issuance of new debt by the City be amended by deleting the last sentence "A favorable majority of all votes cast at the City election is required for approval." and inserting as the last sentence "A favorable majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposed issuance of new debt is required for approval."?**

**VII. Shall Article XIV, Section 14.18 of the existing City Charter, that requires the reading of all reports made by the State of Texas concerning the City be deleted?**

The "Current Election(s)" tab on Walker County's home page will continue to be updated as information is announced. Visit [www.co.walker.tx.us](http://www.co.walker.tx.us) for all elections affecting Walker County's registered voters.

Sample ballots are available for review both on the site and at the Walker County Annex, located at 1301 Sam Houston Avenue Rm 114.

The City of Huntsville Election information is available at the City's Web site, [www.huntsvilletx.gov](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov). The City also has copies of sample ballots available at their facilities, including City Hall, the Service Center, the Huntsville Police Department and others.

*Por favor visite [www.huntsvilletx.gov](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov), [www.co.walker.tx.us](http://www.co.walker.tx.us), o llámenos a la oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad (936) 291-5403 para su beloto de votar traducido en español, lo requisitos para votar y otra información sobre las elecciones.*

# November 5, 2013 General Election information

## When is Election Day? (Cuando es el Dia de Eleccion?)

Walker County will hold a Joint Election including the City of Huntsville on Tuesday, November 5, 2013  
from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m..

(La Ciudad de Huntsville y el distrito independiente escolar de Huntsville sostendran una eleccion unida el Martes 5 de Noviembre del 2013 de 7 a.m. to 7 p.m..)

## Am I registered to vote? (Estoy registrado para votar?)

In order to vote in this election, you must be a registered voter of the particular political subdivision.

The last day to register to vote for the November 5 election is OCTOBER 7, 2013.

If you are not sure if your voter registration is current you may call (936)436-4959 or visit:

<https://team1.sos.state.tx.us/voterws/viw/faces/Introduction.jsp>.

(Para poder votar en esta eleccion tiene que ser un votante registrado de la division politica particular. Si no esta seguro si su registracion para votar esta vigente puede llamar (936)436-4959 o visite nuestra pagina de web arriba.)

## Where do I go for early voting? (A donde voy para votar temprano?)

There will be one Early Voting Polling Place for all entities:

Walker County Annex, 1301 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite 101, Huntsville, Texas.

(Habrá solamente un lugar para votacion temprana para todas entidades que será localizada en el Walker County Annex.)

### Early Voting By Personal Appearance

**October 21 - November 1**

**8am—5pm**

**October 22 and October 29**

**7am-7pm**

### Votacion Temprana por Aspecto Personal

**Octubre 21 - Noviembre 1**

**8am—5pm**

**Octubre 22 y Octubre 29**

**7am—7pm**

## Where Do I Vote on Election Day? (Donde votare el dia de la eleccion?)

On Election Day, voters will report to their precinct polling places as set out below:

(En el Dia De Eleccion, votantes se reportaran a su lugar de votacion del recinto escrito abajo:)

## NOVEMBER 5, 2013 REGULAR AND SPECIAL ELECTION POLLING PLACES

### Precinct (Recinto):

**101, City Ward 3 - (101, Sala 3)**

**102, City Ward 1 - (102, Sala 1)**

**103**

**104**

**201, City Ward 2 - (201, Sala 2)**

**203/204**

**205, City Ward 4 - (205, Sala 4)**

**206, City Ward 4 - (206, Sala 4)**

**301, City Ward 3 - (301, Sala 3)**

**302/303**

**304/305**

**401, City Ward 2/4 - (401, Sala 2/4)**

**402/403**

**404**

### Polling Place (Sitios de Votacion)

Walker County Annex – 1301 Sam Houston Ave. Ste. 101, Huntsville, TX 77340

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Cook Springs Baptist Church – 1936-A State Highway 75 North, Huntsville, TX 77320

Northside Baptist Church – 1207 FM 980, Huntsville, TX 77320

Walker County Storm Shelter/Veterans Complex – 445 SH 75 North, Huntsville, TX 77320

Walker County Fairgrounds – 3925 State Highway 30 West, Huntsville, TX 77320

Elkins Lake Conference Center – 634 Cherry Hills Drive, Huntsville, TX 77340

Huntsville Fire Station #1 – 1987 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, Huntsville, TX 77340

Huntsville ISD Transportation Building – 95 Martin Luther King, Huntsville, TX 77320

Calvary Baptist Church – 1135 US Highway 190, Huntsville, TX 77320

Riverside United Methodist Church – 2341 FM 980, Huntsville, TX 77320

University Heights Baptist Church – 2400 Sycamore Avenue, Huntsville, TX 77340

Phelps First Methodist Church – 13 Dorrell Road off FM 2296 (at Watson Lake Road),  
Huntsville, TX 77340

New Waverly First Baptist Church – 460 Fisher Street (at corner of Hardy),

New Waverly, TX 77358

“How do I know which polling  
place to use?”

For a map of the City and assistance locating the addresses  
above, visit [www.huntsvillegis.com](http://www.huntsvillegis.com) and select the Planning Map.

The map provides both ward and precinct boundaries.

# Photo identification requirements, deadlines

The November 5 Regular and Special Election is fast approaching, and the deadline to register to vote or make any changes to name or address information is October 7.

Walker County Election Officer, Diana McRae, reminds voters that photo identification will now be required for voting in person.

In 2011, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 14 (SB 14) creating a new requirement for voters to show photo identification when voting in person. While pending review within the judicial system, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Shelby County v. Holder*, which effectively ended all pending litigation. As a result, voters are now required to present an approved form of photo identification in order to vote in all Texas elections.

"In Walker County we are working to make sure our voters understand the new ID requirements and have all the information they need to cast their ballots," said McRae.

A voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days

before being presented at the polling place.

This photo ID requirement is for voters casting a ballot in person, not by mail. Voters age 65 and older may vote by mail. However, you still may be required to show identification, even voting by mail, if the Secretary of State's Office was unable to verify your driver's license, personal identification, or last four digits of your Social Security at the time of registration.

"All registered voters in Walker County must have one of the seven forms of identification listed," McRae said. "Alternative forms of photo identification, such as student IDs, out-of-state IDs or employee IDs, will not be accepted."

## Matching requirements

Election officials are encouraging voters to update their voter registrations to reflect the names on their IDs. Voters may use IDs that do not exactly match the name on their IDs if the names are substantially similar but will have to sign an affidavit stating they are the same person.

Voters may look up their registration at [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov) and if their name is not an exact match they can update their voter registration online at [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov) or come by the Voter Registration Office in Room 114 at the County Annex Building located at 1301 Sam Houston Avenue.

October 7 is the deadline to change or correct their name and/or address on their voter registration for the November 5 election.

"By preparing now, voters can help make sure voting goes smoothly when it comes time for the election," said McRae.

To check and update their registrations, voters can visit [VoteTexas.as.gov](http://VoteTexas.as.gov) or call the Voter Registration Office at (936) 436-4959 for more information.

For more information about photo ID requirements including exemptions, visit [www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov).

## Identificación con Foto se Requiere para Votantes Tejanos

Ahora tiene que proporcionar una de las siguientes formas de identificación con foto cuando vota en persona:

- (1) Licencia de Conducir de Texas expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Publica (DPS, según sus siglas en inglés)
- (2) Cédula de Identificación Electoral de Texas expedida por DPS
- (3) Tarjeta de Identificación Personal de Texas expedida por DPS
- (4) Licencia de Texas para Portar un Arma de Fuego Oculta expedida por DPS
- (5) Cédula de Identidad Militar de los Estados Unidos con fotografía de la persona
- (6) Certificado de Ciudadanía Estadounidense con fotografía de la persona o
- (7) Pasaporte de los Estados Unidos

*\*\*Con la excepción del certificado de ciudadanía estadounidense, la identificación deberá estar vigente; si no la está, debe haberse vencido hace 60 días o menos en el momento de presentarla para calificar como votante en el sitio electoral.\*\**

El nombre del votante en la identificación presentada debe hacer juego o ser "considerablemente similar" al nombre en la lista oficial del certificado de votantes (lista de encuesta).

**Los votantes son animados a actualizar su registro de votante para reflejar los nombres en sus tarjetas de identidad antes de la fecha límite del 7 de Octubre.**



# Information from the Walker County Elections Department:

Ballot by mail is also available to those that qualify. If a voter will be over 65 years of age or older on Election Day, has a disability, or will be outside the county during early voting hours and on Election Day, the voter can apply to vote by mail. Simply submit a completed and signed Application for a Ballot by Mail to the address above. Call our office for more information at (936) 436-4959.

Curbside Voting service is available to any voter who has difficulty walking or standing for long periods. If you have an assistant with you, when you arrive at poll place whether you're voting early or on Election Day, have them notify the election official at that time. The election official will then bring your ballot to your car outside the polling location. If you do not have an assistant, please pull up in one of the designated "curbside" parking spots which will automatically notify the election clerk that you want to vote curbside.

In Walker County, there are several entities having a joint election and due to the makeup of the voting boxes across the county, voters qualify to vote one of the twenty-four (24) different ballot styles based on their registration. Select ballots are double sided - voters are encouraged to check both sides of their ballots. If applicable, your ballot may also include the Huntsville Independent School District and/or the City of Huntsville. Or if applicable, your ballot may include the New Waverly Independent School District and/or the City of New Waverly. We ask for your patience at the polls and encourage you to pick up a sample ballot at the Walker County Annex, Elections Department Rm 114. The sample ballot provides the order the contests and candidates will appear on the ballot for every political subdivision on the Walker County Joint Election. These ballots are posted on the county website at [www.co.walker.tx.us](http://www.co.walker.tx.us). On the homepage, just click on the "Current Election(s)" tab on the left for more information or call our office at (936) 436-4959.

## Redistricting results in voting precinct changes

*Updated voter registration certificate, notice provided by County Voter registrar*

Following the completion of redistricting by the City of Huntsville and Walker County, local residents affected by the process may now be in another election precinct.

Due to these changes, the Walker County Voter Registration office sent out notifications in August with new voter registration certificates, encouraging residents to visit the current election tab on the County's Web site - [www.co.walker.tx.us](http://www.co.walker.tx.us) - to verify their poll place for the November 5 election along with other important election information.

"An official notification was mailed to all affected voters," said Diana McRae, County Election Officer. "However, if you did not receive notification and believe you may be affected by redistricting, please contact the Voter Registration Office at (936) 436-4959 to confirm your precinct and poll place."

As a result of redistricting, the First Presbyterian Church at 1801 19th Street will no longer be a poll place. It is now located

in precinct 102, along with many residents who live in that general area.

"Please refer to your new voter registration certificate to confirm your precinct," McRae advised. "If you live in precinct 102, you will be voting at the Walker County Annex at 1301 Sam Houston Avenue.

"Precinct 201 now has a new poll place located at the Walker County Storm Shelter/Veteran's Complex, located at 455 State Highway 75 North."

McRae said there were other areas of the City that were affected by the redistricting.

"Please refer to your new voter registration card to confirm your new voting precinct or call the Voter Registration Office to confirm," she said.

Election information is also available on the City of Huntsville Web site, [www.huntsvilletx.gov](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov).

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## City of Huntsville Calendar notices

### October 2013

- 1 - City Council Meeting at **5:00 p.m.**
- 2 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 9 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
- 15 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 16 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 17 - Planning & Zoning Commission - City Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- 21 - Early Voting for November 5 Election begins
- 23 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
- 30 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection

### November 2013

- 1 - Early Voting for November 5 Election ends
- 3 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 5 - Regular and Special Election - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 6 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 7 - Planning & Zoning Commission - City Hall at 12 p.m.
- 12 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**
- 13 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
- 14 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Election Canvass**
- 19 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**
- 20 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 21 - Planning & Zoning Commission - City Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- 27 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste

**Please note the irregular Council meeting schedule for November 2013. Regular meetings are scheduled for November 12 and 19, with a special session to canvass the November 5 Regular and Special Election on November 14.**

**Visit the City's Web site for agenda and scheduling information.**

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**Submit requests for Heavy Trash pick-up before noon on Monday, the week of the pick-up at (936) 294-5796.**

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