

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, ORDERING A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING FOUR AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBERS; DESIGNATING THE PLACES AND MANNER OF HOLDING THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, that:

SECTION 1. The regular municipal election of the City of Huntsville, prescribed by Section 6.01 of the City Charter, shall be held between the hours of seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. and seven (7:00) o'clock p.m. on the 5th day of November 2024, in the City, for the purpose of electing four At-Large Councilmembers.

SECTION 2. The registered voters of Walker County can vote at any Election Day poll place. Countywide Election Day Poll Locations are as follows:

COUNTYWIDE ELECTION DAY POLL LOCATIONS

Registered voters of Walker County can vote at ANY Election Day poll location

WALKER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
3925 SH 30 W, Huntsville, Texas 77340

WALKER COUNTY STORM SHELTER/ VETERAN'S COMPLEX
455 SH 75 N, Huntsville, Texas 77320

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
2400 Sycamore Avenue, Huntsville, Texas 77340 - Voter entrance off Palm Street

NEW WAVERLY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
460 Fisher Street, New Waverly, Texas 77358

HUNTSVILLE ISD TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
96 Martin Luther King, Huntsville, Texas 77320

COOK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
1936-A SH 75 N, Huntsville, Texas 77320

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
1207 FM 980, Huntsville, Texas 77320

RIVERSIDE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
2341 FM 980, Huntsville, Texas 77320

WALKER COUNTY ANNEX
1301 Sam Houston Ave. Ste. 101, Huntsville, Texas 77340

SECTION 3. This election shall be held in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the election laws of the State of Texas. In all City elections, the Mayor, City Secretary or City Council shall do and perform each act as in other elections required to be done and performed, respectively, by the County Judge, the County Clerk or the Commissioners' Court. The City Council has determined, pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code, that the City is authorized to enter into an Election Services Agreement with Walker County, Texas, and, pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the City is authorized to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with

Walker County and other participating political subdivisions for this election. The City Secretary and Mayor are hereby authorized to perform all duties and take all actions as required by any joint election agreement(s) and/or the contract(s) for election services that may be authorized by City Council.

SECTION 4. Any eligible and qualified person may have his name upon the official ballot as an independent candidate by submitting an application, which, in accordance with Texas Election Code Section 141.031, must be in writing and be signed and sworn to by the candidate and indicate the date that the candidate swears to the application. Such application for the general election may be filed with the City Secretary beginning on July 20, 2024, and must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2024.

SECTION 5. A Councilmember for all four of the City's At-Large Positions shall be selected. The four At-Large Councilmembers to be elected shall hold office for a period of three (3) years.

SECTION 6. Each of the four Councilmembers (the four At-Large Councilmembers) shall be citizens of the United States, qualified and registered voters of the State of Texas; residents within the present corporate limits of Huntsville for at least twelve months immediately preceding the election; and current in payment of taxes and assessments due to the City.

SECTION 7. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing of the City Secretary as provided by section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code.

The form of the ballot for the election shall be as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
General Election
City of Huntsville, Texas
November 5, 2024

INSTRUCTION NOTE: Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name.

Councilmember, At-Large Position One (Vote for one)

- (candidate's name)
- (candidate's name)

Councilmember, At-Large Position Two (Vote for one)

- (candidate's name)
- (candidate's name)

Councilmember, At-Large Position Three (Vote for one)

- (candidate's name)
- (candidate's name)

Councilmember, At-Large Position Four (Vote for one)

- (candidate's name)
- (candidate's name)

SECTION 8. Diana L. McRae, the Walker County Election Officer/Tax Assessor-Collector, is the Early Voting Clerk (EVC), and Cierra Monjaras, Walker County Elections Manager, is appointed Deputy Early Voting Clerk (DEVK), for the joint early voting approved by the Commissioner's Court, as with respect to early voting in person and voting by mail, and the Walker County Storm Shelter/Veteran's Complex, 455 SH 75 North is hereby designated as the Early Voting Site.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed, faxed, or emailed to:

Diana McRae, Early Voting Clerk

1301 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite 114, Huntsville, Texas 77340

Phone: (936) 436-4959 Fax Number: (936) 436-4961 Email: walkervr@co.walker.tx.us

Applications must be submitted by mail, common or contract carrier, fax or email. Note: If a voter submits the application via fax or email, the Early Voting Clerk must receive the original application via mail and within four days of receipt of the electronic copy.

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM) and Federal Postcard Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on October 25th, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. (must be received, not postmarked).

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting in the election by personal appearance shall be conducted each weekday and weekend at:

Early Voting Site: Walker County Storm Shelter/Veteran's Complex
455 SH 75 North, Huntsville, TX 77320

Dates of Early Voting: October 21, 2024, through November 1, 2024

Early Voting Times: (including weekend & extended hours)

Monday, October 21st, through Friday, October 25th, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 26th, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 27th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monday, October 28th through Friday, November 1st, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Early Voting in the election by personal appearance shall be conducted at the times, dates, and polling places as provided for in the Walker County Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract between the City of Huntsville, Texas and Walker County, Texas, and further adopts any additions or amendments to such concerning early voting times, dates, and polling location as approved by the Walker County Elections Officer.

During the lawful early voting period, such clerk shall keep such place for early voting open for early voting from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, October 21, 2024, to October 25, 2024, and from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2024, and from 10:00 am – 4:00 p.m. on October 27, 2024 and from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024 through Friday, November 1, 2024; except on official state holidays.

SECTION 9. The Mayor and City Secretary are hereby directed to give notice of the election by:

- a) by publishing the notice at least one time, not more than thirty (30) days nor less than ten (10) days before the election, in the newspaper;
- b) by filing with the City Secretary, for posting, a copy of said notice at least twenty-one (21) days before the election; and
- c) by posting on the City Hall bulletin board notice of the election at least twenty-one (21) days before the election.

The Mayor and City Secretary shall file with the City Secretary a copy of the notice as published, together with the name of the newspaper and the dates of publication.

SECTION 10. It is further found and determined that, in accordance with the order of this governing body, the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located in the City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and such notice having been so posted and remaining posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of such meeting.

SECTION 11. That the Mayor and/or the City Secretary of the City of Huntsville are hereby authorized to execute and/or issue, for and on behalf of the City, such orders, documents and forms as may, from time to time, be promulgated by the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in conjunction with the election herein ordained.

SECTION 12. The Mayor and/or the City Secretary and the attorney for the City are hereby authorized and directed to make any filings required by the Federal Voting Rights Act. The Mayor and/or the City Secretary and the attorney for the City are further authorized and directed to take any action necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Elections Code, the Federal Voting Rights Act and the terms and provisions of any Election Services Contract(s) and the Joint Election Agreement(s) in carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

SECTION 13. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of JULY 2024.

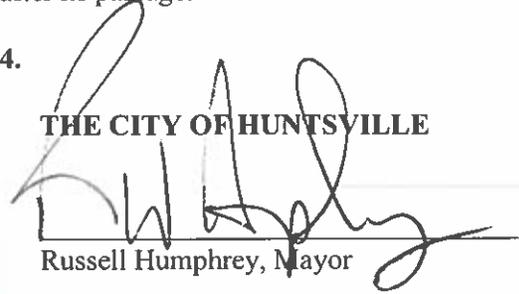


ATTEST:



Kristy Doll, City Secretary

THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE



Russell Humphrey, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leonard Schneider, City Attorney