

## ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS, CANCELING THE GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, FOR PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COMMISSIONER FOR POSITION 1 AND A COMMISSIONER FOR POSITION 3; CANCELING THE CONTRACT WITH FORT BEND COUNTY FOR A JOINT ELECTION; DECLARING THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES ELECTED; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A general election was called for Saturday, May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing a Commissioner for Position 1 and a Commissioner for Position 3.

The filing deadlines for placement on the ballot and list of write-in candidates concluded on February 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

The City Secretary of the City of Richmond, Texas, received one (1) application for a place on the ballot for City Commissioner for Position 1 and one (1) application for a place on the ballot for City Commissioner for Position 3 by the filing deadline of February 16, 2024, and no person filed as a write-in candidate by the deadline of February 20, 2024.

There are no other candidates for the election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Consistent with section 2.053 of the Texas Election Code, the City Commission of the City of Richmond, Texas, cancels the general election scheduled for May 4, 2024, **Now Therefore,**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

**Section 2.** That the May 4, 2024 general election for the purpose of electing a Commission for Position 1 and a Commissioner for Position 3 is canceled and the City Secretary is directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance to be posted on election day at each polling place that would have been used in the general election.

**Section 3.** That Terry Gaul, unopposed candidate for Position 1, is elected to serve as Commissioner, Position 1.

**Section 4.** That Carl Drozd, unopposed candidate for Position 3, is elected to serve as Commissioner, Position 3.

**Section 5.** Commencing on the first City Commission meeting following May 4, 2024 and upon qualification for office, Terry Gaul shall have a three (3) year term as Commissioner, Position 1.


**Section 6.** Commencing on the first City Commission meeting following May 4, 2022 and upon qualification for office, Carl Drozd shall have a three (3) year term as Commissioner, Position 3.

**Section 7.** That the joint election contract with Fort Bend County is cancelled.

**Section 8.** In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Commission of the City of Richmond, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

**Section 9.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately from and after its adoption and approval.

**PASSED and APPROVED**, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
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Rebecca K. Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary

  
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Gary W. Smith, City Attorney