

ORDINANCE NO. 2332

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, CALLING AN ELECTION FOR SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024, TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS ONE, TWO, THREE, AND FOUR; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND FOR NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ELECTION.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:**

Section 1. That sections 3.004 of the Texas Election Code, requires the governing body of a political subdivision to order an election for the election of officers, and Section 41.001 requires that the election be held on a uniform election day. Section 2.01 of the Sugar Land City Charter requires City elections to be held on the May uniform election date. Therefore, the Sugar Land General Election is to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing four council members to districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Section 2. Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The voting location for voting on Election Day for each city election precinct shall be as set forth in the Notice of Election published in the Fort Bend Star no later than April 24, 2024 and incorporate therein Countywide Election Day Centers, or at such other locations as may be designated by the County Elections Administrator. On Election Day the polls shall be open from 7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.

Section 3. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times. Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days as may be designate by the County Elections Administrator.

The County Elections Administrator, John Oldham, is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk. Applications for ballots to be voted by mail can be obtained at:

Fort Bend County Elections Physical address and Main Early Voting Place:

4520 Reading Road, Suite A-400
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Mailing address: 301 Jackson St.
Richmond, TX 77469

Fax number: (281) 341-4418

Email address: vote@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Section 4. Joint Election. That John Oldham, Elections Administrator of Fort Bend County, Texas, will act as Contracting Officer and will appoint election judges, alternate judges and clerks as described in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between County of Fort Bend, City of Sugar Land, and other Political Subdivisions.

Section 5. Appointment of Election Officers. Prior to Election Day, the election judges, alternate judges, clerks and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election will be appointed by the County Elections Administrator, and the election judges and alternate judges may be changed and the polling places may be combined for some precincts, pursuant to decisions of the County Elections Administrator. The County Elections Administrator shall be responsible for establishing the central counting station for the ballots cast in such election and appointing the personnel necessary for such station. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Secretary to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed by the County Elections Administrator as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 6. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election, in English and Spanish, stating in substance the contents of this Ordinance, shall be (i) published in a newspaper of general circulation within the City territory, with the publication to be not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day or later than the tenth (10th) day before the Election and (ii) posted on the bulletin board used by the City Council to post notices of meetings no later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the date of the Election.

Section 7. Conduct of Election. Said Election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code as amended, including Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

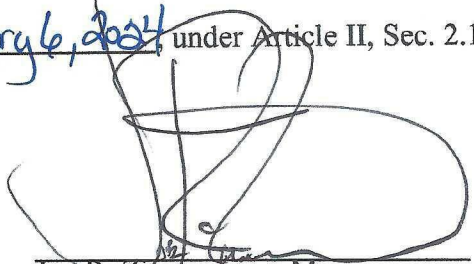
Section 8. Voting System. Voting at the election, including early voting, will be by use of the County electronic voting system that has been approved by the Secretary of State.

Section 9. Canvass. The official canvass will be conducted by the City Council at a City Council Meeting between May 7, 2024 and May 14, 2024. Under Article II, Sec. 2.01 (d) of the City Charter, the persons elected shall take the oath of office and begin their duties at the meeting at which the City Council declares the results of the election.

Section 10. Run-off Election. If needed, a run-off election will be held on June 15, 2024.

Section 11. Authority Conducting the Election. The City of Sugar Land is the authority conducting the called election referenced in this ordinance. The website pertinent to said election is <https://www.sugarlandtx.gov/148/Elections>.

ADOPTED on first consideration on February 6, 2024 under Article II, Sec. 2.10 of the City Charter.



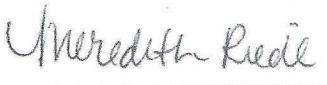
Joe R. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robin Lenio, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Meredith Riede, City Attorney

