



CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

February 7, 2023

Dwight Sullivan
Galveston County Clerk
600 59th Street, Suite 2001
Galveston, Texas 77551
Certified Mail #: 7000 0520 0025 4126 6295 &
RR#: 9590 9402 7517 2098 7932 31

Cheryl E. Johnson
Galveston County Tax Assessor Collector/Voter Registrar
722 Moody Avenue
Galveston, Texas 77550
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RE: City of Friendswood Notice of General Election, May 6, 2023

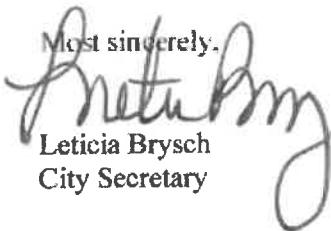
Dear Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Johnson:

Attached please find a certified copy of City of Friendswood Ordinance No. 2022-07, approved by the Friendswood City Council on February 8, 2023, in which the following elections were ordered for Saturday, May 6, 2023:

- General Election for Councilmember Position Nos. Two and Five

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this item, please feel free to contact me directly at 281-996-3270 or lbrysch@friendswood.com.

Most sincerely,



Leticia Brysch
City Secretary

Enclosure

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, ORDERING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO COUNCILMEMBERS FOR POSITIONS TWO (2) AND FIVE (5); MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Friendswood City Council deems that, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, a General Election should occur on May 6, 2023, for the purpose of electing a Councilmember to Position No. Two (2) and a Councilmember to Position No. Five (5); and

WHEREAS, the Friendswood City Council wishes to proceed with the ordering of such election and the City Council has determined that holding such election is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas further provide that the Texas Election Code ("Code") is applicable to all general municipal elections and in order to comply with said Code, an ordinance should be passed establishing the procedures to be followed for the May 6, 2023, election; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. General Election. In accordance with the Charter of the City of Friendswood and the laws and the Constitution of the State of Texas, a General Municipal Election is hereby ordered to be held in and throughout the City of Friendswood on May 6, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. at which General Election all qualified voters of the City of Friendswood, Texas (the "City") may vote for the purpose of electing the following officials of the City:

Councilmember, Position No. 2; and
Councilmember, Position No. 5.

Section 2. Placement on Official Ballot. That any eligible and qualified person may have his/her name printed upon the official ballot as an independent candidate for the office of Councilmember by filing a sworn application with the City Secretary of the City of Friendswood, no later than 5:00 p.m., February 17, 2023. The form of the sworn application for the candidates for the office of Councilmember shall be as set forth by Section 141.031 of the Texas Election Code.

Section 3. Candidate Qualifications. That the qualifications of the Councilmembers are as follows:

Office	Qualifications
Councilmember	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ shall be a citizen of the United States of America;➤ shall be a qualified voter of the State of Texas and the City of Friendswood;➤ shall have resided for at least twelve (12) months preceding the election within the corporate limits of the City of Friendswood, including territory annexed prior to the filing deadline;➤ shall be at least 21 years of age;➤ shall meet the requirements for sponsors stipulated in the Charter; and➤ shall meet such other requirements as set forth in Chapter 141 of the Texas Election Code and in the Charter of the City of Friendswood, Texas.

Section 4. Ballot. That the form of the ballot for said general election shall be substantially as follows:

<p>OFFICIAL BALLOT</p> <p>Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an 'X' or filling in the shape beside the candidate's name.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>COUNCILMEMBER POSITION NO. 2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>COUNCILMEMBER POSITION NO. 5</u></p>
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Section 5. Placement on/Removal from Ballot. That any person eligible for the office of City Councilmember who has filed his/her own sworn application in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance shall have his/her name printed on the official ballot. On or before February 24, 2023, any such person may cause his/her name to be withdrawn by filing, in writing, with the City Secretary, a request to that effect over his/her own signature, duly attested to by a Notary Public. No names so withdrawn shall be printed on the ballot.

Section 6. Determination of Ballots for General Election. The candidates receiving a majority of votes for the position to be filled at such election shall be declared elected.

Section 7. Joint Election. That the general election called in Section 1 hereof shall be held as a joint election with Harris County and Galveston County pursuant to the joint election agreement to be entered into with each county.

Section 8. Polling Locations. That the City shall use the polling places along with election officials for the general election ordered in Section hereof as designated by Harris County and Galveston County.

Section 9. Voting Equipment. Hart InterCivic Verity equipment shall be used for voting at the designated election precincts, and electronic counting devices and equipment shall be used for counting the ballots at the general election.

Section 10. Early Voting. Each qualified voter who desires to cast an early vote shall be entitled to an official ballot and the right to cast such ballot in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. Early voting will be conducted by the Early Voting Clerks at the places designated by Harris County and Galveston County. The location of the main early voting polling place for each county is as follows:

Galveston County	Harris County
Galveston County Courthouse Dwight D. Sullivan Galveston County Clerk Election Division 600 59 th St., 2 nd Floor, Suite 2001 Galveston, TX 77551	Clifford Tatum Harris County Election Administrator 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Room 440 Houston, TX 77002

Hart Intercivic Verity equipment shall be used for early voting by personal appearance. Early voting by personal appearance shall commence on April 24, 2023, and end on May 2, 2023, in accordance with the schedules adopted by Harris and Galveston Counties. Hart Intercivic Verity equipment shall be used

for early voting by mail in Harris County and Galveston County. Applications for ballots to be voted by mail should be mailed as follows:

(a) For Galveston County:

By Regular Mail	By Fax ⁽¹⁾	By Common or Contract Carrier
ATTN: Ballots by Mail c/o Dwight Sullivan Galveston County Clerk P. O. Box 17253 Galveston, TX 77552-7253	(409) 765-3249	Galveston County Courthouse Dwight D. Sullivan Galveston County Clerk Election Division 600 59 th St., 2 nd Floor, Suite 2001 Galveston, TX 77551
By email ⁽¹⁾ : absenteeballotapplications@co.galveston.tx.us		
Phone No.: 409-770-5108	Website: http://galvestonvotes.org	

⁽¹⁾If an application is sent to the early voting clerk by fax or email, the original application must still be mailed, and received by the early voting clerk no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA, to the address shown above for Regular Mail.

(b) For Harris County:

By Regular Mail	By Fax ⁽¹⁾	By Common or Contract Carrier
Cliford Tatum Harris County Election Administrator Attn: Election Division P.O. Box 1148 Houston, TX 77251-1148	(713) 755-4983 or (713) 437-8683	Cliford Tatum Harris County Election Administrator 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Room 440 Houston, TX 77002
By email ⁽¹⁾ : vbm@cco.hctx.net		
Phone No.: (713) 755-6935	Website: http://harrisvotes.org	

⁽¹⁾If an application is sent to the early voting clerk by fax or email, the original application must still be mailed, and received by the early voting clerk no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA, to the address shown above for Regular Mail.

The last day to submit an application for a ballot to the respective Early Voting Clerk to be voted by mail is April 25, 2023 (received, not postmarked).

Section 11. Central Counting Stations. The Central Counting Stations to receive and tabulate voted ballots shall be at the locations designated by Harris and Galveston Counties.

Section 12. Election Notice. The general election shall be held in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the election laws of the State of Texas. In the general election, the Mayor and the City Secretary of the City of Friendswood shall do and perform each act as required to be done and performed respectively by the County Judge and the County Clerk of the Commissioners' Court. The notice of the general election shall be given by posting a substantial copy of this election ordinance at City Hall and at three other places in the City, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the election; and a substantial copy of this election ordinance also shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City, the date of the first publication to be not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date set for the general election. Notice of the general election shall also be provided to the Harris County Clerk and Galveston County Clerk not later than the 60th day before the date of the election ordered herein.

Section 13. Further Action. The City Secretary is further authorized to give or cause to be given notices required for the general election, and to take such other and further action as is required to conduct such election in compliance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 14. Compliance with Law. In all matters relating to the ordering, giving notice, and holding the general election, the City shall comply with the applicable parts of the Texas Election Code, including Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code pertaining to bilingual requirements, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

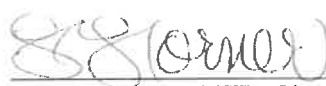
Section 15. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage by the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Friendswood on this the 6th day of February, 2023.


MIKE FOREMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

LETICIA BRYSCH, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KAREN L. HORNER, City Attorney

