

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 03, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REAUTHORIZING THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF THREE-EIGHTHS (3/8) OF ONE PERCENT (1%) TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

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WHEREAS, on February 3, 2020, the City Council of the City of Friendswood adopted Ordinance No. 2020-07 calling a special election to be held on May 2, 2020, for the purpose of submitting a proposition pertaining to the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax at the rate of three-eighths (3/8) of one percent (1%) to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets; and;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott declared a State of Disaster to address the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a Proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code to allow political subdivisions of the State that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to postpone elections to the next uniform election date, November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the City Council of the City of Friendswood adopted Ordinance No. 2020-21 postponing the special election to November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 327.007 of the Texas Tax Code, the City Council of the City of Friendswood is authorized and hereby finds and determines that it is appropriate, advisable and in the best interest of the citizens of the City to hold a special election in the City for the purpose of submitting a proposition pertaining to the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax

at the rate of three-eighths (3/8) of one percent (1%) to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets; and

WHEREAS, the Friendswood City Council deems that in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, a Special Election should occur on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas further provide that the Texas Election Code (“Code”) is applicable to all municipal elections and in order to comply with said Code, an ordinance should be passed establishing the procedures to be followed for the November 3, 2020, special election;

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

Section 1. Special Election; Proposition. In accordance with the general laws and the Constitution of the State of Texas, a Special Municipal Election is hereby called and ordered to be held in and throughout the City of Friendswood on November 3, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. at which Special Election, all resident, qualified voters of the City of Friendswood, Texas (the “City”) who reside in either Galveston County or Harris County, may vote on a proposition to reauthorize the local sales and use tax at the rate of three-eighths (3/8) of one percent (1%) to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets;

Section 2. Ballot Proposition. The official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposition, with the ballots to contain such provisions and language required by Texas Tax Code Section 327.007, and with such proposition to be expressed as follows:

FOR () The reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of
AGAINST () Friendswood, Texas at the rate of three-eighths (3/8) of one percent (1%)
to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal
streets. The tax expires on the fourth anniversary of the date of this election
unless the imposition of the tax is reauthorized.

Section 3. Determination of Ballots. If the greater number of votes are “FOR”, the tax is reauthorized, and if the greater number of votes are “AGAINST”, the tax is not reauthorized.

Section 4. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the City shall be eligible to vote at the Special Election.

Section 5. Election Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The voting locations and hours for voting on Election Day shall be available for City residents of Galveston County and Harris County at all locations and times established by the Galveston County Clerk, pursuant to the Galveston County Election Services Agreement and as established by the Harris County Clerk pursuant to the Harris County Election Services Agreement, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto. Exhibit A shall be automatically modified by the City Secretary without further action of the Council to include additional or different Election Day polling places designated by the respective County and/or the Election Administrator, and to conform to the Galveston County Election Services Agreement and the Harris County Election Services Agreement, as applicable; the notices of the Election shall be conformed to such final list. Each polling place shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Section 6. Early Voting. Early voting by personal appearance shall be available for City residents of Galveston County and Harris County at all locations and times established by the Galveston County Clerk pursuant to the Galveston County Election Services Agreement and as established by the Harris County Clerk pursuant to the Harris County Election Services Agreement, as set forth in Exhibit B hereto. Exhibit B shall be automatically modified by the City Secretary without further action of the Council to include additional or different early voting polling places and times designated by the respective Counties, and to conform to the respective Election Services Agreement; the notices of the Election shall be conformed to such final lists provided to the City by the respective Counties and/or the respective Election Administrator.

Section 7. Galveston County Early Voting Clerk and Application for Ballot. The Early Voting Clerk for voting for Galveston County residents of the City shall be Dwight D. Sullivan, Galveston County Clerk and Galveston County Election Officer. Applications for early voting for Galveston County residents of the City should be requested as follows:

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 Elections Division 600 59 th St., 2 nd Floor, Suite 2001 Galveston, TX 77551
By email ⁽¹⁾ : absenteeballotapplications@co.galveston.tx.us		

⁽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.

Section 8. Harris County Early Voting Clerk and Application for Ballot. The Early Voting Clerk for voting for Harris County residents of the City shall be Chris Hollins, Harris County Clerk and Harris County Election Administrator. Applications for early voting for Harris County residents of the City should be requested as follows:

By Regular Mail	By Fax ⁽¹⁾	By Common or Contract Carrier
Chris Hollins Harris County Clerk Attn: Elections Division P.O. Box 1148 Houston, TX 77251-1148	(713) 755-4983 or (713) 437-8683	Chris Hollins Harris County Clerk 1001 Preston 4th Floor, Room 440 Houston, TX 77002
By email ⁽¹⁾ : BBM@cco.hctx.net		

⁽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.

Section 9. Deadline for Applications by Mail or Fax. The last day to submit an application for a ballot to the respective Early Voting Clerk to be voted by mail (a) by personal delivery is October 16, 2020, and (b) by mail is the close of business on October 23, 2020.

Section 10. Right to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the City shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

Section 11. **Appointment of Election Officials; Establishment of Central Counting Station.** The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed, election judges and alternate judges may be changed, polling places may be combined for some precincts, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed by Galveston and Harris County, as provided in the Election Services Agreements with each county, and such actions are hereby approved. Further, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Secretary to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed pursuant to the Contract for Election Services as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Code. The central counting stations to receive and tabulate votes shall be at the locations designated by Galveston County and Harris County.

Section 12. **Notice.** Notice of the election ordered herein shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code.

Section 13. **Canvass.** City Council, as the canvassing authority of this election, shall canvass the returns at a scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. At the completion of the canvass, the Mayor shall deliver the returns and tally lists used in the canvass to the City Secretary; and the City Secretary shall preserve them for a period in accordance with law.

Section 14. It is hereby further found and determined that the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of the meeting at which this ordinance was introduced and passed on the bulletin board located at 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.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON FIRST AND FINAL READING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 3.11(b) OF THE CITY CHARTER OF FRIENDSWOOD this 3rd day of August, 2020.



Mike Foreman
Mayor

ATTEST:



Melinda Welsh, TRMC
City Secretary



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EXHIBIT A

ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS

November 3, 2020
Joint General Election
Election Day Voting Hours: 7 AM – 7 PM

Election Day Voting Locations

Election Day Voting For City Voters Who Reside In Galveston County*

Galveston County utilizes countywide voting centers. City voters may vote at any of the following locations on Election Day:

Joe Faggard Community Center
1750 Highway 87
Crystal Beach, TX 77650

Rebecca Sealy Hospital
(1st floor Classroom)
404 8th St.
Galveston, TX 77555

Galveston County Courthouse
(Commissioner's Court)
722 Moody Ave.
Galveston, Texas 77550

Moody Methodist Church
(Welcome Center)
2803 53rd St.
Galveston, TX 77551

Seaside Baptist Church
16534 Termini-San Luis Pass Rd
Jamaica Beach, TX 77554

MUD 12 Building
2929 HWY 6 Ste. 300
Bayou Vista, TX 77563

Greater St. Matthews Baptist Church - Foyer
6333 Highway 6
Hitchcock, TX 77563

West County Building - Courtroom
11730 Highway 6
Santa Fe, TX 77510

Carver Community Center
6415 Park Ave
Texas City, TX 77591

La Marque Community Room
1109 B Bayou Rd
La Marque, TX 77568

Calvary Baptist Church
517 18th Ave N
Texas City, TX 77590

Nessler Community Center
(Surf Room)
2010 5th Ave N
Texas City, TX 77590

Dickinson Community Center
2714 Highway 3
Dickinson, TX 77539

Galveston County Justice Center
(1st floor vending area)
600 59th Street
Galveston, TX 77551

Kemah Community Center
800 Harris
Kemah, TX 77565

High Island ISD
(Gym building, foyer)
2113 6th Street
High Island, TX 77623

Creekside Intermediate
4320 W. Main St

North County Annex
(Room 142)

League City, TX 77573

174 Calder Rd
League City, TX 77573

Galveston ISD Administration Bldg.
(Council Chambers)
3904 Avenue T
Galveston, TX 77551

Texas A & M Campus
(Bldg. 3205)
200 Seawolf Park
Galveston, TX

Hitchcock ISD Administration Building
(Building B)
7801 Neville
Hitchcock, TX 77563

Santa Fe ISD Museum
13304 Highway 6
Santa Fe, TX 77510

College of the Mainland Main Campus
1200 Amburn Road
Texas City, TX 77591

Dayspring Church
2215 FM 646
Santa Fe, TX 77510

Texas City Central Fire Station
1721 25th Street
Texas City, TX 77590

Ministry of Encouragement
3424 Highway 3
Dickinson, TX 77539

Mid-County Building
9850 Emmett Lowry Expressway
Texas City, TX 77591

Dickinson City Hall
4403 Highway 3
Dickinson, TX 77539

IBC Bank
(Conference Room)
2301 FM 646 W.
Dickinson, TX 77539

San Leon Volunteer Fire Department
337 12th Street
San Leon, TX 77539

Clear Lake Shores Clubhouse
1006 S. Shore Drive
Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565

Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department
600 Grand Ave.
Bacliff, TX 77518

McAdams Jr. High
11415 Hughes Road
Dickinson, TX 77539

Hometown Heroes Park
1001 East League City Parkway
League City, TX 77573

College of the Mainland North Campus
200 Parker Court
League City, TX 77573

Ferguson Elementary
1910 S. Compass Rose
League City, TX 77573

League City Recreation Room
400 West Walker
League City, TX 77573

Dominion Church
6400 Calder Road
Dickinson, TX 77539

League City Intermediate
2588 Webster Street
League City, TX 77573

Bauerschlag Elementary
2051 League City Parkway
League City, TX 77573

Old Friendswood Jr. High
(Admin. Building)
402 Laurel
Friendswood, TX 77546

Hope Lutheran Church
1804 S. Friendswood Drive
Friendswood, TX 77546

Friendswood First Baptist Church
(Gymnasium)
111 E Heritage Drive
Friendswood, TX 77546

*City of Friendswood voters who reside in Galveston County will vote on election day at the above-listed vote centers. Polling locations are subject to change. To verify, please go to the Galveston County website at www.galvestonvotes.org.

Election Day Voting For City Voters Who Reside In Harris County

Voting for qualified voters of the City of Friendswood who reside in Harris County shall be conducted on November 3, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the following voting center locations, as designated by Harris County:

Location	Address
Forest Bend Civic Building, Big Room	4300 Laura Leigh Lane Friendswood, Texas 77546
Clear Brook High School, Pool Foyer	4607 FM 2351 Friendswood, Texas 77546
Greater Life Church, Sanctuary	1655 FM 528 Road Webster, Texas 77598

In addition to the foregoing Harris County voting centers that are located within or near the City of Friendswood, qualified voters of the City who reside in Harris County may vote on election day at any voting center designated by Harris County. Polling locations are subject to change. A complete list of such voting centers can be viewed at <https://harrisvotes.com/VotingInfo>.

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EXHIBIT B
EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS

Early Voting For City Voters Who Reside In Galveston County*

City of Friendswood Voters who reside in Galveston County may vote early at any of the following locations and at the times shown below:

Dates & Times:

Tuesday, October 13, – Friday, October 16, 20208:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19, – Friday, October 23, 2020.....8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 24, 20207:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25, 20201:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26, – Friday, October 30, 20207:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE

Galveston County Justice Center
(1st floor vending area)
600 59th Street
Galveston, TX 77551

EARLY VOTING BRANCH LOCATIONS

Galveston County Courthouse
Commissioner’s Court
722 Moody St.
Galveston, Texas 77550

Moody Methodist Church
(Welcome Center)
2803 53rd St
Galveston, TX 77551

Seaside Baptist Church
16534 Termini-San Luis Pass Rd.
Jamaica Beach, TX 77554

Hitchcock City Hall
7423 Highway 6
Hitchcock, Texas 77563

Carver Community Center
6415 Park Ave.
Texas City, TX 77590

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2010 5th Ave. North
Texas City, TX 77591

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Early Voting For City Voters Who Reside In Harris County

HARRIS COUNTY EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS

Early voting for qualified voters of the City of Friendswood who reside in Harris County shall be conducted between October 13, 2020, and October 30, 2020, at the following locations and times:

<u>Early Voting Period:</u>		
Monday - Saturday	10/13/20 – 10/17/20	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	10/18/20	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday - Saturday	10/19/20 - 10/24/20 & 10/26/20 – 10/29/20	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	10/25/20	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/30/20	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
<u>Locations Near the City of Friendswood</u>		
Freeman Branch Library	16616 Diana Lane	Houston 77062
Harris County Scarsdale Annex	10851 Scarsdale Boulevard	Houston 77089

In addition to the foregoing Harris County early voting locations that are located near the City of Friendswood, qualified voters of the City who reside in Harris County may vote early at any early voting place designated by Harris County. Polling locations are subject to change. A complete list of such early voting locations can be viewed at <https://harrisvotes.com/VotingInfo>.