

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2607

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS, CONTAINING A PREAMBLE; CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER, 2020, BEING NOVEMBER 03, 2020, FOR AN ELECTION BY WARDS FOR POSITIONS A AND C ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAID CITY; PROVIDING FOR ONE (1) POLLING PLACE AND DESIGNATING THE LOCATION THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES TO BE VOTED UPON; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND SPECIFYING A FILING DEADLINE AND THE DATE WHEN FILING MAY BEGIN; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS; APPOINTING THE OFFICERS OF SAID ELECTION AND DESIGNATING THE NUMBER OF CLERKS TO ASSIST IN CONDUCTING SAID ELECTION AND THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID THE ELECTION JUDGE AND CLERKS; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION BY THE MAYOR OF SAID CITY OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, Section 3.01 of the City Charter provides that members of the City Council shall be elected by wards, that Positions A and C on City Council, which represent Wards A and C, respectively, shall be filled by an election to be held on the first Saturday in May of each even numbered year at which only persons residing in Wards A and C are eligible to become candidates for election to Council Positions A and C, respectively, and at which only voters residing in Wards A and C are eligible to vote for or against the candidates seeking election to City Council Positions A and C, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.01(a) of the Home Rule Charter of the City divides the City into four (4) election wards, being Wards A, B, C, and D, and Ordinance No. 2002-2001, establishes the boundaries of each such district but not the polling place; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 Governor Abbott, the sitting Governor of the State of Texas issued a Proclamation suspending provisions of the Texas Elections Code to allow political subdivisions to postpone their 2020 local elections from May 2, 2020, until November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 the City Council of the City of Freeport, passed Ordinance 2020-2597 and postponed the May 2, 2020 local general election and charter election until November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passage of Ordinance 2020-2597 the dates for early voting set by the state and the polling locations for early voting and election day voting set by the county in its joint election contract have been changed, and such changes are adopted in this Ordinance.

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

SECTION ONE--Election for Wards A and C Called.

Pursuant to said Section 3.01, the Mayor and City Council hereby order and ordain, respectively, that an election required to be held in Wards A and C for Council Position A and C, now held by KEN GREEN and SANDRA LOEZA, respectively, be held on the first Tuesday in November of 2020, being November 3, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m., each such election being for a term of two (2) years.

SECTION TWO--Municipal Polling Places

As provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City and the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, which is incorporated herein by reference, for the purpose of the election called by this ordinance, there shall be one (1) municipal polling place, within the City of Freeport located at the Freeport Library, 410 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas. On that day, voting will also be permitted at the following Polling Places:

East Annex (Old Walmart)	1524 E Mulberry, Angleton
Pct 4 Building #2	121 N. 10 th St., West Columbia
Alvin Senior Center	309 W. Sealy, Alvin
Brazoria Library	620 S Brooks, Brazoria
Liverpool City Hall	8901 CR 171, Liverpool
Freeport Library	410 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport
Oyster Creek City Hall	3210 FM 523, Oyster Creek
Damon Elementary School	1211 Mulcahy, Damon
Meridiana Info Center	4003 Meridiana Pkwy, Iowa Colony

Drainage District #4 Building	4813 W Broadway, Pearland
Delores Fenwick Nature Center	5750 Magnolia Pkwy, Pearland
Sweeny Community Center	205 W Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny
Danbury Community Center	6115 5 th St, Danbury
First Church of Pearland	1850 Broadway, Pearland
Clute Event Center	100 Parkview Dr. Clute
Jones Creek Comm House	7207 Stephen F. Austin Rd. Jones Creek
Sandy Point Bible Church	119 CR 42, Sandy Point
Lake Jackson Civic Center	333 Hwy 332 East, Lake Jackson
Richwood City Hall	1800 N Brazosport Blvd, Richwood
Westside Event Center	2150 Countryplace Pkwy, Pearland
Brookside Village Comm Center	6243 Brookside Rd, Brookside Village
Pearland Church of Christ Annex	2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland
Westside Event Center	2510 Countryplace Pkwy, Pearland
Mims Community Center	4283 FM 521, Brazoria
Pearland Recreation Center	4141 Bailey Rd., Pearland
Surfside Beach City Hall	1304 Monument Dr., Surfside Beach
Alvin Library	105 S Gordon, Alvin
North Annex,	7313 Corporate Dr., Manvel
The Church on Masters Road	6911 Masters Rd., Manvel
Silverlake Recreation Center	2715 Southwyck Pkwy, Pearland
Tom Reid Library	3522 Liberty Dr, Pearland
Pearland Westside Library	2803 Business Center Dr #101, Pearland
Shadycrest Baptist Church	3017 Yost Blvd., Pearland
West Annex	451 N. Velasco, Angleton
New Harvest Christian Fellowship	12216 Broadway, Pearland
Precinct 4 North Annex	3633 CR 58, Manvel

SECTION THREE--Candidates, Applications and Filing Fees.

The candidate filings for the previously called election scheduled for

May 2, 2020 will remain valid for the election held on November 3, 2020 and the filing period is not re-opened for the November 3, 2020 election date.

SECTION FOUR--Electors.

Every person eligible to vote under the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 2 of the Texas Election Code who is a resident of the City and who is duly registered to vote in the county election precinct where and on the day on which he or she votes, shall be entitled to vote for or against the candidates for Council Position A, if such voter resides in Ward A as defined in Ordinance No. 2002-2001, and for or against the candidates for Council Position C, if such voter resides in Ward C, as defined in Ordinance No. 2002-2001.

SECTION FIVE--Officers of Election and Compensation Thereof.

The Presiding Judge, Alternate Presiding Judge and clerks needed on the day of election for the election called by this ordinance, for the early ballot board and the central counting station shall be appointed, have the duties and be compensated as provided in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City and the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, which is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION SIX--Early Voting.

Early voting shall begin on October 13, 2020, and end on October 30, 2020, such early voting to be conducted by the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the following locations, from Tuesday, October 13, 2020, through Saturday, October 17, 2020, and between the hours of 12:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, 2020 and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. from Monday, October 19, 2020 through Saturday, October 24, 2020, and between the hours of 12:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2020, and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. from Monday, October 26, 2020 through Friday, October 30, 2020, and at

such locations, to-wit:

<u>Angleton Main Location:</u>	East Annex (Old Walmart Building) 1524 E. Mulberry, Angleton
<u>Alvin Branch Location:</u>	Alvin Library 105 S. Gordon, Alvin
<u>Brazoria Branch Location:</u>	Brazoria Library 620 S. Brooks, Brazoria
<u>Freeport Branch Location:</u>	Freeport Library 410 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport
<u>Lake Jackson Branch Location:</u>	Lake Jackson Civic Center 333 Hwy 332 East, Lake Jackson
<u>Manvel Branch Location:</u>	North Annex 7313 Corporate Dr., Manvel
<u>Pearland East Branch Location:</u>	Tom Reid Library 3522 Liberty Dr., Pearland
<u>Pearland West Branch Location:</u>	Westside Event Center 2150 Countryplace Pkwy., Pearland
<u>Shadow Creek Branch Location:</u>	Pearland Westside Library 2803 Business Ctr Dr. #101, Pearland
<u>West Columbia Branch Location:</u>	Precinct 4 Building #2 121 N. 10 th St., West Columbia

SECTION SEVEN--Method of Voting and Conducting Election.

Both early voting and all voting on the day named above for the holding of said election shall be in the manner specified in the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City and the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, mentioned above.

SECTION EIGHT--Notice of Election.

(a) The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and directed to issue a notice of said election, including a substantial copy of above and foregoing proposition, and to cause the same to be posted in accordance with Section 4.003(a)(2) of the Election Code for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date named above for the holding of said election

on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council.

(b) The City Secretary of the City is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of such notice, including a substantial copy of above and foregoing proposition, to be published in a newspaper in accordance with Section 4.003(a)(1) of the Election Code, such publication to be at least ten (10) days before but not more than thirty (30) days before the date named above for the holding of said special election.

SECTION NINE--Ratification and Confirmation by Mayor.

By signing this ordinance, the undersigned Mayor of the City hereby ratifies and confirms as his action all matters hereinabove recited which by law come within his jurisdiction.

SECTION TEN--Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED this 13 day of August, 2020.



Brooks Bass, Mayor,
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST:



Betty Wells, City Secretary,
City of Freeport, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:



Christopher Duncan, City Attorney,
City of Freeport, Texas