

ORDINANCE NO. 21-028

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 19TH OF JUNE, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE BALLOT AT SUCH RUNOFF ELECTION; DIRECTING THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT:

Section 1.

In accordance with the City Charter, the Constitution, and general laws of the State of Texas, a runoff election is hereby called and ordered for the third Saturday in June, 2021, the same being the 19th day of said month, at which election all qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Beaumont may vote for the purpose of electing a Mayor for a full term.

Section 2.

Said election shall be held as outlined in the Election Services Agreement with Jefferson County pertained therein in accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code; the Jefferson County Clerk will coordinate, supervise, and handle all aspects of administering said runoff election in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

Section 3.

Legally qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Beaumont shall be entitled to vote at said election for the respective candidate(s) that appear on the ballot.

Section 4.

The notice and order of said runoff election shall be given by posting and publishing said notice and order as provided by the Texas Election Code.

Section 5.

That an electronic voting system, as described by Title 8 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for said election.

Section 6.

That the following are hereby appointed officers of said election to serve at the Central Counting Station, which is hereby established at the Mid-County Office Building, 7963 Viterbro Road, Nederland, Texas; Central Counting Station Manager, Wayne Ozio, Tabulation Supervisor, Jeff Ross; and Assistant Tabulation Supervisor, Mary Helm.

Section 7.

The official ballots and ballot labels, respectively, for the election shall be prepared in accordance with Title 5 of the Texas Election Code.

Section 8.

That the County Clerk of Jefferson County is hereby appointed Clerk for early voting and; the appointment of Jessica Prince as Deputy Early Voting Clerk is hereby approved, said appointments being without additional compensation. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the main early voting location, Jefferson County Court House, 1001 Pearl St., Beaumont, Texas, 77701, with three branch early voting locations at Rogers Park Recreation Center, 6540 Gladys, Beaumont, TX 77706, Theodore Johns Library, 4255 Fannett Rd., Beaumont, TX 77701 and John Paul Davis

Community Center, 3580 E. Lucas, Beaumont, TX, 77706. Early voting ballot applications and ballots voted by mail shall be sent to the Jefferson County Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 1151, Beaumont, Texas, 77704-1151. The Jefferson County Clerk shall keep said office open for at least eight (8) hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., on each day for early voting or an official State Holiday beginning on the twelfth (12th) day through the fourth (4th) day preceding the date of such election; provided, however, except as authorized by Sections 85.005 (a) and (d), Texas Election Code, said County Clerk shall not permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance on any day or time not designated herein for early voting and under no circumstances shall she permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance at any time when her office is not open to the public for early voting purposes.

Early Voting Dates and Times

Monday	June 07,2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 08,2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	June 09,2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 10,2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	June 11,2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 12,2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	June 13,2021	POLLS WILL BE CLOSED
Monday	June 14,2021	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 15,2021	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 9.

That early votes by personal appearance and by mail shall be counted by an early voting ballot board consisting of a presiding judge and five (5) clerks, the County Clerk may authorize as many additional clerks as are deemed necessary. Early votes shall be canvassed and returned by the Early Voting Ballot Board to the Central Counting Station by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Section 10.

If any person or persons appointed herein do not appear, are unable to perform their duties, or fail to perform their duties, the County Clerk shall have the discretion and authority to appoint any substitute personnel to fill the position(s).

Section 11.

The order of candidates' name on the ballot for any resulting runoff election or election held to resolve a tie vote shall be the relative order of names on the regular ballot, thereby eliminating the need for a ballot drawing for a runoff election, as provided by Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code.

Section 12.

That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of same to a particular set of persons or circumstances, should for any reason be held to be invalid or adjudged unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, and to such end the various portions and provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable; and the City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, declares 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 13.

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

The meeting at which this ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Beaumont this the 17th day of May, 2021.



Mayor Becky Ames -