

ORDINANCE NO. 2099

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS (“TOWN”), ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND FIVE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS; CREATING A SINGLE ELECTION PRECINCT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE DALLAS COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT; FIXING THE TIME AND MANNER OF HOLDING SAID ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Town’s Charter, it is necessary that the Town Council call a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and five (5) Town Council Members; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, provides for a general election of Town Officials to be held on uniform election dates; being the first Saturday in May or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

WHEREAS, Section 11.0581(a) of the Texas Education Code requires independent school districts (ISDs) to conduct their general election for trustees on the same date as the election for the members of the governing body of a municipality located in the school district, the general election for state and county officers, or the election for the members of the governing body of a hospital district; and

WHEREAS, Section 271 of the Texas Election Code authorizes the elections ordered by the authorities of two or more political subdivisions that are to be held on the same day in all or part of the same county to be held jointly in the election precincts that can be served by common polling places; and

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized by law to adopt the provisions contained herein, and has complied with all the prerequisites necessary for the passage of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, all statutory and constitutional requirements for the passage of this ordinance have been adhered to, including, but not limited to the Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Highland Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS;

SECTION 1. That, all matters stated hereinabove are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2. That, a General Municipal Election be and the same is hereby ordered to be held on the first Saturday in May 2022, the same being May 7, 2022, for the purpose of electing at large a Mayor and five (5) Town Council Members for the Town of Highland Park, Texas, for a two-year term as heretofore established by the Town Charter.

SECTION 3. That, said election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Texas, the statutes of the State of Texas, and the Charter and ordinances of the Town of Highland Park, Texas, and shall be in conformity with the procedures set forth herein.

SECTION 4. That, the election shall be held jointly with the Highland Park Independent School District, the City of University Park, the Dallas County Park Cities Municipal Utility District, and other Dallas County governmental entities on May 7, 2022, pursuant to Section 11 of the Texas Education Code and Section 271 of the Texas Election Code. The costs of said election shall be shared by the governmental entities as set forth in the Election Services Contract between the Dallas County Elections Department and the Town, which will be on file in the Town Secretary's office.

SECTION 5. That, a single election precinct is hereby created, which shall consist of the territory located within the corporate limits of the Town of Highland Park, Texas, including all or part of Dallas County precincts 2200, 2201, 2202, and 2203. The official polling centers for voting during Early Voting and on Election Day shall be determined by the Dallas County Elections Department and specified within the Election Services Contract. All resident, qualified voters of the Town of Highland Park, Texas shall be permitted to vote in said election. In addition, the election materials as outlined in Section 203, Voting Rights Act, shall be printed in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese for use at the polling centers during Early Voting and on Election Day.

SECTION 6. That, the polling centers for said election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

SECTION 7. That, Michael Scarpello, Dallas County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed the Joint Election Early Voting Clerk for all of the participating political subdivisions in compliance with Section 31.097 of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 8. That, in compliance with Section 85.004 of the Texas Election Code, early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the polling centers determined by the Dallas County Elections Department. Said polling places shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday, April 25, 2022, and continuing through Saturday, April 30, 2022; from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1; and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, and Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

SECTION 9. That, the Mayor, with the concurrence of the Town Council, is hereby authorized to execute the Election Services Contract, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the Town. The Town Secretary is authorized to prepare a Notice of Election as prescribed by the Texas Election Code, to be posted not later than April 16, 2022, and published in accordance with the provisions of the Code and the Town Charter one time, no earlier than April 7, and no later than April 27, 2022.

SECTION 10. That, this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and the Charter in such cases provide.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Highland Park, Texas, on this the 15th day of February, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Matthew C.G. Boyle,
Town Attorney

APPROVED:



Margo Goodwin
Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary