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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALICE, TEXAS: 1) APPROVING PRESIDING AND ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGES FOR VOTING PRECINCTS/PLACES; EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD; AND PRESIDING AND ALTERNATE JUDGES OF THE CENTRAL COUNTING STATION ON ELECTION DAY; 2) DESIGNATION OF A CENTRAL COUNTING STATION: 3) PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; 4) EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD; 5) CENTRAL COUNTING STATION OBSERVATION; 6) CENTRAL COUNTING STATION OPERATORS; 7) COMPUTER ACCURACY TEST; 8) QUALIFIED VOTERS; 9) NOTICE OF ELECTION; 10) AUTHORIZATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES AND POWERS; 11) APPROPRIATING TRAINING FUNDS; 12) PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS AND SEPARABILITY CLAUSE; AND 13) EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALICE, TEXAS, THAT:

The City of Alice General Election was ordered to be held on May 3, 2025. Said election to be conducted on May 3, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The City of Alice has entered into a "Joint Contract for Election Services between the Jim Wells County Elections Administrator and the City of Alice" with regard to coordination, supervision, and conducting of the May 3, 2025 General.

<u>Section One - Approving Presiding and Alternate Election Judges</u>: The City of Alice General Election has been ordered to be held at the designated polling places in said City, and the approved officers of said Election are set forth below.

EARLY VOTING

Jim Wells County Courthouse Suite 107 Presiding: Maria Godines

200 North Almond

Alice, Tx 78332 Alternate: Rina Guerra

ELECTION DAY

Jim Wells County Courthouse Presiding: TBD Edificio de la casa de justicia Alternate: TBD

200 N. Almond, Suite. 107

Alice, Texas

Saenz Elementary School Gymnasium Presiding: TBD Edificio De La Escuela Saenz Gimnasio Alternate: TBD

400 Palo Blanco Alice, Texas Schallert Elementary School Gymnasium Presiding: TBD Edificio De La Escuela Schallert Gimnasio Alternate: TBD

1001 Jim Wells Alice, Texas

Noonan Elementary School Gymnasium Presiding: TBD Edificio De La Escuela Noonan Gimnasio Alternate: TBD

701 West Third Street

Alice, Texas

Old Boys and Girls Club Presiding: TBD Edificio Deportivo Alternate: TBD

793 S. Tx Blvd. Alice, Texas

Early Voting Ballot Board Presiding: TBD for Early Voting Ballots Alternate: TBD

Central Counting Presiding: TBD Jim Wells County Courthouse Alternate: TBD

<u>Section Two</u>: The Alice City Council has not prescribed a maximum number of clerks that each presiding judge may appoint for each election. The Jim Wells County Elections Administrator may prescribe different maximums for different types of elections; therefore, each Presiding Judge of Voting Precincts and the Early Voting Ballot Board, are authorized to appoint competent and reputable Clerks, one of which shall be the Alternate Presiding Judge, to assist in holding said election, under the direction of the Jim Wells County Elections Administrator.

<u>Section Three</u>: The hourly rate to be paid to election judges shall be determined by the Jim Wells County Elections Administrator as per Election Contract.

Section Four: The Alice City Council approves the use of paper/optical scan ballots with HART INTERCIVIC'S VERITY DUO VOTING SYSTEM 2.5.2 for city voters. The paper ballot system and direct recording electronic voting machines shall be used for early voting and voting at the preceding election precincts and electronic counting devices and equipment shall be used for counting the ballots at said election. A Central Counting Station is hereby designated at the Office of the Jim Wells County Elections Administrator, Alice, Texas. The City Council authorizes the appointment of Election Judges, Managers, Supervisors and all necessary officers and/or workers as specified in the contract with Jim Wells County Elections Administrator.

<u>Section Five</u>: Early voting shall be conducted by the Office of the Jim Wells County Elections Administrator at the Jim Wells County Courthouse, and optical scan ballots shall be used for Voters using the Hart InterCivic Verity DuoVoting System 2.5.2. Paper ballots with optical scan capability shall be used for early voting by mail; and by personal appearance for those voters not using the Hart InterCivic Verity DuoVoting System 2.5.2. Early voting by personal appearance for the election shall commence on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 and ending on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, with the two

designated weekdays for which early voting will be held for 12 hours on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 and Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted during the regular business hours of the Elections Administrator's Office each weekday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., except as stated for 12 hour days.

<u>Section Six</u>: The following slate of officials and other designated persons are hereby authorized to be present at the Central Counting Station to observe the election counting process:

a) Richard Guerra, Erica Gonzalez, and Julio Martinez will tabulate. Any person wishing to be present during tabulation may do so in a POLL WATCHER CAPACITY after completing the required online training and submitting the proper paperwork.

Texas Election Training Portal

<u>Section Seven</u>: The Jim Wells County Elections Administrator is hereby authorized to appoint and approve person and/or persons employed and designated to handle the ballots, operate the tabulating equipment, count the ballots, and be present in the Central Counting Station as per the Election Contract with Jim Wells County Elections Administrator.

<u>Section Eight</u>: A committee is hereby established of the following persons to hold three computer accuracy tests. The first test shall be conducted at least 48 hours before the count of voted ballots. The second test shall be conducted immediately prior to the start and the third test immediately subsequent to the count of voted ballots to ascertain that the computer will accurately count the votes cast for the offices/proposition to be voted upon in said election.

Tests will be conducted by Jim Wells County Elections Administrator as required by the Texas SOS.

<u>Section Nine</u>: All resident, qualified voters of the City of Alice shall be permitted to vote in this General Election. In addition, the election materials shall be printed in both English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for early voting for said election.

Section Ten: The Mayor has signed an Order of Election prescribed by the State of Texas on behalf of the City Council.

Section Eleven: The Presiding Judge shall preserve order and prevent breaches of the peace and violations of the Election Code in the polling place and in the area within which electioneering and loitering are prohibited from the time the judge arrives at the polling place on election day until the judge leaves the polling place after the polls close. In performing duties under this section as authorized by the Election Code, the presiding judge may appoint one or more persons to act as special peace officers for the polling place. The special peace officer is authorized by this Ordinance, as evidenced by the signature of the Presiding Officer, to enforce the prohibition against electioneering or loitering near the polling place.

<u>Section Twelve</u>: If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held, for any reason, to be inoperative, void, or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, it being the intention of the City Council in adopting this Ordinance, that no

portion thereof, or provision herein, shall become inoperative, or fail by any reason of invalidity or any other portion or provision and the City Council of the City of Alice, Texas, does hereby declare that it would have severally passed and adopted the provisions herein contained separate and apart from one or the other.

<u>Section Thirteen</u>: That this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

<u>Authorization to Execute</u>: The Mayor is authorized to execute and the City Clerk is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the Alice City Council; and the Mayor is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding of the Election.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 15TH day April, 2025.

Mayor Cynthia A. Carrasco

Odilia Rodriguez, City Clerk

Dated: April 15, 2025