

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03-14-1

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A VACANCY FOR THE POSITION OF ONE COUNCIL POSITION; CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING SAID VACANCY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Vernon Twitty was elected to a term on the City Council of the City of Camilla for a term ending December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Twitty has resigned his position as member of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members of the City Council do hereby accept the resignation of Vernon Twitty and declare his position on the Camilla City Council vacant; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty and responsibility of the Mayor and City Council to call a special election to fill vacancies on the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camilla, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Charter of the City of Camilla and the Georgia Elections Code, as amended through the regular 2022 session of the Georgia Special Assembly, and as provided by O.C.G.A. §21-2-540, a Special Election for the unexpired term of Vernon Twitty ending on December 31, 2023 shall be held under the following terms and conditions:

1. Said election shall be held on May 24, 2022.
2. The hours of the election shall be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
3. The election shall be held pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of Georgia as enacted and amended. Provided further, the Charter of the City of Camilla and amendments thereto shall be in force and effect where same were not repealed or modified by the laws of the State of Georgia.
4. For the purposes of this election Don Gray is designated as the Election Superintendent of the municipality. Poll officials shall be named and designated by the governing authority of the City of Camilla, and the names thereof shall be entered in the Minutes of the City of Camilla prior to the holding of this election. Cheryl Ford is designated as the Absentee Ballot Clerk.
5. Paper ballots shall be used for the conduct of this election.
6. The polling place for District 2 – Council Post 1 shall be City Hall located at 30 East Broad Street, Camilla, Georgia.

7. Each candidate District 2 – Council Post 1 shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the City Clerk at Camilla City Hall, 30 East Broad Street, Camilla, Georgia. Qualifying begins on April 4, 2022 at 8:30 AM and will continue day to day until the close of qualifying on April 8, 2022 at 4:30 PM.
8. The qualifying fee for a candidate of City Council District 2 – Council Post 1, shall be \$72.00.
9. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-216, any person who is a resident District 2 of the City of Camilla and a qualified elector of the City of Camilla shall be eligible to vote in this election. The registrar shall cease taking applications for registration from persons desiring to vote in this election on the close of the registrar's business on April 25, 2022 as provided in O.C.G.A. §21-2-224.
10. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-132(d)(3), the public notice attached hereto as "Exhibit A" shall be published in the *Mitchell County Enterprise-Journal* once during the week of March 21, 2022.
11. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-9(b), the public notice attached hereto as "Exhibit B" shall be published in the *Mitchell County Enterprise-Journal* once during the week of April 18, 2022.

SO ORDAINED, this 14th day of March, 2022.

CITY OF CAMILLA

By: _____

Mayor, Kelvin Owens

Attest: _____

Clerk, Cheryl Ford



1st reading: MARCH 14, 2022

2nd reading: WAIVED

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF CAMILLA
SPECIAL ELECTION
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 – COUNCIL POST 1
May 24, 2022

The City of Camilla will hold a Special Election on May 24, 2022. Candidates may qualify in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 30 East Broad Street, Camilla Georgia. Qualifying will open April 4, 2022 and close on April 8, 2022. The hours of qualifying each day shall be from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The qualifying fee for a position on the City Council is \$72.00 and must be paid at the time the candidate qualifies.

All persons desiring to vote in said election must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2022. Advanced and absentee voting for the election begins on May 2, 2022. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is May 13, 2022. If you have questions please call (229) 330-2303.

“EXHIBIT B”

**CITY OF CAMILLA
NOTICE OF ELECTION**

The City of Camilla will hold a Special Election on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The polling place for District 2 shall be at City Hall, located at 30 East Broad Street, Camilla, Georgia. The election shall be for a position on the City Council District 2 – Council Post 1.

All persons desiring to vote in said election must be registered no later than 5:00 p. m. on April 25, 2022. Advanced and absentee voting for the election begins on May 2, 2022. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is May 13, 2022. If you have questions please call (229) 330-2303.