

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-100

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE MAYOR AND THREE (3) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, ONE (1) PER WARD, ALL FOR THREE (3) YEAR TERMS; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICERS; DESIGNATING THE PLACE AND MANNER OF HOLDING SAID ELECTION; DESIGNATING THE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE; DESIGNATING THE EARLY VOTING CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code establishes Saturday, May 9, 2015, as a uniform election date for the City of Roanoke, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.005(a) of the Texas Election Code requires the City of Roanoke, Texas, to order the election at least seventy-one (71) days before the uniform election date by Friday, February 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance is considered is open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Texas:

Section 1. Election Order, Election Date and Purpose of Election.

That a General Election shall be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015, between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) and seven o'clock p.m. (7:00 p.m.), at the Roanoke Public Library, 308 S. Walnut, Roanoke, Texas, for the following purposes:

- (a) A General Election shall be held to elect the Mayor at-large, for a three (3) year term of office, as prescribed by the Home-Rule Charter. The candidate for Mayor receiving a majority number of votes of the City shall be deemed elected as Mayor to a three-year term of office.
- (b) A General Election shall be held to elect a City Council Member for Ward 1, a City Council Member for Ward 2, and a City Council Member for Ward 3, for three (3) year terms of office, as prescribed by the Home-Rule Charter. The candidate for Council Member for the applicable Ward receiving a majority number of votes from the applicable Ward shall be deemed elected as Council Member from said Ward to a three-year term of office.

Section 2. Candidate Filing Deadline.

That candidates for Mayor and the City Council member positions may file with the City Secretary of the City of Roanoke, Texas, for Mayor, or one of the three (3) Council member places beginning on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, and until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015. Last day for a write-in candidate shall be 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2015.

Section 3. Voting System.

That the voting on the date of the Election, and early voting therefore, shall be by the use of a lawfully approved voting system. The preparation of the voting equipment to be used in

connection with such voting system and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit the qualified voters from each Ward to elect the Mayor and one (1) City Council Member from said Ward. Said ballots shall have printed therein such provisions, markings, and language as may be required by law, and the Candidates shall be set forth on said ballots in substantially the following form and language:

**GENERAL ELECTION
City of Roanoke, Texas
May 9, 2015**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

In Ward 1:

**Mayor
Council Member, Ward # 1**

In Ward 2:

**Mayor
Council Member, Ward # 2**

In Ward 3:

**Mayor
Council Member, Ward # 3**

Section 4. Election Precincts; Polling Place.

That the City of Roanoke hereby designates one (1) Election Day polling location for the voters of the City of Roanoke. The Election Day polling place and election officials shall be as administered by the Denton County and Tarrant County Elections Administrators:

Polling Place

Denton County Elections
701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101
Denton, Texas 76208

Tarrant County Elections
2700 Premier Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76111

Officials

Denton County Elections Administrator
701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101
Denton, Texas 76208
_____ - Judge

Tarrant County Elections Administrator
2700 Premier Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76111
_____ - Judge

The Election Judge may appoint such other clerks as needed to serve and assist in the conduct of the election. The Election Judge and Alternate Judge for the general election shall also serve as the Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board, and are hereby directed to perform the duties required by the Texas Election Code, as amended.

Section 5. Early Voting; Early Voting Polling Place.

That early voting shall commence on Monday, April 27, 2015, and shall close on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. During the lawful early voting by personal appearance period (April 27, 2015, through May 5, 2015), the City Secretary shall keep such place for early voting open for early voting on the dates and times as depicted in *Exhibit A*, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 6. Election Compliance.

That this election shall be held in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the election laws of the State of Texas. In all City elections, the Mayor, City Secretary, or City Council shall perform each act as is required to be performed, in connection with the holding and consummation of such election, and to give effect to the intent of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Voting Qualification; Voting Materials.

That all registered, qualified voters of the City shall be permitted to vote at the election. In addition, the election materials enumerated in the Texas Election Code, as amended, shall be printed in English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for early voting for the Election.

Section 8. Compensation for Services.

That the Election Judges shall be paid the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour for services provided in conducting the election. The Election Clerks shall be paid the sum of eight dollars (\$8.00) per hour for services provided in conducting the election.

Section 9. Notices.

That the City Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to give notice of the election by:

- (a) Publishing the notice of the election at least once, not more than thirty (30) days nor less than ten (10) days before the election in the official newspaper of the City, or between April 9, 2015 and April 29, 2015;
- (b) Filing with the City Secretary, a copy of the notice of the election;
- (c) Posting a copy of the notice on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council at least twenty-one (21) days before the election, by April 20, 2015; and
- (d) Delivering notice of the election to the Denton and Tarrant County clerks not later than the 60th day before election day, or March 10, 2015.

The City Secretary shall file with the City Secretary a copy of the Publisher's Affidavit, which complies with the Texas Election Code, as amended, that the notice was published, with the name of the newspaper and the dates of publication.

Section 10. Run-Off Election.

If a run-off election becomes necessary, the Denton and Tarrant County Election Administrator's offices will conduct the run-off election. Should any candidate for any one of said offices fail to receive a majority of all votes cast for such office, a run-off election is hereby ordered as provided for by the Texas Election Code.

Section 11. Severability Clause.

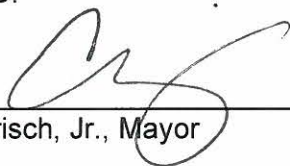
That If any word, section, article, phrase, paragraph, sentence, clause, or portion of this ordinance or application thereto to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this ordinance despite such invalidity which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. Effective Date.

That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Texas on this the 27th day of January, 2015.

APPROVED:




Carl E. Gierisch, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



April S. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jeff Moore, City Attorney



Exhibit A

[Early Voting Times and Locations]