

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 01, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) COUNCILMEMBERS (POSITION NUMBERS 1 AND 3); AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

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WHEREAS, the Friendswood City Council deems that in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, a General Election should occur on May 01, 2021, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Councilmembers (Position Numbers 1 and 3); and

WHEREAS, the Friendswood City Council wishes to proceed with the ordering of such election and the City Council has determined that holding such election is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas further provide that the Texas Election Code ("Code") is applicable to all municipal elections and in order to comply with said Code, an ordinance should be passed establishing the procedures to be followed for the May 01, 2021, election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. General Election; Officers. In accordance with the general laws and the Constitution of the State of Texas, a General Municipal Election is hereby ordered to be held in and throughout the City of Friendswood on May 01, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. at which General Election all resident, qualified voters of the City of Friendswood, Texas (the "City") may vote for the purpose of electing the following officials of the City:

Mayor

Councilmember, Position No. 1

Councilmember, Position No. 3

Section 2. Placement on Official Ballot. No person's name shall be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for any of the above-mentioned Council positions unless such persons shall have filed his or her sworn application, as provided by Section 141.031 of the Texas Election Code, with the City Secretary of the City at City Hall, located at 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546, not later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on February 12, 2021.

Section 3. Determination of Ballots. The candidates receiving a majority of votes for the position to be filled at such election shall be declared elected.

Section 4. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the City shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 5. Election Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The voting locations and hours for voting on Election Day shall be available for City residents of Galveston County and Harris County at all locations and times as set forth in Exhibit A hereto. Exhibit A shall be automatically modified by the City Secretary without further action of the Council to include additional or different Election Day polling places designated by the respective County and/or the Elections Administrator, and to conform to the Galveston County Election Services Agreement and the Harris County Election Services Agreement, as applicable; the notices of the Election shall be conformed to such final list. Each polling place shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Section. 6. Early Voting. Early voting by personal appearance shall be available for City residents of Galveston County and Harris County at all locations and times as set forth in Exhibit B hereto. Exhibit B shall be automatically modified by the City Secretary without further action of the Council to include additional or different early voting polling places and times designated by the respective Counties, and to conform to the respective Election Services Agreement; the notices of the Election shall be conformed to such final lists provided to the City by the respective Counties and/or the respective Elections Administrator.

Section 7. Galveston County Early Voting Clerk and Application for Ballot. The Early Voting Clerk for voting for Galveston County residents of the City shall be Dwight D. Sullivan, Galveston County Clerk and Galveston County Election Officer. Applications for early voting for Galveston County residents of the City should be requested as follows:

By Regular Mail	By Fax ⁽¹⁾	By Common or Contract Carrier
ATTN: Ballots by Mail c/o Dwight Sullivan Galveston County Clerk P. O. Box 17253 Galveston, TX 77552-7253	(409) 765-3249	Galveston County Courthouse Dwight D. Sullivan Galveston County Clerk Elections Division 600 59 th St., 2 nd Floor, Suite 2001 Galveston, TX 77551
By email ⁽¹⁾ : absenteeballotapplications@co.galveston.tx.us		

⁽¹⁾ If an application is sent to the early voting clerk by fax or email, the original application must still be mailed, and received by the early voting clerk no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA, to the address shown above for Regular Mail.

Section 8. Harris County Early Voting Clerk and Application for Ballot. The Early Voting Clerk for voting for Harris County residents of the City shall be Isabel Longoria, Harris County Elections Administrator. Applications for early voting for Harris County residents of the City should be requested as follows:

By Regular Mail	By Fax ⁽¹⁾	By Common or Contract Carrier
Isabel Longoria Harris County Elections Administrator Attn: Elections Division P.O. Box 1148 Houston, TX 77251-1148	(713) 755-4983 or (713) 437-8683	Isabel Longoria Harris County Elections Administrator 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Room 440 Houston, TX 77002
By email ⁽¹⁾ : BBM@cco.hctx.net		

⁽¹⁾ If an application is sent to the early voting clerk by fax or email, the original application must still be mailed, and received by the early voting clerk no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA, to the address shown above for Regular Mail.

Section 9. Deadline for Applications by Mail or Fax. The last day to submit an application for a ballot to the respective Early Voting Clerk to be voted by mail (a) by personal delivery is April 16, 2021, and (b) by mail is the close of business on April 20, 2021.

Section 10. Right to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the City shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

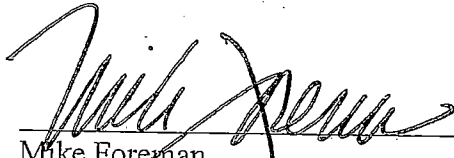
Section 11. Appointment of Election Officials; Establishment of Central Counting Station. The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed, election judges and alternate judges may be changed, polling places may be combined for some precincts, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed by Galveston and Harris County, as provided in the Election Services Agreements with each county, and such actions are hereby approved. Further, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Secretary to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed pursuant to the Contract for Election Services as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Code. The central counting stations to receive and tabulate votes shall be at the locations designated by Galveston County and Harris County.

Section 12. Notice. Notice of the election ordered herein shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code.

Section 13. Canvass. City Council, as the canvassing authority of this election, shall canvass the returns at its scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. At the completion of the canvass, the Mayor shall deliver the returns and tally lists used in the canvass to the City Secretary; and the City Secretary shall preserve them for a period in accordance with law.

Section 14. It is hereby further found and determined that the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of the meeting at which this ordinance was introduced and passed on the bulletin board located at City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and such notice having been so posted and remaining posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of such meeting.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON FIRST AND FINAL READING AS
PROVIDED FOR BY SECTION 3.11(B) OF THE CITY CHARTER OF FRIENDSWOOD
this 1st day of February, 2021.

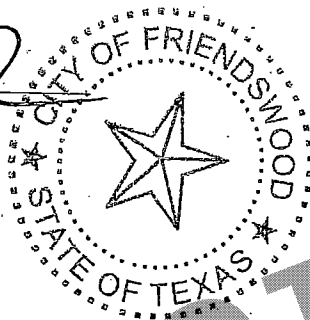


Mike Foreman
Mayor

ATTEST:



Melinda Welsh, TRMC
City Secretary



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EXHIBIT A

ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS

**May 01, 2021
Joint General Election
Election Day Voting Hours: 7 AM – 7 PM**

Election-Day Voting Locations

Election Day Voting For City Voters Who Reside In Galveston County*

Galveston County utilizes countywide voting centers. City voters may vote at any of the following locations on Election Day:

TBA

*City of Friendswood voters who reside in Galveston County will vote on election day at the above-listed vote centers. Polling locations are subject to change. To verify, please go to the Galveston County website at www.galvestonvotes.org.

Election Day Voting For City Voters Who Reside In Harris County

Voting for qualified voters of the City of Friendswood who reside in Harris County shall be conducted on May 1, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the following voting center locations, as designated by Harris County:

Location	Address
TBA	

In addition to the foregoing Harris County voting centers that are located within or near the City of Friendswood, qualified voters of the City who reside in Harris County may vote on election day at any voting center designated by Harris County. Polling locations are subject to change. A complete list of such voting centers can be viewed at <https://harrisvotes.com/VotingInfo>.

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EXHIBIT B EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS

Early Voting For City Voters Who Reside In Galveston County*

City of Friendswood Voters who reside in Galveston County may vote early at any of the following locations and at the times shown below:

Dates & Times:

Monday, April 19 – Friday, April 23, 2021..... 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 26 – Tuesday, April 27, 2021..... 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE

Galveston County Justice Center
600 59th Street
Galveston, TX 77551

EARLY VOTING BRANCH LOCATIONS

(TBA)

- * City of Friendswood voters who reside in Galveston County may vote early at the above-listed polling locations. Polling locations are subject to change. To verify, please go to the Galveston County website at www.galvestonvotes.org.

Early Voting For City Voters Who Reside In Harris County

HARRIS COUNTY EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS

Early voting for qualified voters of the City of Friendswood who reside in Harris County shall be conducted between April 19, 2021, and April 27, 2021, at the following locations and times:

Early Voting Period:		
Monday – Friday	04/19/21 – 04/23/21	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	04/24/21	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	04/25/21	12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday – Tuesday	04/26/21 – 04/27/21	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
*A 24-hour option may be available at one or more Early Voting Centers		

<u>MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE</u>		
Harris County Law Library – Basement Conference Room	1019 Congress St.	Houston, TX 77002
<u>Locations Near the City of Friendswood</u>		
	TBA	

In addition to the foregoing Harris County early voting locations that are located near the City of Friendswood, qualified voters of the City who reside in Harris County may vote early at any early voting place designated by Harris County. Polling locations are subject to change. A complete list of such early voting locations can be viewed at <https://harrisvotes.com/VotingInfo>.