

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-XX

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A GENERAL-SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, TO ELECT PERSONS TO THE OFFICES OF COUNCIL POSITIONS 3, 4, AND 5; ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION ON DECEMBER 14, 2024, IF NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY TO VOTE ON SEPARATE PROPOSITIONS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER; AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES THEREFORE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW

WHEREAS, the City of League City, Texas (the "City"), pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas and Article III, Section 2 of the Charter of League City, which provides that all elections shall be held in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas regulating the holding of municipal elections in accordance with the ordinances adopted by the City Council for the conduct of such elections; and

WHEREAS, by state law, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, the uniform election date for the month of November 2024 falls on November 5, 2024, (the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November) and there is therefore required to be elected, on November 5, 2024, the following officials for the City:

Council Position 3, currently for a four-year term ending November 2028; and
Council Position 4, currently for a four-year term ending November 2028; and
Council Position 5, currently for a four-year term ending November 2028; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas and Section 4 of Article II of the City Charter, as amended, provide for a Runoff Election as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the present composition of the City Council is as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Elected</u>	<u>Term (years)</u>	<u>Date Term Expires</u>
Mayor	Nick Long	November 2022	4	November 2026
Position #1	Andy Mann	November 2022	4	November 2026
Position #2	Tommy Cones	November 2022	4	November 2026
Position #3	Tom Crews	November 2022	4	November 2024
Position #4	Courtney Chadwell	February 2024	4	November 2024
Position #5	Justin Hicks	December 2020	4	November 2024

Position #6	Chad Tressler	November 2022	4	November 2026
Position #7	Sean Saunders	December 2022	4	November 2026

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to proceed with the ordering of such general-special election for the purpose of electing persons to Council Position 3, 4, and 5 on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, which is a uniform election date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. The facts and opinions in the preamble to this Ordinance are true and correct.

Section 2. The attached Election Order (Exhibit "A") is herein adopted, which declares and orders that a general-special election (the "Election") be held in and throughout the City of League City on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and a Runoff Election be held on December 14, 2024, if necessary, to elect persons to Council Positions 3, 4, and 5 for a four-year term for each such position; and the following propositions for the amendment of the City Charter shall be separately submitted to the qualified and registered voters of the City:

City of League City Proposition A - Shall Article II, Section 17 of the City Charter be amended to allow the City Council to determine the bond amount for the City Secretary?

City of League City Proposition B - Shall Article II, Section 18 of the City Charter be amended to allow the City Council to determine the bond amount for its City Council members?

City of League City Proposition C - Shall Article III, Section 1 of the City Charter be amended to remove the specific references to the 2013 and 2015 election dates, reflecting the transition to biennial elections?

City of League City Proposition D - Shall Article X, Section 7 of the City Charter be amended to include a reference to Harris County in the regulations for streets and subdivisions, since parts of League City are in Harris County?

City of League City Proposition E - Shall Article II, Section 6 of the City Charter be amended to allow the City Council to appoint a qualified person to fill a City Council vacancy if the remaining term is 12 months or less?

City of League City Proposition F - Shall Article X, Section 13 of the City Charter be amended to remove the specific requirement that official notices be published in the official newspaper of the City?

City of League City Proposition G - Shall Article X, Section 21 of the City Charter be created to give the City Council the option to authorize the limited discharge of fireworks via ordinance during the Independence Day Holiday (July 4-5) and New Years Holiday (December 31-January 1)?

City of League City Proposition H - Shall Article IV, Section 9 be added to the City Charter to allow the City Council to submit up to five (5) propositions during any General Election?

City of League City Proposition I - Shall Article VII, Section 12A of the City Charter be amended to require that the ballot language for any general obligation bonds include a statement indicating that their approval may result in a tax increase?

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are herein repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

APPROVED first reading the ____ day of July, 2024.

APPROVED second reading the _____ day of _____, 2024.

PASSED and ADOPTED the ____ day of July, 2024.

NICK LONG,
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP,
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHELLE VILLARREAL,
City Attorney