

EXHIBIT "A"

ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Texas and Sections 1 and 6 of Article III of the City Charter, as amended, require the City to hold a general election and, as necessary, a special election in the City on the uniform election date for the month of November 2024 for Councilpersons whose terms are expiring; and providing for the registered voters of the City to vote on separate propositions for the amendment of the City Charter; and,

WHEREAS, the uniform election date for the month of November 2024 falls on November 5, 2024, 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(B) of Article II of the City Charter, as amended, provide for a Runoff Election as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the proposed propositions to amend the Charter of the City of League City as proposed in Section 2 of this ordinance shall be submitted to the registered voters at this General-Special Election on November 5, 2024, on the ballot and in the form of the following propositions. The words "for" and "against" shall be printed below each proposition on the ballot:

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?

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

Section 1. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the election ballots to conduct the General-Special Election and, if necessary, the Runoff Election, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, the Texas Constitution and Texas Election Code. On such election ballot, the voters shall select from proffered candidates, Council Positions 3, 4, and 5.

Section 2. All independent candidates at the election to be held on November 5, 2024 (the "General-Special Election"), for Council Positions 3, 4, and 5 shall file their applications to become candidates with the City Secretary at City Hall, 300 West Walker Street, League City, Texas 77573, not earlier than July 20, 2024 and not later than 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2024; however, because July 20, 2024 falls on a Saturday and the City's normal business hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the earliest date to file applications to become candidates is Monday, July 22, 2024. All such applications shall be on a form as prescribed by Section 141.031 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). All candidates shall file with such application the loyalty affidavit required by Section 141.031 of the Code. A filing fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be paid at the time of filing by each candidate for Council Positions 3, 4, and 5; however, in lieu of the filing fee, any candidate may present a petition, requesting that his or her name be placed on the ballot, that must be signed by the greater of either twenty-five (25) registered voters of the City or one-half of one percent of the total votes received in the territory from which the office is elected by all candidates for mayor in the most recent mayoral general election.

Section 3. Persons wishing to run as write-in candidates shall declare their intent with the City Secretary in order to be entitled to have their votes counted, not later than 5:00 p.m. on the 74th day before the General-Special Election, as denoted in Section 146.054 of the Code, to-wit: August 23, 2024. Only the votes for those write-in candidates that appear on the City Secretary's certified list of write-in candidates shall be counted. Gag votes and/or protest votes shall not be tallied on election night, as stipulated in Sections 146.051 through 146.055 of the Code.

Section 4. If no candidate for any office shall receive a majority of all votes cast for such office at the General-Special Election as required by the City's home-rule Charter, a runoff election between the two (2) highest vote-getters for such office shall be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 (the "Runoff Election"), as permitted by the Code.

Section 5. The order in which the names of the candidates for Council Positions 3, 4, and 5 are to be printed on the ballot for the General-Special Election or for the Runoff Election, if required, shall be determined by drawings by the City Secretary as provided by Section 52.094 of the Code. The City Secretary shall provide notice of such drawings as provided by Section 52.094 of the Code.

Section 6. The General-Special Election and the Runoff Election, if required (collectively, the "Elections"), shall be held under the provisions of the Charter of the City, the Texas Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, and of this Ordinance. All qualified and registered voters residing in the City shall be allowed to vote at the Elections.

Section 7. The County of Galveston has been approved to conduct Vote Center elections on Election Day. This process allows voters to cast their votes at any Vote Center location within the County (see Exhibit B). Listed below are the locations within the City that the County of Galveston is proposing:

Watershed Church, 1751 E. League City Parkway, League City; and  
Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Pkwy (Multi-Purpose Room), League City; and  
The Blue Building, 144 Park Ave, League City; and  
The Crossings, 255 Egret Bay Blvd. (Hall), League City; and  
Education Support, 2425 Main St. (Board Room), League City; and  
League City Annex, 174 Calder Rd. (Community Rm.), League City; and  
League City Civic Center, 450 West Walker Street (Ballroom), League City; and  
COM League City, 1411 W. Main St., League City; and  
Public Works Operation Center, 1701 West League City Pkwy, League City; and  
Magnolia Creek HOA, 4751 W. League City Pkwy., League City; and  
Creskide Intermediate, 4320 W. Main St., League City

Section 8. All voting locations shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Section 9. The City will contract with the County of Galveston to conduct a joint election, and runoff election if necessary, for those voters residing within Galveston County. The City will contract with Harris County to conduct a joint election for those voters residing within Harris County. Therefore officers and clerks for the Elections shall be appointed by the appropriate County.

Section 10. Tabulation of all votes cast within Galveston County will be done at the Central Counting Station located at the Galveston County Clerk's Office at 10000 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway Suite A, Texas City, TX 77591. Tabulation of all votes cast with Harris County will be done at the Central Counting Station located at the Harris County Clerk's Office, 1001 Preston Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas, 77002.

Section 11. Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk is hereby appointed Counting Station Manager at the Galveston County Clerk's Office. Teneshia Hudspeth, Elections Administrator is hereby appointed Counting Station Manager at the Harris County Clerk's Office. Diana M. Stapp is hereby appointed as general custodian of election records for the City of League City. Such officers and their designees shall have all the authority, duties and responsibilities as denoted in the Code.

Section 12. The City, in accordance with Section 32.002 of the Texas Election Code, may appoint one member of the Signature Verification Committee, the Early Voting Ballot Board, and the Ballot Resolution Board (BRB). The BRB is a non-statutory board that assists the Central Counting Station with the duplication of damaged ballots and email ballots submitted by members of the U.S. armed forces overseas and, where necessary, assists the Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station in determining the intent of the voter in cases of over votes on mail ballots.

Section 13. The early voting locations within the City for the General-Special Election shall be at:

Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy, League City; and  
The Crossings, 255 Egret Bay Blvd. (Hall), League City; and  
League City Annex, 174 Calder Rd. (Community Rm.), League City; and  
League City Civic Center, 450 West Walker Street, League City; and  
Public Works Operation Center, 1701 West League City Pkwy, League City; and any additional

locations as may be determined by the County of Galveston (see Exhibit B). Such place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, October 21, 2024 through October 25, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2024, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2024, and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, October 28, 2024 through November 1, 2024 for early voting.

Section 14. The early voting location for the General-Special election for those voters who reside in Harris County shall be determined by Harris County. Such place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, October 21, 2024 through October 26, 2024, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2024, and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, October 28, 2024 through November 1, 2024 for early voting.

Section 15. Early voting for a Runoff election will be held at the League City Civic Center, 450 West Walker Street, League City, Texas 77573. Such place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, December 2, 2024 through December 6, 2024, and Monday through Tuesday, December 9, 2024 through December 10, 2024.

Section 16. Pursuant to Section 9 above, the City has contracted with Galveston County and Harris County for the performance of election services on the City's behalf. Exact locations and times for voting each in each county shall be established pursuant to such contracts. Such times and locations shall be automatically amended without further action of the City Council to include additional or different early voting polling places and times designated by the respective election administrator of the Counties, and to conform to the respective election services agreements, the notices of the election shall be conformed to such final lists provided to the City by the respective election administrator.

Section 17. Early voting by personal appearance shall comply with Section 61.012 of the Texas Election Code.

Section 18. The early voting clerk's address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail for Galveston County residents may be sent is Dwight D. Sullivan, Galveston County Clerk, Attn. Ballots by Mail, P.O. Box 17253, Galveston, Texas 77552-7253. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than close of business on October 25, 2024.

Section 19. The early voting clerk's address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail for Harris County residents may be sent is Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, Texas 77251-1148. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than close of business on October 25, 2024.

Section 20. The Mayor shall give notices of the Elections in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 4.002, et seq., of the Code. Such notices shall state the nature and the date of the Elections, the location of the polling places for each precinct, the hours that the polls will be open and other information required by law. The Mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such Elections, and returns of such Elections shall be made to the City Council and City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls.

Section 21. The City Attorney shall take such actions as required to have the City in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Section 22. It is further found and determined that in accordance with the order of this governing body, the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting on the bulletin

board located in the 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. A copy of the return of such posting shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting and shall be made a part thereof for all intents and purposes.

SIGNED on this the \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2024.

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NICK LONG,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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DIANA M. STAPP,  
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MICHELLE VILLARREAL,  
City Attorney